

# WHISPERS IN THE WIND

September 2006

volume 1 number 7

Here at Turning Winds!

So what does someone say?  
When they live their life day by  
day,  
Slipping and sliding on the tile  
floor  
And running into the swinging door

By adding way too much peanut butter  
And way too much jelly  
To the whole wheat bread  
That fills our bellies

While singing songs and digging  
stumps  
And chiseling through the clay lumps  
While taking buckets and watering  
trees  
And getting stung by those ugly bees

While watching windows  
Being showered by birds  
And taking long hikes  
Where we step in Terds

Getting on isolation  
For making a ruckus  
And then wanting a t-shirt saying,  
"I survived the bucket"

By making up a dance  
Where each gender had a chance  
The competition was strong  
But the girls had it all along

Eating the raspberries  
"Brought to you by Jake"  
And Amber dancing  
Making Cody's Birthday Cake

And we all love it on Tuesdays  
When Carrie comes in  
Stomping and bossing  
Saying "now listen!"

And Cody actually believing Carl  
When he tries to make those deals  
Doing 500 or more push-ups  
Before each meal

Going through the hard times  
The good and the bad  
Living each day  
Being happy and sad



So when I ask someone to say  
Who they are day by day  
Their response should be  
"I'm a member of Turing Winds"  
It's a time I will cherish always  
As long as I will live  
- Nikki

## Homeless Bird

Homeless Bird by Gloria Whelan

is a story of a 13 year old girl name Koly who is forced to leave her family and marry someone she has never met. Koly's obstacles and hardships start right after her wedding with the death of her sick husband. Koly realizes she was tricked, and was married just for her dowry. Now she is stuck living with her Sass and Sassur (mother and father-in-law). She yearns to runaway from all the madness caused by her new family, but in India this would only bring shame and disrespect to her family. After several years of trouble and hardship her Sass sees no use in Koly and decides to abandon her in the Holy city of Vrindavan, a place filled with many other abandon widows like herself. Here Koly struggles to survive and later finds true love and happiness with the help of a few strangers.

Homeless Bird is a great book that I could not stop reading. For every page you turn there is a shocking surprise, and for me I lose interest fast, but not with this book. I recommend it particularly to girls because most of the characters are girls, and the novel is filled with tragedies, romance,



adventure, and friendship, there is never a dull moment.

I also liked how the book has a glossary in the back because some of the words are Hindu. The glossary came in handy when the author was describing some of the foods and family members' names. It was just really nice and helps readers understand the characters and the story much better.

The thing I didn't like about the book was sometimes the author would mention something vaguely, and not give enough detail about what was going on. It kind of left me hanging, but all in all Homeless Bird was an excellent book!

-Jenna

### **Kootenai Tribe Fish Hatchery**

In the summer of 1991 the Kootenai Indian Tribe started a fish hatchery in the hope of bringing back the White Sturgeon from the brink of extinction. The tribe donated some of their land to build a hatchery. The hatchery started off with very little funds and their first building was a rundown trailer home. Now the hatchery is located in a huge building with over three million dollars in annual funds.

The hatchery releases the White Sturgeon when they are one to two years old. In the first two years of being released the fish have a 70% survival rate and after these initial two years their rate of survival increases to 90%. Sturgeon are best known for their eggs which

people harvest for caviar.

Sturgeon females spawn 300,000 to 400,000 eggs each spawning year. These fish get extremely big, the largest recorded White Sturgeon was 22 feet in length and weighed over 2000 pounds. This size is surprising because Sturgeon do not have teeth. They swallow their prey whole and mash them with their powerful tongue against the roof of their rigid mouths.

They eat differently than other fish and they also look different. White Sturgeon have very long slender bodies. They have four tentacles, called barbells, that make the fish look like it has a small goatee under its chin. Sturgeon also have spines down the center of their backs and sides to protect them.

Another interesting fish we saw was Rainbow trout. The hatchery keeps Rainbow Trout as a food source for the White Sturgeon. The trout grow very quickly and large; they can grow to up to twenty-six inches. The fish hatchery usually has too many trout so they donate them to fish pools for children in Bonners Ferry.

Keep a look out for the White Sturgeon. You do not want to hook them by accident when you are out fishing. With a powerful large body and an ugly mug they are not a fish anyone wants to toy with.  
-Cody, Steve, Ethan, James, Joe, Seth, Jon, Jason

