

Dear Reader.

Do you remember when we were children and our parents cautioned us not to talk to strangers? Now that I've grown up, it's one of my greatest pleasures to meet new people and disobey that advice. And one of the best places I've found to talk to interesting people is when I'm offering my books at a festival like the one we held here in Sacramento on Sunday, April 19th.

This year's event was even bigger than the last one, and I met a lot of interesting folks—both fellow authors and people browsing or buying. There were a fair number of instances where my path had crossed at some time with a customer's, which always adds fun to the conversation. I got valuable feedback from folks who'd read some of my work, as well as a question about book clubs. I am *always* excited to speak to any book club about my work, either in person if you're in the Sacramento area or via Zoom if you're farther away. You can reach me by email at jenifererowe@gmail.com if you have questions about that.

When I spoke with folks who bought my latest novel **Timberlands**, I heard a lot of interest in the follow-on novel that I'm currently writing. The new story takes place 10 years later, in the lead-up to America's involvement in World War II. The protagonist is a younger sister in the same family, but some of the other family members also make an appearance. If you haven't yet read Timberlands, it is available as both a paperback and an e-book on Amazon. The easiest way to order it is to [CLICK HERE](#).

And so, I am grateful to all of the book lovers who came to the festival, to all who engaged in conversation with me, to the city of Sacramento for helping us to promote this wonderful annual event, and to the team that organized it. It was a very big job, and that team deserves some applause!

Thanks,

Jenifer