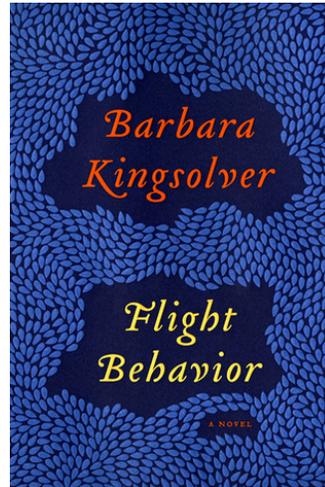


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Butterflies and Consequences

In 1952 *Collier's* magazine published a short story by science fiction writer Ray Bradbury in which a time traveler accidentally kills a prehistoric butterfly. Upon returning to the future he finds that his world is different; history has been altered for the worse, presumably because of a chain reaction of events that are the accumulated consequences of this one small death. Barbara Kingsolver's award winning 2012 novel tells a tale of "the butterfly effect" not in prehistory as science fiction, but in the present day as a very real possibility.



Featured this Month

Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Flight Behavior begins with the flight of its heroine -- Dellarobia Turnbow -- from the dreary realities of her life. Pregnant and married at 17, she's the barely respected, minimally regarded daughter-in-law of Bear and Hester, whose gentle but unambitious son, Cub, still works the family farm. Walking through a torrential autumn rain toward an illicit tryst in the farm's wood lot, Dellarobia's fevered yearning for something beyond the mundanities of sheep shearing, diapers, and dirty dishes is fulfilled in a most unexpected way -- an apparition of a forest aflame with an organic fire.

The vision that she later cautiously reports is taken by the religious in her rural Tennessee community to be a revelation from God -- and indeed it might be. Scientists who appear on the scene soon thereafter see it as a sign of a small "a" apocalypse. The orange fire in the trees of the Turnbow farm is a colony of monarch butterflies whose migratory pattern has been disrupted by climate change. Normally overwintering in Mexico, they have turned up instead on a mountainside so far north that their mass extinction as winter comes on seems inevitable.

Dellarobia's discovery awakens in her both a sense of responsibility for the butterflies as well as an intellectual curiosity she had left behind with her dreams of going to college and escaping small town life in an economically depressed region. Also prompting her involvement is the interest of her young son, who already seems to have the makings of a scientist. So when the leading expert on monarchs, an African-American Cornell professor, named Ovid Byron arrives, Dellarobia is drawn toward the information he possesses and later toward his companionship, his work, and the larger world in which the plight of the monarchs portends issues of global importance.

Throughout the novel Kingsolver slyly juxtaposes Dellarobia's narrow experience and pragmatic, down-home sense with the grand tenets of the environmental movement. Truly one of the cleverest scenes occurs between Dellarobia and an environmentalist who has a checklist for living a "greener" lifestyle. After having read this novel, one cannot help but feel a greater understanding of how deep and complicated is the position of the human animal in the natural world, aware of our effects on the planet, but not the master of them.

Introduction and review by Mary Anne Ciancia

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