



SIR ORVILLE Turnquest's 'What Manner of Man is This? The Duke of Windsor's Years in The Bahamas' is proving popular at Logos Bookstore, Harbour Bay.

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## Finding a book to please the ardent reader

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THERE are countless gift offerings this season for the bookworm who prefers getting lost in the pages of an intriguing novel instead of admiring something 'shiny and nice' on Christmas Day.

A skim of the shelves at local bookstores will prove fruitful in your quest to find a present that will be valued and appreciated by the ardent reader.

When deciding on a book to purchase for someone, Janice Cartwright, owner of Buy The Book, said considering the individual's hobbies and the place there

are at in their life will help with making the perfect selection.

"I don't usually recommend books because I do not know the person who the book is being bought for," she said. "However, I recommend that anyone purchasing a book for someone else determine first the kind of movies that person likes. Chances are if they love action movies or adventure movies they would like those kind of books.

"Also you should consider the hobbies, interest or stage of the life that person may be in. For example they may be just starting college, they may have just lost their

job, they may be a frustrated mother or father. All of that will determine what books they gravitate to."

With over 57 genres to sift through in the West Bay Street store opposite Saunders Beach, there is something available for all different types of readers - kids, suckers for romance, adventure lovers, those who love fun facts, inspirational and more.

"Some of the popular books this season are Megan Kelly's "Settle for More", David Baldacci's "No Man's Land", "5000 Awesome Facts". For the kids 'The School of Secrets: CJ's Treasure Chase, and The Dog Diaries are also

popular," she said.

For those who love to be encouraged will find much inspiration from Joel Osteen's new book "Think Better, Live Better" and Steve Harvey's "Jump".

Comparing hard copy books to reading electronically, Ricardo Munroe, Manager at Logos Bookstore in Harbour Bay Plaza is certain that there is no greater feeling than having a book in your hands where you can flip through those pages, make notes, bookmark and highlight content.

"The Kindle and iPads do not compare to that. I actually have a Kindle right now and I read a few books on it but there is no sub-

stitute to having a book in your hand," said the book enthusiast.

During this season he said supporters of the store are usually excited to purchase books by local authors as the perfect gift idea.

"A lot of the local authors are selling very well around this time - the Sir Orville Turnquest, Ivan James' "Life and Death of Hobby Horse Hall Race Track" and the Gail Saunders books.

Then of course it is the Guinness Book of Records and the James Patterson novels that are also selling," said Mr Munroe.

For the youngsters, the popular seller choice win-

ner would be "The Diary of A Wimpy Kid" by Jeff Kinney.

"When persons come in for books to purchase as gifts, in most cases they already know what they are looking for. Some persons may be looking for a specific title for instance and we can recommend our business section or if they want to find tune it to either a cook book or options like that, we can refer them to that section. Those picks are our yearly sellers," said Mr Munroe.

Moreover, as the new year is approaching, the Bahamian calendar by Nick Maillis is also a popular pick.