



Roswell Reads

What Stands in a Storm

by Kim Cross

The Library will
be closed
December 24th
December 25th
January 1st

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April 27, 2011 marks the deadliest day of the biggest tornado outbreak in the history of recorded weather. Entire communities were flattened and, in seconds, whole neighborhoods erased by the wind when a total of 349 tornadoes touched down in 21 states from Texas to New York.

Journalist Kim Cross expertly weaves together the science with the human stories of several characters—including college students, weathermen, storm-chasers and a team of rescuers—in the story of Dixie Alley, Alabama, where there are more tornado fatalities than anywhere in the US and where the trees and hills obscure the storms until they are bearing down upon you.

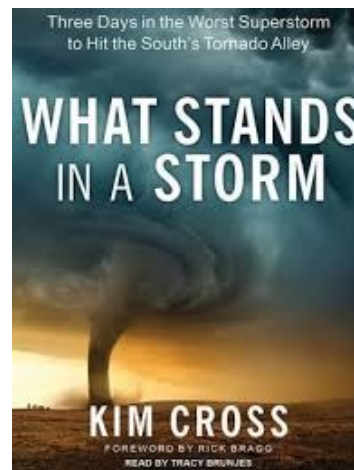
The book tells the story of the storm through the people who lived it. All the

characters and events in the book are real, and their stories are based on more than a year of research by the author and supported by over one-hundred hours of

interviews with responders, meteorologists, survivors and the families of those who died.

Once you've started reading this book — broken down into three sections of The Storm, The Aftermath, and The Recovery — you won't be able to put it down. At parts, you'll laugh, because even in the telling of a tale of woe, there is humor,

and you'll cry. And yes, you'll have new respect for storms, new respect for the weathermen and women who report the storms, and you'll have renewed faith in the strength of humans to bond together in tragic circumstances.



About the Author

An award winning writer and editor, Kim began writing for her local newspaper as a senior in high school. After graduating with a journalism degree from the University of Alabama and working in the field for several years, Kim returned to Tuscaloosa for a graduate fellowship in the journalism school. She worked for several newspapers then worked on staff for *Southern Living* and *Cooking Light* for almost a decade before quitting her job to write this book. Now a full-time freelance writer and journalism instructor at the University of Alabama, Kim lives in Birmingham with her husband and eight-year-old son.

Roswell Reads Programs

The Roswell Reads Committee has arranged several interesting programs and activities for adults and children in connection with *What Stands in a Storm*.

There are several facilitated book discussions, a community safety program and a writing workshop for adults; for children: an alternate book selection, an emergency preparedness activity, and a discussion of the science behind tornadoes are scheduled.

All of these programs are free and open to the public but (please note) some programs have age restrictions and others require that you RSVP.

In addition, there will be a Literary Luncheon featuring Kim Cross, the author, on Saturday, March 12th. Tickets (\$20) will be sold only online at Eventbrite.com, Browse for "Roswell Reads;" they will not be available at the library.

For more information, see the Roswell Reads web page RoswellReads.com, contact a committee member at RoswellReads@gmail.com, or call Linda Smither at 404-218-9764.



Margaret Bradford Retires

Margaret began her career in library services at the Memphis Public Library in 1977 as a Library Associate in the Magazines and Newspapers Department. She realized that helping others in the library setting was her calling and applied to library school at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville campus, graduating with an MSLS degree in 1989.

Margaret began her career at AFPLS in January of 1991 and in 1993, came to Roswell as Assistant Manager and Head of the Adult Services Unit.

Possessed with a passion for

library service, Margaret believed in the importance of a strong collection and inspired library commitment among her colleagues and co-workers. She and her team created and implemented the popular "floating collection" and she served as chairperson of the committee. Throughout the years, Margaret mentored and served as a role model to many.

Although she had a very long commute to work each day, Margaret made the trip because she enjoyed working at Roswell so much. She will remember her years at the library, AFPLS, and many people with affection as she gets accustomed to a new (small) city and a new, retired, way of life.

Teen Art Contest Winners



The results of the 2015 Teen Art Contest, "There's No Place Like...", are:

- 1st Place: Dylan Moore for "Eating the Grapes of Wrath" (pictured above, left)
- 2nd Place: Carla de Malezieux for "Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry" (above, right)
- 3rd Place: Pamela Silva for "Lord of the Flies" (on display at the library)

Congratulations to the winners!

Book Club Selections

Noonday Nosh

All meetings at the library at noon

The Interestings [Meg Wolitzer](#)
Jan. 19th

What Stands in a Storm [Kim Cross](#)
Feb. 16th

Empire Falls [Richard Russo](#)
March 15th

Mystery Readers'
6:30—7:45 p.m.

The Troubled Man [Henning Mankell](#)
Jan. 26th

The Little Sister [Raymond Chandler](#)
Feb. 23rd

Even Money [Dick Francis](#)
March 22nd

Save the Date!

Feb 4-7 Next book sale!

Please remember us when you are considering discarding magazines—recycle them through us and help the library! Also keep us in mind if you are having an estate sale—send those books to your Friends at the library.

2015 Annual Income from Book Sales

February	\$5,806
May	5,584
August	6,441
November	<u>5,699</u>
Grand total:	\$23,530

Our incredible success is due to the generosity of those who donate books and the hard work of those who organize the books and assist with sales.

Thank you for what you do for the Friends and the library.



This is Julian, one of our regular book sale customers, looking for a good book.

Welcome to Our New Members

Eardine Reeves Lee, Giovanni Vallone,
Jemille Williams

Additional Resources for *What Stands in a Storm*

Go to youtube.com/watch?v=sA7TKSHJ_wM
See Jim Spann and Jason Simpson on the air at ABC 33/40 as the tornado of April 27th approaches Tuscaloosa.

Search online using the phrase Tuscaloosa tornado of April 27: read newspapers and see amazing video footage.

Membership Renewal

Your address label shows when your membership expires. We appreciate your support.

- Individual \$15
- Student/Teacher \$5
- Family \$25
- Senior (55+) \$10
- Sponsor/Business \$50

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at roswellgafriends@gmail.com

This quarterly newsletter can now be distributed electronically. Please indicate how you would prefer to receive your newsletter: by US Mail ; by email .

Name

Address

City/State/Zip

Phones: Home Cell

E-mail

Please mail to Friends of the Roswell Library (or FoRL), 115 Norcross St., Roswell, GA 30075

Message from the President

Greetings to all the Friends of the Roswell Library!

From 1946 -1960 twelve ladies in our little town enjoyed a book club. Every year, each one selected a title and the chairman, with cash in hand, went to the city and from the office supply/book store bought the twelve hardcover books. Titles such as *The Egg and I* by Betty MacDonald, 1945; *The Caine Mutiny* by Herman Wouk, 1954; *Love is Eternal* by Irving Stone, 1954; or *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, by Betty Smith, 1943, were selected. Hand written on paper neatly pasted to the inside cover of each book was a list of the ladies names, the numbers 1-12 and the titles. In January, each had her chosen book but by Feb-

ruary first, it was passed it on to the next member on the list. There was a chance to visit when delivering books, and an opportunity to read twelve different titles each year.

At the country school we were well aware of what books were in circulation and which ones were considered the best.

In 1960, the library in the city acquired a bookmobile and the book club disbanded. In my mind's eye, I can still see my mother with her basket over her arm, joining all the ladies and retired men, once a month, as the bookmobile parked in our town. Imagine asking for a book and the next month having it delivered? Imagine the excitement of having a basket full of hardcover

books for my dad, my granddad and for her to enjoy until the bookmobile arrived again? Good memories.

Here at our Roswell Library in the community room our Mystery book club meets on the fourth Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM and our Noonday Nosh book club meets the third Tuesday at 12 noon. All are welcome. Do come and join the interesting discussions.

Thank you for a successful November Book Sale. Our next sale is February 4 -7, 2016. We appreciate your donations.

Keep well, keeping reading, and here's to a great 2016.

Cora Cramer

The Roswell Library grounds have been cleared of dead trees and bushes, the healthy ones pruned appropriately, and the whole area cleaned up. Thank you Fulton County Grounds and Facilities department! The place looks great!!



Seasons Greetings

Children's Books for the Holidays

Perhaps you have or will be visited by some young folks over the holidays and are looking for something without a screen that you can share with them. Perhaps you'd like just to wander down memory lane and revisit some titles you enjoyed when you were young (or when your children were). Here are some websites with lists of holiday books, contemporary and traditional, that you might enjoy:

- [30 Best Christmas Childrens' Books-childrensbooksguide.com](http://30BestChristmasChildrensBooks-childrensbooksguide.com)
- [20 Magical Children's Christmas Books to Read Aloud-BuzzFeed Bks.](http://20MagicalChildrensChristmasBooksToReadAloud-BuzzFeedBks)
- [Best Christmas and Holiday Books for Kids-Parents Magazine](http://BestChristmasandHolidayBooksforKids-ParentsMagazine)
- [50 Best Christmas Books-Stylist Magazine \(UK\)](http://50BestChristmasBooks-StylistMagazine(UK))
- [Amazon's Best Sellers in Children's Kwanzaa Books](http://Amazon'sBestSellersinChildrensKwanzaaBooks)
- [Amazon's Best Sellers in Children's Christmas Books](http://Amazon'sBestSellersinChildrensChristmasBooks)
- [20 Famous Christmas Stories \(older children\)-Online Star Register](http://20FamousChristmasStories(olderchildren)-OnlineStarRegister)

A Movie to Take the Small Kids or Grandkids to See



The Good Dinosaur Disney/Pixar
Lovely, sincere, scenic and sentimental.
(Rated PG for peril)

- [Review from New York Times](http://ReviewfromNewYorkTimes)
- [Review from Common Sense Media](http://ReviewfromCommonSenseMedia)
- [The Good Dinosaur Official US Trailer](http://TheGoodDinosaurOfficialUSTrailer)