

Andover Author Kicks Off Gift from page 27 Trilogy To Great Praise

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Betsy Woodman of Andover has published the first novel in a planned trilogy, and the reading world seems to love it.

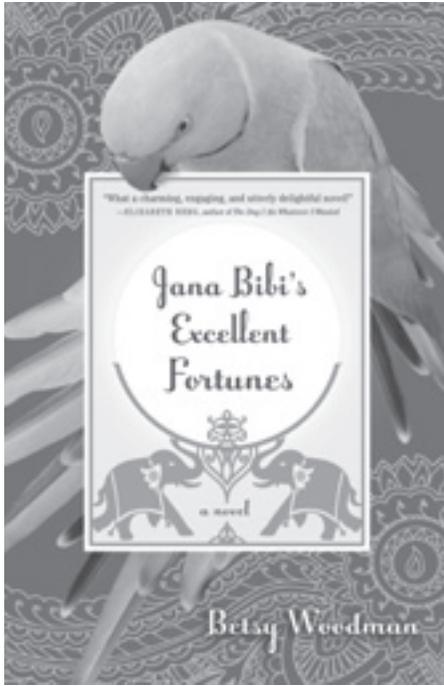
Jana Bibi's Excellent Fortunes has garnered 4.4 stars out of 5 on Amazon.com. Reader reviews call it "a charming tale with a memorable cast of characters" and "fabulous – a must-have!" *Booklist*, in a starred review, called it "Sweet and charming. ... With its appealing and somewhat exotic setting and a colorful cast of engaging characters, ... this is a stellar debut. ..."

Amazon.com summarizes the story this way:

"Janet Laird's life changed the day she inherited her grandfather's house in a faraway Indian hill station. Ignoring her son's arguments to come grow old in their family castle in Scotland, she moves with her chatty parrot, Mr. Ganguly, and her loyal housekeeper, Mary, to Hamara Nagar, where local merchants are philosophers, the chief of police is a tyrant, and a bagpipe-playing Gurkha keeps the wild monkeys at bay.

"Settling in, Jana Bibi (as she comes to be known) meets her colorful local neighbors – Feroze Ali Khan of Royal Tailors, who struggles with his business and family, VK Ramachandran, whose Treasure Emporium is bursting at the seams with objects of unknown provenance, and Rambir, editor of the local newspaper, who burns the midnight oil at his printing press.

"When word gets out that the town



is in danger of being drowned by a government dam, Jana is enlisted to help put it on the map. Hoping to attract tourists with promises of good things to come, she stacks her deck of cards, readies her fine-feathered assistant – and *Jana Bibi's Excellent Fortunes* is born."

The trilogy is keeping Betsy plenty busy. She's currently correcting proofs of the second book in the series, *Love Potion Number 10: A Jana Bibi Adventure*. Last month, Betsy spoke at the Andover Service Club meeting; next month, on Thursday, November 8, she'll speak at Colby-Sawyer Library at 4 PM.

Keep up with Betsy and Jana Bibi at BetsyWoodman.com or on Jana Bibi's Facebook page. Watch for the next installment of the trilogy in May of next year.

will address the most pressing health concerns of our community," stated G. William Helm, Jr., Chair of the Board of Trustees. "We already have a clear and current understanding of the emerging healthcare needs of the community from the 2012 Community Health Needs Assessment, and we intend to build our new project around

those needs."

Hospitals are required to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment by the state every three years as part of the Community Benefit process required for non-profit status. New London Hospital completed its assessment in April 2012. The complete needs assessment is at TinyURL.com/9v3sxge. For more information, visit NewLondonHospital.org.

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Tanger shopping discounts, and more. Prizes will be awarded to division winners as well as the top three male and female winners.

Runners can register at TangerOutlet.com/race. The registration fee is \$20 for adults, \$15 for children under 12 years of age. The event will benefit LRGHealthcare's breast cancer awareness initiatives and is supported by Tanger Outlets in Tilton, Northeast Communications, Hannaford Supermarkets, AutoServ Dealerships, Belknap Landscape Company, and Skechers. For more information, visit TinyURL.com/9dozftp.

Oncology On Canvas

Launched in 2004, the Lilly Oncology On Canvas Art Competition and Exhibition invites people from the United States and Puerto Rico diagnosed with any type of cancer – as well as their families, friends, caregivers, and healthcare providers – to express, through art and narrative, the life-affirming changes that give their cancer journeys meaning.

In collaboration with LRGHealthcare, this free public exhibition will showcase select pieces of art from the 2010 Lilly Oncology On Canvas competition. The exhibition will be on display from Monday, October 1, through Monday, October 15, in the Lakes Region General Hospital Atrium in Laconia.

Lilly Oncology On Canvas is dedicated to delivering innovative solutions that improve the care of people living with cancer, in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS). NCCS is a nonprofit cancer organization that advocates for quality cancer care for all people touched by cancer and provides

tools that empower people to advocate for themselves. For more information, visit CancerAdvocacy.org.

TREK Breast Cancer Awareness Ride

Join Goodale's Bike Shop on Saturday, October 13, for its seventh annual TREK Breast Cancer Awareness Ride (10 miles or 25 miles) to raise awareness for breast cancer prevention, screening, treatment, and to help fund a cure. All the registration money goes to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. The event includes door prizes and a sweepstakes to win a TREK Lexa. For more information, visit GoodalesBikeShop.com.

Colby-Sawyer Volleyball

If you dig cancer research and patient services, then you'll love the annual Colby-Sawyer women's volleyball Dig Pink game! This year the Chargers play Simmons College on Saturday, October 20 at the Hogan Center. Game starts at 7 PM, and tickets are just \$4 for adults and \$2 for children and students from other schools. You can buy t-shirts, bracelets, and ribbons at the game to show your spirit in supporting cancer research. For more information, contact BSayer@Colby-Sawyer.edu or 526-3894.

Making Strides, Manchester

Manchester's Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 3.5-mile non-competitive walk will happen on Sunday, October 21, at 10:30 AM in Arms Park, between the Merrimack River and Commercial Street. For more information, visit MakingStridesWalk.org/ManchesterNH.

GhostRunner 5K

On Sunday, October 28, the GhostRunner family fun 5K Road Race/Walk at Mine Falls Park in Nashua is a fund-raising event to support the New Hampshire Breast Cancer Coalition (NHBC), an all-volunteer, statewide grass roots breast cancer organization.

The proceeds from the race will benefit NHBC's Support Services Fund to help low-income and uninsured New Hampshire breast cancer patients pay for critical expenses and services that are not covered by other resources. For more information, visit GhostRunner5K.com.

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