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Guest Post with Giveaway ~ Fudging The Books by Daryl Wood Gerber

August 5, 2015 By [Lori](#) [14 Comments](#)

5 Reasons to Love Reading!

Do you love to read? I do. I didn't always, but at the age of eight, when I had the mumps and was confined to bed for a week, I read the entire set of Nancy Drew books. My mother had the originals. I couldn't put them down.

After that, I read everything. Mysteries and thrillers, romance and fantasy, Dickens, Shakespeare, and Milton. And I learned that there are 5 reasons to love reading!

1 – **Reading takes you away from it all.**

When I read, I'm involved in a story that is not my own. Life's cares drift away. I forget about time and space. Hours can pass and I have no idea what is going on in the real world. Talk about an instant vacation!

2 – **Reading can make you a dreamer.**

When I read, I dream that I am in that country, or on that safari, or in that small town surrounded by lots of people I know. I dream that I am in the protagonist's body and I, along with her, am solving a crime or finding a lost treasure. I get swept into her life, her loves, her family. If I want to go to Paris, I read about Paris. If I want to visit Middle Earth, I know where to start. If I want to go to the beach, I pick up *A Cookbook Nook Mystery*, don't you?

3 – **Reading stimulates creativity and brain cells.**

When I read, I'm open to new ideas. New worlds. New words. I remember reading a Pat Conroy book at the same time my mother was reading it. One day she called me—it turned out we were on the same exact page—and she said, "What the heck does ululate mean? He's used it five times now." Now, my



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mother always told me to pick up a dictionary whenever I didn't know a word, and I never forgot that lesson, so teasingly I said, "Didn't you look it up?" And she laughed. She realized I had looked it up the first time Conroy used the word. I said, "It means to scream in a high-pitched sort of trill way." My mother laughed. "Why didn't he just write scream?" Exactly. But I have never forgotten the word or its meaning. Thank you, Pat Conroy. PS I've never used the word in my writing or in my life! LOL

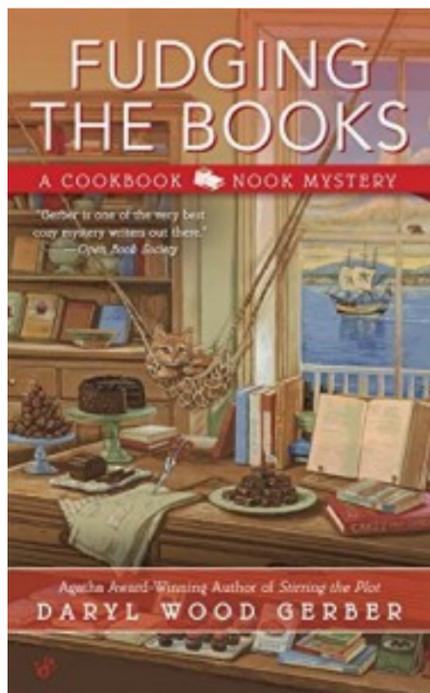
4 – **Reading makes you open-minded.**

When I read, I meet new people and see their situations without bias. Because of the author's talent, I learn about these people, their dreams and desires, their motives, their weaknesses and strengths. Sometimes I even learn to appreciate those who might not believe the same way I believe. That's stimulating! That's exciting.

5 – **Reading is fulfilling.**

When I read, in a matter of days (or hours sometimes), I have traveled from point A to point X, Y, Z, with my fictional friends. A problem has been solved, life has been lived, and I convince myself that, by taking part, I had something to do with the resolution, and the world becomes a better place. Okay, like I said, I'm a dreamer, but that's part of the fun of reading!

What do you get from reading?



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The Agatha Award–winning author of *Stirring the Plot* returns to the Cookbook Nook in Crystal Cove,

California, where February brings Pirate Week, National Chocolate Month—and bitter murder...

Pirate Week is sweeping through Crystal Cove and keeping Jenna Hart and her bookstore, the Cookbook Nook, plenty busy. But she's not too swamped to also host the local Chocolate Cookbook Club's meeting—especially because the

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guest of honor is her friend, candy maker and cookbook author Coco Chastain.

Jenna whips up a delicious event amidst the rowdy festivities, but the mood is soon broken by robberies, simmering tempers, and a dead body—Coco's editor, Alison. The suspects turn out to be more plentiful than a pot full of gold doubloons, so to prove Coco isn't responsible for the dastardly deed, Jenna will have to stir up some clues and figure out who's the real sticky-fingered killer...

INCLUDES RECIPES!



Thanks to the publisher, I have one (1) copy of [Fudging the Books](#) to give away.

Giveaway open to residents of the US only.

Giveaway ends on August 19th

A screenshot of a Rafflecopter giveaway widget. At the top, it shows a timer for 28 hours left, a progress bar with the number 211, and a dropdown menu showing 0/1. The main text reads "Fudging The Books by Daryl Wood Gerber". Below this, it says "Log in to enter this giveaway." and provides two options: a blue "Log In" button with the Facebook logo and a grey "Use Your Email" button. At the bottom, it says "powered by Rafflecopter" with the Rafflecopter logo.

Winner will have 48 hours, from the time of notification to confirm their win or another winner will be chosen.





Pseudonym for **Avery Aames**.

Daryl Wood Gerber is the author of *Cookbook Nook Mystery* series, featuring an avid reader, admitted foodie, and owner of a cookbook store in picturesque coastal California. The series will debut in 2013. In addition, under the pen name **Avery Aames**, Daryl writes the Agatha Award winning, nationally bestselling *Cheese Shop Mystery* series, the 5th book, **DAYS OF WINE AND ROQUEFORT**, which came out in February 2014.

Prior to her career as a novelist, Daryl wrote screenplays and created the format for the popular TV sitcom *Out of this World*. A fun tidbit for mystery buffs, Daryl was also an actress and co-starred on "Murder, She Wrote", as well as other TV shows. Daryl is originally from the Bay Area and graduated from Stanford University. She loves to cook, read, golf, swim, and garden. She also likes adventure and has been known to jump out of a perfectly good airplane. She has been happily married for over twenty-five years, and Daryl and her husband have a grown son who has flown the coop.

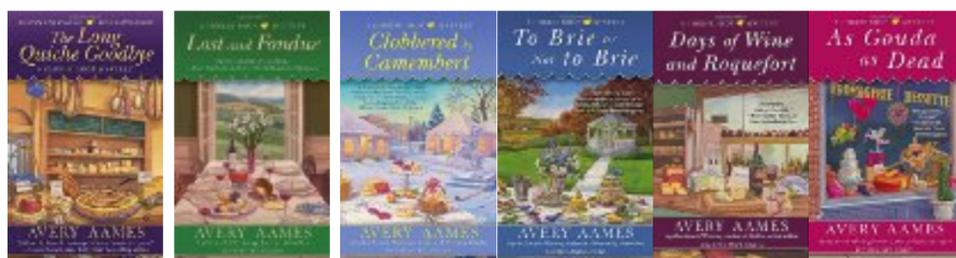
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Kathleen Costa says:

[August 5, 2015 at 12:58 AM](#)



What do I get from reading? I am finishing year 1 of my retirement from 35+.years of teaching having spent so much time reading books that would support my teaching or allow me to keep up with my students' interests. Now... it's my time! I want to be frivolous with my reading choices: humor, romance, recipes, and murder!

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[Daryl Gerber](#) says:

[August 5, 2015 at 6:19 PM](#)



Kathleen, how wonderful for you! Love teachers. (At least most of them. LOL)

~Daryl

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Jen says:

[August 5, 2015 at 5:58 AM](#)



I love her books! Fudging the Books has chocolate and pirate's week. How fun is that? 😊 Thank you for the giveaway.

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[Daryl Wood Gerber](#) says:

[August 5, 2015 at 7:59 PM](#)



Jen, so glad you love my books! Love readers like you! 😊

~Daryl

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Vickie Williams says:

[August 5, 2015 at 11:14 AM](#)



I don't know what I would do if i couldn't read....probably be more insane then I am right now! I love reading mysteries because they make my "little gray cells work" as the famous Hercule Poirot says. Keep writing and I will keep reading!

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Susan says:

[August 5, 2015 at 11:35 AM](#)



Retired now so I'm doing a lot of reading; but, the last nine years that I worked, the commute was 1-1/2 hrs each way depending on traffic and more if the weather was bad. Thank heavens for audio books or I would have lost my mind.

Love Daryl/Avery's series and am looking forward to reading this latest installment.

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[Lisa H.](#) says:

[August 5, 2015 at 11:39 AM](#)



What do I get from reading? I get to travel without leaving my house. I make new friends, both in the characters I read about and the people with whom I can share my love of books. I get adventure, and romance, and recipe ideas, and laughter, and tears. I can't imagine a world without books!

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Sally Schmidt says:

[August 5, 2015 at 12:06 PM](#)



Nice post. What do I get from reading? More like, what do I not get from reading? Escape, adventure, comfort, recipes, excitement, the list goes on and on. I just don't understand people who say they don't read, and how can you live in a house without books all over the place?

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Cynthia E. Blain says:

[August 5, 2015 at 1:03 PM](#)



I loved today's blog post and just smiled broadly regarding reading making more brain cells. Well, I guess if that is true about reading making me "smarter" and gaining brain cells, I must be quite bright as I read constantly. 😊 I

would love to be the recipient of Daryl/Avery's most recent book; I have loved this series. Thank you., Keeping my fingers crossed.

Cynthia

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Shelli King says:

[August 5, 2015 at 1:03 PM](#)



Peace. That's what I get from reading. I've always loved reading. Always. My father put a floor to ceiling bookcase in my room that also had a small desk. All the family books went into it. My mother, far from being pleased, complained to him: "Bob! Now she'll never come out of there!"

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Terry says:

[August 5, 2015 at 2:18 PM](#)



From the time I can remember, I had a book in my hand. I thank my mom for that. I now I work in a library! DOES IT GET ANY BETTER!!!!

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Linda May says:

[August 5, 2015 at 8:11 PM](#)



I would love a chance to win this books, I know it will keep me in stitches when I'm reading it. Thanks for this special Giveaway, I sure do appreciate it.

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Pamela Woodfield says:

[August 8, 2015 at 2:17 AM](#)



I loved the way you worded what you get from reading. I feel much the same way. For me, reading is an escape from my health problems. I start to read & I can block the pain & just enjoy my trip to the worlds of my favorite characters. I can solve mysteries with them or I can read children's books & be a kid again. There's just no limit. I don't know what I would do without books.

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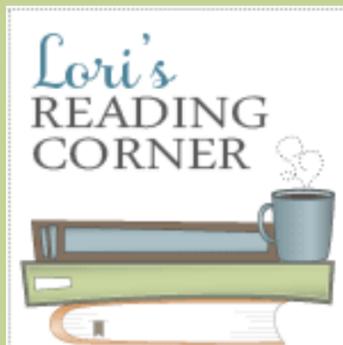
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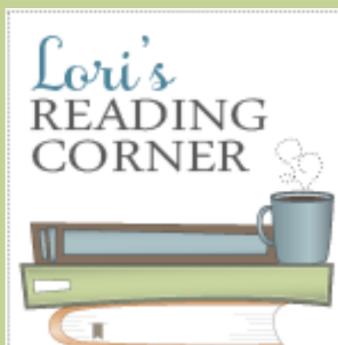
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