

## To the not-so-frozen North

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Last night I stayed in the lovely Inn in Manchester Center, VT



in order to do a book event at the nearby Northshire Bookstore. This morning I was picked up by a driver and taken two hours north to Shelburne, VT, and to my surprise it is sunny and hot..in the 80's. The past two days have been chilly and damp and in anticipation of that I came clothed in a sweater...with a different sweater in my bag for a change of clothes...but when I went for a walk, to get lunch, wearing my dark blue cashmere, I almost melted.

So I looked for a store that could sell me a tee shirt and of course found one, and bought one. But...this being Vermont...my new shirt comes with a lengthy message about peace and composting and loving the earth in all its forms.

Oh well. I believe in all those things, just don't usually end up WEARING them.

Vermont is very beautiful and i've enjoyed my travels around the state this trip. Flood damage is still evident but so is the hard work going into repairs of washed-out roads.

I am now in the Heart of the Village Inn, another lovely B&B, smaller than last night's but very charming. In a couple of hours, wearing my message-y shirt, I will walk to the Flying Pig Bookstore and get to meet another group of Vermont kids and moms and teachers, all readers. Such good company I keep!

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