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WITH FIRE AND SWORD

By Justin Reckart

I have a friend who has been encouraging me to read the book, *With Fire and Sword* by Henryk Sienkiewicz for the last several years. He claimed that it was one of the best books ever and that I would really enjoy reading it. I was excited until I saw the book itself. It's almost 1,200 pages long. I've never read a single book that long before in my life and, to be honest, I wasn't that interested in spending months slogging through the same long book.

But a few weeks ago, I chose it as a quarantine novel, and all of that changed. *With Fire and Sword* is a historical fiction set during the Khmelnytsky Uprising in 1648 when Zaporozhian Cossacks allied with the Crimean Tatars and local Ukrainian peasants to rebel against Polish rule. It has a little bit of everything - adventure, drama, comedy and a bunch of Polish, Ukrainian, and Lithuanian knights killing the bad guys (including one who has a life goal of cutting three guys' heads off with one swing of his sword). I've actually learned a lot about Polish history and geography, and even some Polish words (although I have no idea how to pronounce them or almost any of the names in the book).

After a few weeks of reading for a few minutes every day, I'm about a third of the way through the book and now, I look for opportunities - even if only for five minutes - to read a couple more pages throughout the day. It's a long book, but is actually a pretty easy read, so I recommend it to all of you, especially anyone who is Polish or Ukrainian. Even if, like me, you have no ties to Poland or Ukraine and know close to nothing about the history, you'll find it enjoyable. When you finish all 1,200 pages, the great news is that it's the first book in a trilogy so there's a lot more where those 1,200 pages came from.

KATNISS EVERDEEN

By Marty McFly

Hi Katniss! First of all, thanks for the picture with the autograph! Just so you know, last week we had Robinson Crusoe in this paper and it was really helpful to have him share some of his experiences...

Marty – How's it going in District 12?

Katniss – We are doing pretty well, thanks for asking! I just came back from hunting and had a great time with Peeta, we got lucky today! I heard you guys at Sauggy are having a hard time with a rabbit...

Marty – Well, ahem, do you mean Justin? Yeah... Actually, I don't live at Sauganash, but I work for them. Anyway, Katniss, do you have any advice for teens?

Katniss - Well, it depends, if you're talking about girls, I'd say, be careful with chocolates and...

Marty – I mean teenage boys

Katniss – Oh, sure! Looh, something I really like about Peeta is the way he listens. I mean, you know, guys sometimes can be annoying just trying to fix things and



telling you what to do, you know what I mean? My mom likes him a lot just because of that.

Marty – Interesting... And what about having fun? What do you do?

Katniss – I guess the answer is not about the 'what'. Let's see, when I was at the Games, I remembered the need to relax inside a hostile environment. I decided to ALWAYS do things with others and to focus on the present moment. In a few words, time flies when you're with friends and try to put yourself 100% into the things you're doing, does that make sense?

Marty – Absolutely! Thanks a lot! Hey, say hi to your mom and Peeta. And next time you gotta show me how to shoot an arrow!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BROS!

Jack Costanzo

Mike Monney

Ulysses Fernandez

Thomas Athey

Christos & Joaquin Roman

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY 4/18

Enchilada Cooking Class – 1:00 pm

High School Meditation – 3:30 pm

SUNDAY 4/19 – 8:00 pm

Family Rosary

MONDAY-FRIDAY
MASS at Sauganash
at 12:00
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TO FLY, BUT YOU CAN
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from Chief Sauganash

