Beyond the Bookshelf

August 2022

HAPPY LABOR DAY!
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â€¢ “Drive-In” Movie
Hoyt:
â€¢ Stories & Stretches

Baffling Bill the Magician
Baffling Bill the Magician has been amazing kids for over 30 years. His 45-minute Oceans of Possibilities show features audience participation and astounding tricks with Magic Doves, Flipper the Acrobatic Fish and Gus the Bunny. This program will “hook” you on Summer Reading!
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Paintery Pottery Comes to Wickes

Children and their parents are invited to Wickes Library on Tuesday, August 2 at 2 p.m. for a workshop with Painterly Pottery! Choose an embossed, ocean-themed project to paint. Have fun while getting creative. Painterly Pottery will then fire your pottery pieces and return them to the library for you to pick up later.

Never Fall for Your Fiancée

By Virginia Heath
Adult Fiction

There is nothing the Dowager Countess of Fareham would like more than to see her son, the current earl, happily married. Hugh hates to disappoint her, but he knows he would make any woman a terrible husband. It’s far better for everyone that he stay single. Fortunately, his mother lives thousands of miles away in America, so Hugh can placate her by writing many letters about Minerva, the beautiful and accomplished woman he has fallen in love with and intends to marry — someday.

Minerva is completely fictional, of course, but Hugh manages to keep up the act for two years — right until his mother announces that she has booked passage home so she can finally meet his lovely fiancée and arrange their wedding.

When Hugh bumps into Miss Minerva Merrivel, he figures she may be the solution to his problem. He offers her an astronomical amount of money in exchange for two years of pretending to be his fiancée. Minerva has been the breadwinner for her sisters ever since their wastrel of a father abandoned them years ago. Hugh’s money is hard to say no to. So, she swallows her pride and goes along with the charade. Complications ensue, but Minerva’s solution to his problem. He offers her an astronomical amount of money in exchange for two years of pretending to be his fiancée. Minerva has been the breadwinner for her sisters ever since their wastrel of a father abandoned them years ago. Hugh’s money is hard to say no to. So, she swallows her pride and goes along with the charade. Complications ensue, but Minerva’s solution to his problem. He offers her an astronomical amount of money in exchange for two years of pretending to be his fiancée. Minerva has been the breadwinner for her sisters ever since their wastrel of a father abandoned them years ago. Hugh’s money is hard to say no to. So, she swallows her pride and goes along with the charade. Complications ensue, but Minerva’s

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