

Operation Paperback Newsletter - February 2003

AOL seems to be having trouble digesting this Newsletter, so you may get more than one and you may get it in more than one piece. Sorry about the inconvenience, we wanted to make sure it got to everyone at least once.

If you are no longer interested in receiving this material, please advise and we shall remove you from the rolls. Instantly.

We're a little late, folks, but here are the results for 2002: we shipped 43,542 books to the Troops! WELL DONE ALL. This brings our total since we began in 1999 to 104,190 books.

Kathy Weigel (BOOKJUNKEE@aol.com) of York County Pennsylvania, who was by far our most prolific book-sender in 2002 (18,633 books) had two very nice letters on Operation Paperback published in the York newspapers in December. Well Done Kathy! Any of you who want to know how to raise funds for postage, contact Kathy, she's obviously a whiz at it.

And Our Founder has a full-page article on Operation Paperback in the current issue of Greater York Magazine.

Here's an interesting note from Kathy. In the boxes I sent out in this shipment I included Tootsie Rolls for their enjoyment and we made hearts with messages on them that I also enclosed. I plan to include Tootsie Rolls---in all the little nooks and crannies---throughout the month of January. I recently found out that they originally made Tootsie Rolls for the US military because they are the most durable chocolates they could come up with that would withstand all kinds of temperatures and such. Interesting isn't it?

From a New Member comes an interesting question which has never been asked of us before: does anyone know the answer?

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Date: 1/8/2003 9:21:13 AM Eastern Standard Time

From: velocityupdate@yahoo.com

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In looking at the book covers I discovered a number of the romances have pictures of children, such as a little girl in a party dress, or a baby with it's leg skin showing. Is this objectionable? Do the no skin rules apply to pictures of children as well as adults?

Kathryn Aqua

Pasadena, MD

Helen Connelly of Seattle wrote to advise us that someone posted our Troop mailing list on Amazon.com. We appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and help in getting the word out about Operation Paperback and enlisting new members, but PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. The mailing list changes almost daily and folks will be sending boxes of books to places from whence the Troops have departed, places where they already have enough books, Units which have returned home, etc. Members need to get the current list directly from us when they are ready to ship.

Furthermore, even though the deployed Units are freely identified in the press, it's just bad policy to make a list available to the barbarians.

(Extended notes of thanks from Troops have been removed from the web version of the newsletter. Please contact us directly if you would like the full version of our newsletter that includes quotes and emails from our troops.)