

Sarah Silverman's book *The Bedwetter* is screaming with humor. This is her idea of a memoir, and it's filled with laughter and silly antics. Sarah is best known as a comedian. At one time she had her own television show. She's won numerous awards for her comedy, including an Emmy. Sara writes with compassion and understanding on the subject of her depression, the death of her brother, and her constant bed wetting. This book is a must read for anyone who can laugh at themselves, and still maintain some sort of dignity.

The book *Unbearable Lightness*, a story of loss and gain, exposes a secret actress Portia DeRossi kept for years from those who knew and cared about her. This new book reveals that as her film career was just taking off, Portia was obsessed with her weight, in fact it never left her mind. She limited herself to just 300 calories or less a day, and managed to do a great deal of physical exercise. She finally admitted to herself that she was suffering with an eating disorder when her weight becomes a dangerously low 82 pounds. When she collapsed on the set of a Hollywood film, the secret she had been so closely guarding was finally unmasked for the world to see. This story reveals the emotional truth that has held such a tight grip on her life for many years.

*Scent Of the Missing*, is a story about a golden retriever training for search and rescue. Author Susannah Charleson, a pilot with search and rescue experience herself, develops a deep bond with the dog she is working with. Their lives soon become intertwined. In the book, Susannah talks about her involvement with a local canine team. Together they participate in several searches. One search involves a missing teen, and another an Alzheimer's patient, who has wandered off in the cold. There are distinct smells humans leave in their homes and on their clothing that trained dogs can identify. Learn all about the training that the dog receives, that gives him the ability to seek out precise scents and locate the missing.

Do you have some old toys and dolls from days gone by? Do you think they may have some value? Before you decide to throw them out, check out the new collectible price guides that have just arrived. First we have the 18th edition of *Toys and Prices 2011*, from editor Justin Moen. This book contains hundreds of pages of toys, pictures and price values. Find out if there is any value left in your precious treasures. Next we have the Eleventh Edition of *Doll Values* by Linda Edward. This book includes information about antique and modern dolls, like Madame Alexander, Hasbro, Barbie, Kewpie, and more. It also mentions the size of the doll, it's value, and an occasional colorful picture.

Schroeder's *Collectible Toys Antique to Modern* price guide is comprised of colored pages listing toy values, including Hot Wheels, push and pull toys, lunch boxes, banks, action figures and more.

Other books of interest include: the Encyclopedia of Barbie Doll, Family & Friends Licensed Products 1961-1971 by Alva Christensen and Laural Schwing and The Official M.J. Hummel price guide by Heidi Ann Von Recklinghausen.

All of the books mentioned above can be found at the Manistee County Library. For more information please contact the library at 723-2519.