

Word Up Too!

Counting What Matters in 2008

Although December is a busy time personally and professionally, we'd like to take some time out to review the year that's about to become history. In 2008, 210 welcomed new clients Aviva USA, Food Consulting Company, and Genesis 10. We'd also like to thank two new vendors who've provided great service: Combined Systems Technology and WinCommunications. And as always, many thanks to our business partners who work with us on graphic design, banking, accounting, legal, printing, and Web host services.

The past seven months have affected all of us in some way—our livelihoods, our IRAs, our 401Ks, our homes. If you've survived with only a few scrapes, you probably know others who haven't been so lucky. It's with this in mind that I invite all of our readers to take a few moments and reflect on a few lines from Irving Berlin's "Count Your Blessings Instead of Sheep":*

*If you're worried and you can't sleep
Just count your blessings instead of sheep
And you'll fall asleep
Counting your blessings.*

Wishing you many blessings, a happy holiday season, and a wonderful new year.

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*For a wonderful rendition of this song, check out Diana Krall's Christmas Songs CD.



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210's Bookshelf

The River Queen

By Mary Morris

Travel writer Mary Morris listened to her father's stories of working and living on the Mississippi River while she was growing up. After his death she embarked on a pilgrimage down the river to experience that mystic Mississippi magic that has gripped many a writer, musician, seaman/woman, pilot, and pirate. Morris lands passage with two river pilots (named Tom and Jerry, no less) and a salty dog (Samantha Jean) who are moving a houseboat down the Mississippi to dock for the winter. There are many familiar names here: LaCrosse, Dubuque, Clinton, Muscatine, Keokuk, Hannibal, St. Louis, Cape Girardeau, and many in between. At each stop, readers get a history lesson, meet some colorful townsfolk, learn to navigate the lock and dam system, and follow Morris on her personal journey of reconciliation with her past, present, and future. Don't be mistaken—this is not "chick lit." It's a travel narrative that will make you want to look up Tom and Jerry and head down the Mississippi, even if you don't get to take a shower for five days.

Rating: Top Shelf!