The NFB-Idaho bookclub

How many of you followed the 2023 Iditarod, the one thousand mile dog sled race from Anchorage to Nome Alaska? It was won by the grandson of the man who started the race 50 years ago. The top three winners were all native Alaskans. I mentioned this because our last book was: no end in sight, a blind girl and her quest to run the Iditarod.

You’ll have to read the book if you want to know how she did.

Our April selection is: touch the top of the world

by Erik Weihenmayer. He is the famous blind mountain climber and entrepreneur/owner of: no barriers, an organization devoted to helping others find and conquer their own Everest. Incidentally, no barriers is the name of his book about kayaking, the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon, cowritten by Buddy Levy, an Idaho author.

The book club meets on zoom the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM Pacific/8 mountain. If you have not participated in our discussions or haven’t been back for a while, please give it a shot. It’s fun to get together and talk about what we have read, and try to come up with the next good book. In fact, if you have recently read a good book and would like to recommend *it*, go ahead and throw it up on the List Serve or you can send it to me directly (joet@uidaho.edu). We only choose books that are available on bard. If you don’t have access to bard, do yourself a favor and go to the Talking Books library and get signed up. Bard is a fantastic resource, it has thousands audiobooks. The website has been recently remodeled and it’s super easy to search and download books onto your phone or other device.

One of the joys of listening to audiobooks is that you don’t have to be sitting around to do it. You can be out for a walk or standing around cooking dinner or getting some other kind of exercise. It’s the old two birds with one stone adage. So grab yourself a good book and come to the book club discussions.

See you there.