
THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE

Written by students, for students



Groundhog Day

Old Groundhog stretched in his leafy bed.
He turned over slowly and then he said,
"I wonder if spring is on the way,
I'll go and check the weather today.
If I see my shadow between eleven and noon,
I then will know that I'm out too soon.

I'll crawl back in bed for six weeks more,
Pull up the warm covers and snore and
snore.
But if no shadow gives me a scare,
I know that spring is in the air,
I'll wake my friends and wish them cheer,
With glorious news that spring is here."



Riddles

"You are a prisoner in a room with 2 doors and 2 guards. One of the doors will guide you to freedom and behind the other is a hangman --you don't know which is which.

Mauritius

Overview

Ah, Mauritius! This tiny African island nation is located about 1,000 Kilometers away from Madagascar, Africa. It is about 45 km wide and 65 km long. In total, it is 1,864 Square kilometers, which means you can fit approximately 355 of these islands in Alberta alone!

Mauritius was first settled by the Dutch in 1598. This was a temporary arrangement; however, the Dutch gave up their efforts in 1710. France then took control of Mauritius in 1715 and renamed it Isle de France. The British were, as usual, unhappy about France gaining any land and seized the island in 1810. Mauritius remained a British colony until 1968 when it peacefully gained its independence.

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One of the guards always tells the truth and the other always lies. You don't know which one is the truth-teller or the liar either.

You have to choose and open one of these doors, but you can only ask a single question to one of the guards.

What do you ask so you can pick the door to freedom?"

*Michaelyn
Redgwell*

*Ephemeral
Dreams*



In 1598, when the Dutch became the first to live here, no other people were living on this island. There is not one people group native to Mauritius. It is populated by many different people groups such as French, Africans and, of course, the Dutch.

Mauritius is the only African country whose national religion is Hinduism. 48% percent of the country profess to be practicing Hindus, followed by 32% of them being Christians. The other 20% are an array of other religions like Catholicism and Islam.

The inhabitants of Mauritius can usually speak these three languages quite frequently: French, English, and Creole. Creole was invented by slaves of the French who were attempting to learn French. Let's learn a bit of Creole! "Alo. Ki manier? Korek?" means "Hi, how's it going?". If you learn just a bit more, you will be ready to visit Mauritius!

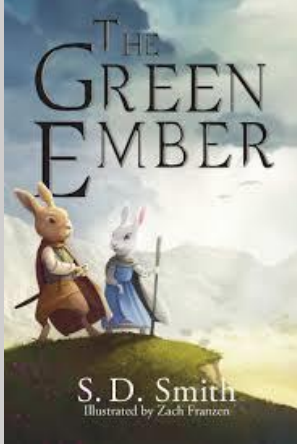
After researching even just a little bit about this charming little island, I want to go there. Maybe after Covid is gone, eh? Anyway, I hope that you found this interesting and informative! If you have any suggestions on what country we should do next, contact me at abbie.kornelsen@nsaschool.ca.

Orevwa!
Abbie Rae



The Green Ember, by S.D Smith

Reviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen



Genres: Fantasy, Adventure

Interest Level: Grades 2-8

Rating: 9/10

Similar to: The Wingfeather Saga, Heartless, In the realm of mist and mercy

Author: S.D Smith

Part of: The Green Ember Series

Other Titles in this series: Ember Falls, Ember Rising, Ember End's, The Black Star, The wreck and Rise of Whitson Mariner, The Last Archer, The First Fowler

Summary

Picket and Heather Longreader live a quiet, happy life with their parents and baby brother Jax, but that all changes in one afternoon. Their tiny home is attacked and suddenly both Heather and Picket are key players in a revolution against the raptors that rule over the rabbits (they are rabbits). What will happen to the people they love? Will they be able to stop the raptors in time?

Christian beliefs

Although Jesus is never directly mentioned the author is a Christian and we can see this reflected in his characters. Many of them display the virtues of God.

Overview

This is an encouraging book that is an excellent family read-aloud! Even my dad was enthralled! It displays the importance of perseverance and kindness. I hope you all enjoy this book as much as I did!

In Christ,
Abbie Rae

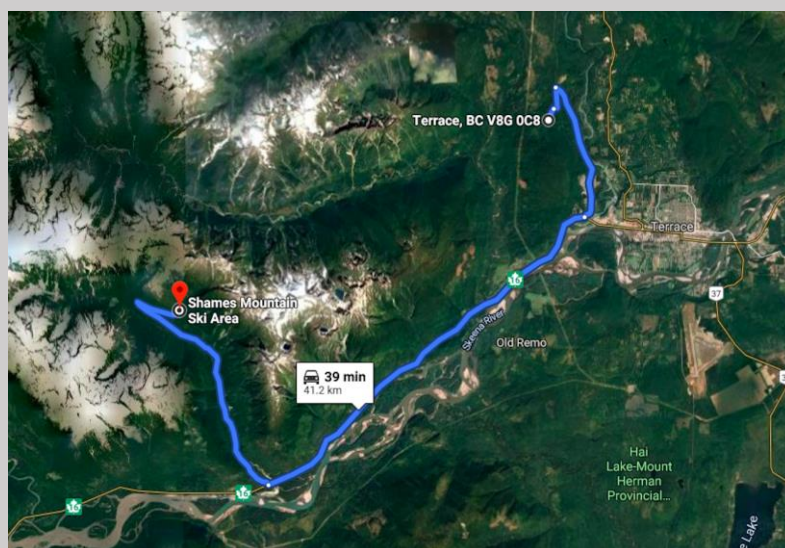
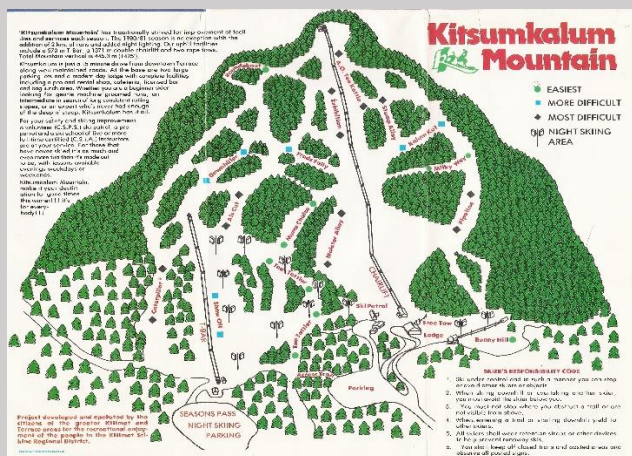
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Shames Mountain: The Ski Resort that was moved

Near the city of Terrace BC is Shames Mountain, one of the best ski resorts for snow in British Columbia. It is also unique, as it is run by a co-op of volunteers. However, this ski hill was moved about 20 years ago. You see, in the 80s, the town of Terrace decided that they needed a community ski hill. So, a location was chosen somewhat close to the town. The area sported a Mueller double chair, and a Doppelmayr t-bar. The hill was named Kitsumkalum. However, after about a decade of operation, the community decided that it wasn't working. It was simply too low elevation. There simply wasn't adequate snowfall to facilitate operations running successfully. So, they did the only logical thing ... in this case, move it.

They moved the entire ski hill over 40 kms to a high alpine destination. The lift also got retrofitted with a new drive terminal. The mountain was renamed Shames Mountain and is still in operation today. It is the only time I know of when an entire ski hill was moved.

~Benjamin Widish



Hello Chroniclers!

I hope you enjoyed this month's edition. I'm sorry it's a little late (again) so thanks for sticking with me!! A big thank you to those who submitted their amazing artwork, stories and riddles! Don't forget to check out our website and please feel free to email me or anyone of the Chroniclers if you'd like to join the team!

Thank you to everyone on the team:

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"Sheesh, these NorthStar artists are too talented."

"I just read The Chronicle for September and I really enjoyed it! Thanks to you and your staff for the work that you did to make it interesting and informative. Of course, I love the "Did you Know" sections."

"I just wanted to tell you and your team how much I enjoy and appreciate your work. Thanks!!"

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