

Lucinda Berry ~ A Welcome Reunion

I bought this book from Amazon. Started on 8/24/23. So this really was a "short story". I finished on 8/27/23. **3 Days.**

I wish someone would have told me before I read this one to read "The Perfect Child". I mean I read it, but having it fresh in my memory would've been a little better. This is a continuation of The Perfect Child. It tells the short story of what happens after the release of the demon child. How she effects the lives of the people she's hurt and how they effect her. **I'm giving this book a 7/10.** Characters were sketchy at first (because the other book wasn't fresh in my mind) and chapters were a little long. They were written in character style though so that made it a little easier to manage. It was kind of predictable in all honesty, which isn't necessarily true for anything else she's written.



MRM ~ Kenton's Coffee Currant Mead



7/19/23

Recipe for 1 Gallon:

2 lbs Palermo Bolssom Honey (From Menards)

3 cups Black Currant Concentrate

2 oz cacao nibs toasted for 10 minutes on burner level 5

1 cup Utopian coffee grounds (finely ground) and French Pressed in luke warm water for 15 minutes. Makes 3 cups of coffee

Top off to full gallon with Niagara spring water from Dollar Tree

Mangrove Jacks 1/2 packet only

S.G. = 1.084

7/20/23

There's activity in the airlock. Going to add 1 oz Fermaid O today.

8/4/23 (17 days)

Wow, I racked this off today to a wide mouth gallon and took a taste. It's very sweet and very heavy on the coffee and chocolate flavor. With some time that will subside though.

S.G. = 1.010

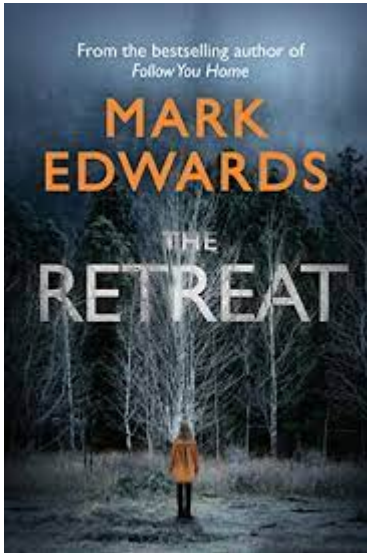
8/25/23 (38 days)

Bottling day!! I added some more black current juice to bring the sweetness up just a bit and about 1/2 lb honey. I forgot that I didn't stabilize this so I'm worried that 1. carbonation will occur or 2. fermentation will continue. It was down to 1.002. I got 5 full bottles and 1 very small amount to taste it in a month. **11.2% ABV**

Mark Edwards ~ The Retreat

I believe I bought this book from Amazon. I like Mark's writing. I started the book on 8/15/23. I'm four chapters in and so far it hasn't had any major twists. Characters seem well defined though. I finished the book on 8/24/23. **10 days.** Wow, the twists... Lily and her parents move into a new home in Wales. Folklore states that there is a witch that lives in the woods and steals children every 35 years. The writers "Retreat" is where Lily's family lived. Mum still lives there but lost her husband and Lily the same day. Husband drowned and Lily "disappeared". Lucas, the writer, goes to the Retreat to finish his second book. It's actually his old hometown but they moved away...Humpf 34 years ago.... Well the twists start to happen at about chapter 40. Characters are well written, chapters are kind of long and names are hard to pronounce. Overall I'm giving this book an

8/10.



Wynotn Marsalis ~ Moving to Higher Ground

Well this one needs no introduction. I started this book on 7/15/23. I really don't want to rush through this one so I may just read it leasurely for enjoyment. I finished this on 8/14/23. Yes it took me a while but I didn't read it every day like I do with other books. This isn't a "how to" book but there are a lot of rabbit holes that could be explored from the book. I like his take on Bix. I feel like I didn't give Bix's week a fair shake. I must listen to more Bix. His feelings of Miles are about the same as mine. It's just like..."uh, ok".

So it took me 30 days, but it was worth it.

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