
THE NORTHSTAR CHRONICLE

Written by students, for students.

Dawn Again **~Natalie Dryden**



"School means work, and work means death. Let's all go take a nap."

~ Emma Shannonit

"As long as teachers give tests, there will always be prayer in schools."

~ Unknown

Night's shadow lingered over the fields, clinging on to the chilly darkness for the last moments of night. The bright sun was awaking, stretching over the edge of the horizon to look out on the new day. The moon, bowing to its brighter kin, slipped behind the clouds, receding back to the shadows where it resided. Fog bounced lazily over the grass, skimming the still, navy waters.

Dew slipped from bright green grass, collecting on the waking flowers and pooling on broad leaves. Morning had come. The sun, returning from its drowsy state, peered higher over the hills, lifting itself into the sky to begin its loving watch on the land.

Night's mysteries began to shy away, ducking away from the light. Mist rolled over itself, colliding with branches in its attempt to hide. Clouds in the sky parted for the heavenly body, making a way for the light to penetrate all below. Sunshine filtered through the jade leaves, dotting the ground with splashes of emerald-tinted light. Warmth began slowly seeping through the icy cold, sinking into the ground and springing up again. The first birds began to call their morning greeting, their wings slicing through the air and filling the sky with life. Soon every shadow had been dissolved by day for night was no more.



Growing to See
Michaelyn Redgwell

Frankly, I haven't "belonged" anywhere I have lived.

In 2019, this became most evident. We were scheduled for a half-year stay in Canada. For a variety of reasons, this move was the hardest of my life. I was devastated by the prospect of heading to Canada - but a few things happened that changed me. The range of things that God used to help me transition included an album that was on the plane entertainment system, a summer camp I volunteered at (service is a great healer), and a youth group. But through this all, He taught me something.

As a Christian, I shouldn't have to "belong" anywhere I live. Those saints in Hebrews 11, the many justified by faith, "confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." Another translation is "alien". Either way, they were "seeking a country of their own", and God "has prepared a city for them." That is my hope and my national identity (Social Studies 20, anyone?).

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Alien

~Levi Patterson

"¹³ All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. ¹⁵ And indeed if they had been thinking of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them." (Hebrews 11:13-16)

I've spent most of my growing up years in China. By and large, it's been amazing. As a family, we've always had excellent community. I've had cool experiences that few of my peers have had access to. But that also brings up what has been a difficult experience.

When I'm in China, it feels normal. However, regardless of how I feel, I am always an outsider. When I'm in Canada, it doesn't feel normal. Yet I, by all appearances, should fit in. I have a Canadian passport, blonde hair, and blue eyes. The outer things make me a foreigner in China. The inner feelings and experiences make me feel estranged in what is supposed to be my home country.

Sneak Peek!

Have you guys ever seen what happens if you throw a truck into park while you're driving forwards at 50kmph? It's not pretty. This will basically destroy your tranny.

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God used that move in another way. After spending a semester in Canada and discovering community there, we began our journey back to China, stopping en route in Thailand for a company function. While we were there, China's border closed. After waiting in Southeast Asia for a bit over a month, borders worldwide started closing, and we were advised to return to Canada.

Cheesy as it may sound, that trip back to Canada and the subsequent quarantine was like living through a dream. Never have I experienced something so surreal. Part of me was just laughing at the irony of it all, while another part of me was disappointed to be back in Central Alberta. However, I see now that the difficult move of the year before had prepared me for this and given me a cushioned landing thanks to the community. I had already been able to establish.

On July 7, it will have been two years since I was last in China. I don't know when or if I'll be returning. Yet I know that God will continue to be faithful, just as He has been over the past two years and since before time began.

Let's loop back to Hebrews, where we read at the end of the book, "For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come." (Hebrews 13:14)

Both this and the first passage are placed after talking about reproach, trials, and persecution. The first passage is talking about the Hall of Faith inductees, who endured horrendous tribulations (Hebrews 11:35-38). The second one is referring to our willingness to follow Jesus and endure his reproach (Hebrews 13:11-13).

Therefore, don't attempt to meet the status quo. Go out and meet Jesus, knowing that whatever we leave behind, we are going to something, somewhere, and someone so much better.



Riddles

~Simeon Butchner

Q: What lives in winter, dies in summer, and grows with its roots upward.

A: An icicle

Q: What is full of lots of holes, but can still hold water?

A: A sponge.

Q: What do you call a dog on the beach in summer?

A: A hot dog.

Q: What does the sun drink out of?

A: Sunglasses.

Q: What comes once a day but leaves every morning?

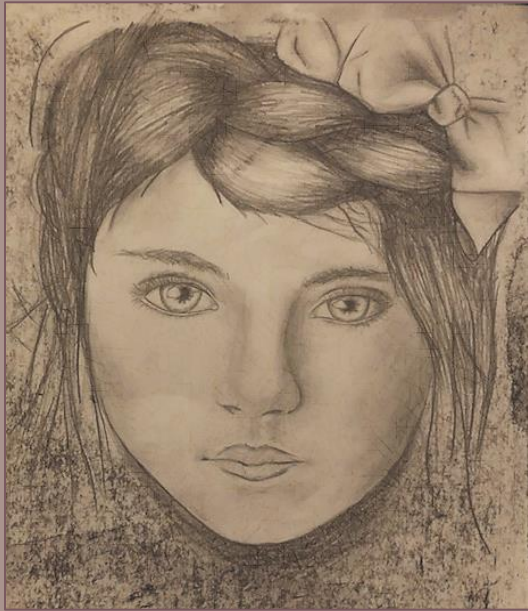
A: The night.

Q: What is brown, hairy and spends all of its time on the beach?

A: A coconut.

Q: How do we know if the ocean is friendly?

A: It waves!



No Title
Leah Brown

Isaac Smith: Grade 11 Student

Interviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

How long have you been with NorthStar?

Almost 4 years now.

What has been your biggest highlight about being with NorthStar?

Hmm, I think the community and flexible time.

What is your role with the Chronicle? (What section do you write etc.)

I am a backup filler. If Leah doesn't have enough articles, I'll try and fill in with one or two once and a while.

Is there anything you would like to see added to the Chronicle?

I think more effort from people other than the editor could be needed.

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Chronicle Staff Interview's

Hello! This week I was able to steal a few minutes from a few of our chronicle staff, to interview them! These interviews are designed to help you get to know the wonderful people behind the super creative chronicle. Hope you enjoy getting to know our staff! Thanks so much to the staff who agreed to be interviewed! In Christ- Abbie Rae

Kayla Niccolls: Grade 10 Student

Interviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

How long have you been with NorthStar?

8 years now

What has been your biggest highlight about being with NorthStar?

The opportunities to finish early and spend more time with family and friends.

What is your role with the Chronicle? (What section do you write etc.)

I sometimes write sections on society, opinions, and issues we need to face.

Is there anything you would like to see added to the Chronicle?

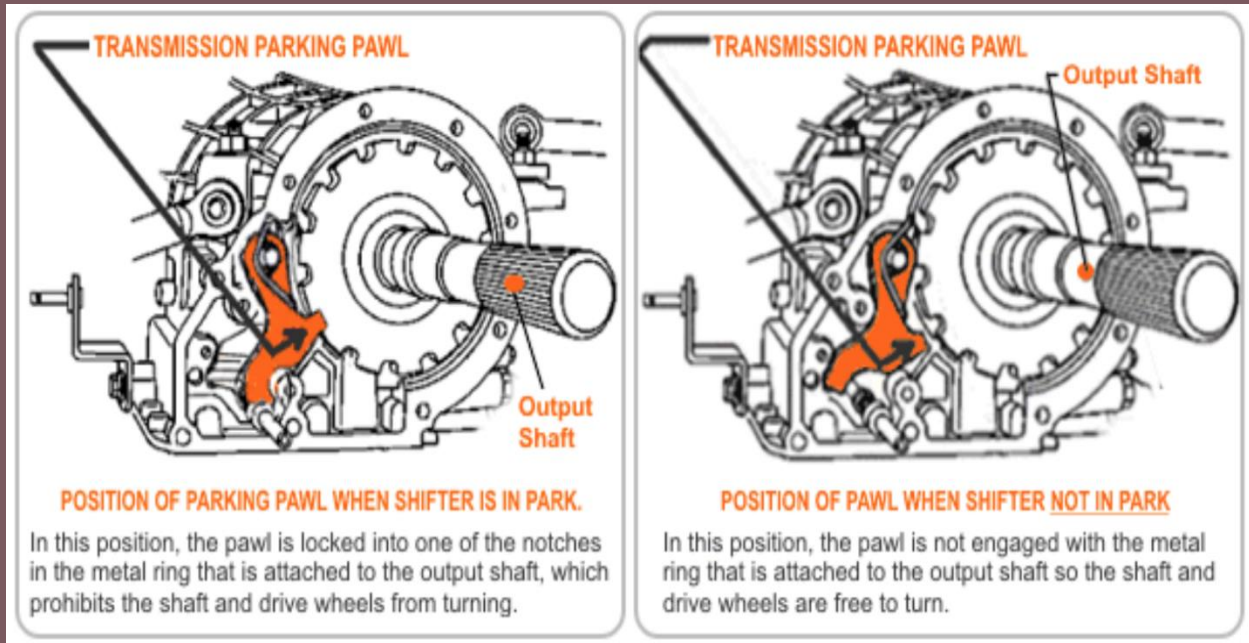
A biblical section that focuses on teaching lessons.

What is your favourite book that has been turned into a movie?

Anne of Green Gables

What is your favourite bible story? The story of Esther or Ruth.

If you could only eat one colour of food for an entire day what colour would you choose? Red



Transmission Story

Isaac Smith

Have you guys ever seen what happens if you throw a truck into park while you're driving forwards at 50kmph? Let me just explain first. A friend of mine was driving through town in a somewhat new truck (around a 2016).

His brakes decided to stop working as he was just about into town.

When he realized this, he was coming up fast on a red traffic light.

His e-brakes weren't working either....

...which brought him to the only thing he could do at that moment; throw this truck into park.

Doing this will basically destroy your tranny (for those of you who aren't mechanic savvy like Leah, this is a transmission in a vehicle).

DO NOT TRY THIS AT HOME.

When you do this, the orange pawl in the diagram above will either break, scrape really bad, or possibly shred apart your tranny (now that we know what the word means ;).)

Hopefully this was able to explain some basic Mechanic knowledge to you so you can make your vehicle last longer.

What is your favourite book that has been turned into a movie?

My favorite book has not been turned into a movie yet...

What is your favourite bible story?

Jesus and the demon pigs. Matt. 8:28

If you could meet any person in history, who would it be?

Adam or David. Or Jesus really, that would have been so awesome.

Anything you would like to tell the other staff/readers?

Hello and, "Nah covid will never get over here" - Isaac Smith, end of 2019.

Jacob Brown: Grade 11 Student

Interviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

How long have you been with NorthStar?

6 years

What has been your biggest highlight about being with NorthStar?

Being able to sleep in

What is your role with the Chronicle? (What section do you write etc.)

I haven't had the opportunity to contribute for the last few months but normally the jokes and interesting facts section.

What is your favourite book that has been turned into a movie?

Does Star Wars count?

What would be your dream car?

Dodge Hellcat Redeye Widebody

Taya Young: Grade 11 Student

Interviewed by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

How long have you been with NorthStar?

I have been with NorthStar for three years now.

What has been your biggest highlight about being with NorthStar?

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My biggest highlight about being with NorthStar is having a flexible schedule which allows me to have more free time with friends and family.

What is your role with the Chronicle? (What section do you write etc.)

I am the photographer for the Chronicle.

Is there anything you would like to see added to the Chronicle?

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What is your favourite book that has been turned into a movie?

My favourite book that has been turned into a movie is most likely the Harry Potter series.

What is your favourite bible story?

My favourite Bible story is the Last Supper, as I cannot help but sympathize with each character in this situation.

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If you could go anywhere in the world, where would you go?

Lately, I've been interested in visiting Africa!

Anything you would like to tell the other staff/readers?

It's been a pleasure being a part of the Chronicle with such amazing people!

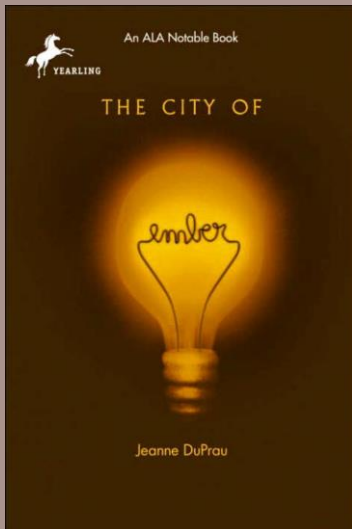


Book Suggestions

by Abbie Rae Kornelsen

The City of Ember

by Jeanne DePrau



Genres: Dystopian Fiction, Mystery, Science Fiction

Interest level: Grades 5-9

Rating: 7/10

Similar to: Divergent, Hunger Games, The False Prince, The Giver

Author: Jeanne DePrau

Part of: The Books of Ember

Other titles in this series: The People of Sparks, The Prophet of Yonwood, The Diamond of Darkhold

Between Shades of Gray

by Ruta Sepetys



Genres: Historical Fiction, War Fiction, Romance

Reading level: Grades 10-12 (would not recommend for children under the age of 14)

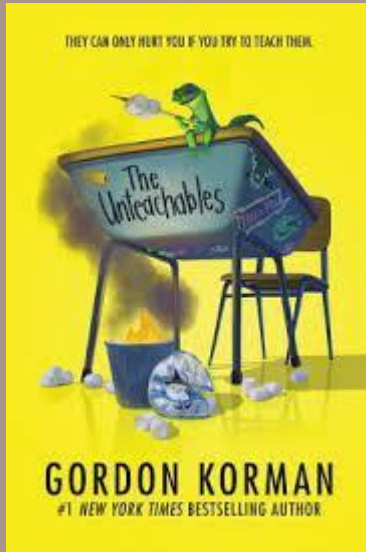
Rating: 9/10

Similar to: Making bombs for Hitler, In my enemy's house, When Hitler stole pink rabbit

Author: Ruta Sepetys

Other titles in this series: Salt to the Sea

The Unteachables, by Gordon Korman



Genres: Realistic Fiction, Comedy

Interest level: Grades 4-8

Rating: 6/10

Similar to: Moon over Manifest, Macdonald Hall, Hoot, The someday birds

Author: Gordon Korman

In Grandma's Attic, by Arleta Richardson



Genres: Historical Fiction, Realistic Fiction

Interest Level: Grades 2-5

Rating: 8/10

Similar to: Our only May Amelia, Little house on the Prairie, Little Princess, Mandy

Author: Arleta Richardson

Part of: Grandma's Attic Series

Other Titles in this series: More Stories from Grandma's Attic, Still more Stories from Grandma's Attic, Treasures from Grandma's Attic

Author's Note:

If you have any questions on the books listed here, any suggestions for other books or if you would just like to tell me what you thought of these books (I would love to hear from you guys!) contact me at abbie.kornelsen@nsaschool.ca Thanks! - Abbie Rae Kornelsen

Hello Chroniclers!

Thank you for sticking with us for the past school year! It's been so fun compiling all these amazing peoples work this entire year and creating fun new themes for them to fit in. They really do an amazing job! As always, I appreciate your feedback and am completely open to new joiners! Just send me or someone on the team, an email. As of the end of this school year, I will no longer be the editor of the chronicle, but I will be helping bring up someone in my place! This person is still yet to be determined by the team, but you'll know by next year's Chronicle. I'm so privileged to have held this position and thank all of you for your support! Thank you again for another successful year and I hope you all have a great summer!

Thank you to everyone on the team:

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See what people are saying about us!

"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!!"

"EXCELLENT job again Leah and crew!!"

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