

## Pigs and Frogs

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The Shelburne, VT bookstore called The Flying Pig has a nice upstairs event space (and they hold many events!) and here are the kids coming in and getting settled before my visit with them. What a nice time! Thank you, store owners Josie and Elizabeth. Thank you, Shelburne. Thank you, Flying Pig.

And thank you, Bearded Frog, for a wonderful dinner later!

What is it, incidentally, with the airborne mammal and the hirsute amphibian? Store and restaurant names seem, in that town, to combine creatures and descriptive adjectives in interesting ways.

Right now I have a Grabby Kitten all over my computer, and on the floor, nearby, a Soporific Dog.

Incidentally, I mentioned, at the Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, Vermont, that I didn't yet have a final title on the book that the editor and I are (currently, temporarily) referring to as GIVER 4. Someone in the audience suggested that I hold a contest—that I put the manuscript up online, maybe a PDF file, and let people submit title suggestions.

There are many reasons why this is a bad idea.

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