

# Vascular Birthmarks Foundation Annual Appeal

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## 1,000,000 hits on our website monthly, 250,000 annual users and over 25,000 children and adults networked into treatment....



#### Your donations ARE MAKING A



#### **DIFFERENCE!!!!**

#### By President and Founder, Linda Rozell-Shannon

Wow! That's the only word I can think of to describe 2007. Your donations over the past year have helped us hit an all time record high in accomplishments. Just look at what you have helped us to do this past year:

- ✓ Held our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Awareness –
   With several international events
- ✓ Had our largest single DOA event in history the Texas Hold 'Em Event
- ✓ Expanded our Experts Lists
- ✓ Partnered with Beckman Laser Institute for our 2<sup>nd</sup> west coast PWS and Vascular Birthmarks Conference
- ✓ Announced 2008 ALL BIRTHMARK TYPES International Conference in NYC in November 2008

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#### Bolinger Family's 4th Annual North Texas VBF Benefit Largest Single Fundraiser in VBF History

Natalie and Brian Bolinger have continued to uphold the "everything is bigger in Texas" slogan. This year the Bolinger's broke all VBF fund raising records. Their 4th Annual North Texas VBF Benefit netted nearly \$34,000 for

VBF.



Coco before and after surgery

The Bolinger's daughter Nicole (Coco) had a compound hemangioma at the corner of her right eye, near her nose.

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#### **The Stephen Dale Project**



Stephen in recording studio

When the Dale Family attended the VBF conference in Boston, October 2006, they didn't know that this conference would change their lives, as well as components of the VBF mission.

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# The Hemangioma and Vascular Birthmarks Foundation, Inc. Statement of Financial Position 2006

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Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 64,250
Investments	 736,696
Total Current Assets	800,946
Property, Plant and Equipment Net	 1,176
	\$ 802,124

#### **LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

#### **Current Liabilities**

Accounts Payable & Accrued Expenses	\$ 2,553 779,212
Total Current Liabilities	781,765
Net Assets Unrestricted	\$ 20,359 802,124

#### **UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS**

#### **Unrestricted Support and Revenues**

Grants	\$ 227,788
Conference Fee Income	5,750
Contributions	131,070
Interest Income	887
Dividend Income	8,467
Realized/Unrealized Investment Appreciation	44,304
Miscellaneous	 3,583
Total Unrestricted Support and Revenues	\$ 421,849

#### **Functional Expenses**

Program Services	314,095
Management and General	42,347
Fund Raising	 63,891
Total Functional Expenses	\$ 420,333
Change In Unrestricted Net Assets	1,516
Unrestricted Net Assets, Beginning of Year	18,843
Unrestricted Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 20,359

- ✓ Held our annual summer Salsa event in Upstate New York (home of VBF)
- ✓ Received a \$25,000 donation from the Texas Rangers through our Honorary Chairs Frank and Barbara Catalanotto. Frank plays for the Texas Rangers. The donation was presented during a game.
- ✓ Establish a new board structure for VBF with a new International Chapters Director, Glenda Ethington
- ✓ Published our first insurance appeal and out of network guidebook for families and established an insurance appeal representative position with VBF, headed by Basia Joyce. Basia also headed up the creation of the insurance guidebook for VBF
- ✓ Partnered with the Dale family and the Stephen Dale Project to receive funds from the sale of jewelry designed to raise awareness about vascular birthmarks and other facial differences.
- ✓ Funded two major research projects which will have a major impact on Port Wine Stain and Hemangioma classification and treatment.
- ✓ VBF is named in several national newspaper and magazine stories and on national television.
- ✓ Funded the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Baby Kristen story to be aired in 2007 or 2008.
- ✓ VBF President and Founder scheduled to present research from her Ph.D. pilot study at VBF conference in Irvine, Ca.
- ✓ Updated website to be more user friendly and to provide more resources for families
- ✓ Established a type of shopping cart for all VBF items that can be purchased
- Received the highest positive rating for our annual audit for the second year in a row.
- ✓ VBF Australia held a Ball to raise awareness and funds for VBF.

So, what's left to do in 2008? Plenty.

We still need to get legislation passed that will require insurance companies to cover the treatment of children with vascular birthmarks.

- ❖ We also need to work directly with the primary medical insurance corporations in the United States so that they can have a better understanding of why so many of our families need out of network referrals. Our new insurance guidebook is helping with this cause.
- ❖ We have several physicians waiting to come to the United States to train in the diagnosis and treatment of vascular birthmarks. Due to a lack of sufficient funds, we have not been able to award any physician education grants in two years.
- ❖ We need funding to help with our 2008 International All Vascular Birthmarks Conference so that we can keep the costs down to a bare minimum for families attending from around the world. We are expecting over 200 families to attend this conference.
- We need a marketing team that will help get the word out about VBF and especially about vascular birthmarks.
- ❖ We need to coordinate our 2008
  International Day of Awareness. Only
  your help can make 2008 the best year
  ever. We would like 100 families
  participating from around the world in
  our DOA event. If you have not signed up
  yet, you can do it by filling out the
  enclosed registration form.
- ❖ We need you to get involved. Become a parent or adult rep. Join our fund raising team or become a Kids Who Care coordinator in your child's school district. You can read about this later on in this issue.
- We need to design and distribute specialty brochures and booklets are various birthmark syndromes for all of our sub-specialty groups and conditions that we work with.
- ❖ We need your annual donation. Every donation enables VBF to help families all over the world affected by a vascular birthmark. You know and you can read in this issue how every dollar has a place and every dollar is making a difference.

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We are not the type of charitable group that just collects money and has no new accomplishments each year. We have grown over the past 11 years to be the leading not for profit in the WORLD for children and adults affected by a vascular birthmark. Your donations helped us to achieve that status and you continued financial support will help us to keep making a difference! THANK YOU for your past donations and for the donation that we hope you will make this year!

#### 2007 Port Wine Stain and Vascular Birthmarks Conference – "Research Holds the Key"

VBF is excited to announce that our 2007 Conference "Research Holds the Key" will be in Irvine California the weekend of November 2-3, 2007. We are currently working with the conference Chair, Dr. Stuart Nelson of The Beckman Laser Institute, to provide the best agenda, speakers, and options for all attendees. We know that we will be announcing some major research findings at the conference and will of course have the latest information regarding the diagnosis and treatment of vascular birthmarks. Keep checking on the VBF website for information about the conference.

#### ~VBF Board Members and Staff~

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## VBF 2007 Physician of the Year Alex Berenstein, M.D.



Alejandro Berenstein, MD, is the director of Beth Israel's Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery (INN) at Roosevelt hospital in New York City, a state-of-the-art facility for the diagnosis and treatment of neurological diseases. He is a pioneer in the field of Interventional Neuroradiology, a specialty that utilizes minimally invasive procedures to treat conditions related to the vascular system of the brain, head, face, spine and spinal cord.

Dr. Berenstein created and developed the first Division of Interventional Neuroradiology (surgical neuroangiography) in the United States. The Hyman-Newman Institute for Neurology and Neurosurgery (INN) at Roosevelt hospital in New York City is a multidisciplinary center for the treatment of arteriovenous vascular malformations (AVM), brain aneurysms and tumors, birthmarks and other vascular abnormalities.Dr. Berenstein holds patents on several devices used to treat these neurological conditions.

A prolific and popular lecturer, he is also coauthor of Surgical Neuroangiography, the fivevolume definitive work on the field of interventional neuroradiology. During his career, he has written over 100 publications in peer reviewed journals, and has given over 600 presentations at national and international meetings.

#### VBF Kids Who Care Glen's Gang News

Glen's Gang, the newsletter and pen pal group for kids with birthmarks, now has over 50 members. 13 year-old Glen Ethington started the group in 2006. It provides children with birthmarks, and their siblings, the opportunity to correspond with others with whom they can readily identify. The members share stories, art work, and learn more about how to help others.

Members receive a VBF Kids Who Care bracelet, the newsletter, and occasional special gifts from Glen.

If your child would like to become a member of Glen's Gang, you can enroll your child online at the VBF and SWSC websites, just look for the Glen's Gang link, or write to Glen's Gang at: Glen's Gang, C/O SWSC, P.O. Box 24890, Lexington, KY 40524-4890.

#### **VBF Summer Fundraising Event**

This year's seventh annual VBF summer event took place at Saratoga National Golf Club in Saratoga Springs, New York and was our best ever raising \$15,000. All thanks go to the board members, volunteers, donors, sponsors and attendees whose support and generosity made the evening fun and meaningful. A special thank you goes to our co-chairs, Elysa Baron, and Cherie Williams. Without their talent and hard work, this important fundraiser would not have taken place.

Special guests that evening included New York State Assembly Minority Leader James Tedisco who graced us with his presence and inspirational words. Assemblyman Tedisco has been a long time supporter of VBF and works tirelessly to improve the quality of living for thousands of New York residents.

Another special guest was American Idol Season Six star Jenry Bejarano. Jenry sang two songs to a captivated audience who showed their appreciation with a standing ovation.



Jenry Bejarano and Assemblyman James Tedisco

The evening's music was provided by Latin Jazz Band, Sensemaya and dance instruction by The Saratoga Savoy.

VBF's President and Founder Linda Rozell-Shannon spoke passionately about

the past successes of VBF and the exciting news of the future which includes significant research that will be announced at our Birthmarks Conference at the Beckman Laser Institute on November second and third. Moreover, VBF continues to fulfill its mission and works continually to improve the support and program services it provides to its friends and families.

This year's VBF service award went to Lianne Chase who has raised funds and awareness for VBF for many years. Also recognized was her family, sons Cody and Casey and her husband Kevin. Lianne is also a dedicated VBF board member.

VBF will continue its fundraisers and special events and looks forward to seeing many of you next year.

Please visit the VBF website to learn more about donating, sponsorship and attending or contact Paige Salvador at <a href="mailto:BASPASTS@cs.com">BASPASTS@cs.com</a> and 518-209-6915.

#### Join Us for the VBF 2008 International Day of Awareness

Please join us for VBF's Fifth Annual International Day of Awareness in 2008. This grassroots campaign serves to educate the public about vascular birthmarks and their related syndromes, and raise funds to support the work of the VBF. Day of Awareness officially takes place annually on May 15 and is celebrated by hundreds of friends from around the world;

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#### AWARENESS| From Page 5

however, many events are conducted throughout the year.

Participants can have fun while working to help those affected by birthmarks. Some past events include lemonade stands, garage sales, jeans day at work, a birthday party fundraiser, awareness bracelets and VBF We Care Bears sales, bake sales, sponsored marathons, Buddy Booby book read-along, a penny drive – the possibilities are endless.

There is something for everyone, especially you!

So please make your plans to participate in this event. Once you have registered your event, VBF will provide you with supportive materials and offer any assistance we can to make this campaign enjoyable and successful.

If you are interested in participating, write to Paige Salvador at <u>BASPASTS@cs.com</u> or call 856-234-2126.

Note: You can pre-register your event by filling out and mailing in the Donor/Fundraiser From on the inside back page of this newsletter.

#### **VBF International Chapters**

- VBF Africa <a href="http://vbfafrica.org">http://vbfafrica.org</a>
- VBF Asia <a href="http://vbfasia.org">http://vbfasia.org</a>
- VBF Australia http://vbfaustralia.org
- VBF Europe http://vbfeurope.org
- VBF India http://vbfindia.org
- VBF Israel http://birthmark.org.il
- VBF Latin America http://vbflatinamerica.org
- VBF New Zealand http://vbfnewzealand.org
- VBF/SWSC-Canada <u>http://swscommunitycanada.org</u>
- Sturge-Weber Syndrome Community http://swscommunity.org

The VBF would also like to acknowledge Anomalie Vasculaire, the first and only all-French language website for vascular anomalies, founded by Lise Daoust of Canada, who has an AVM of the lip. Lise also helped translate the VBF/SWSC-Canada website into French. http://www.anomalievasculaire.org

#### **BOLINGER**| From Page 1

The Bolingers began seeking treatment when Coco was 3 weeks old with oral steroids. Unfortunately, the steroids did not stop the growth but things turned around when they found Dr. Waner (he was at Arkansas Children's Hospital at the time). The Bolinger's found Dr. Waner by searching the Internet and visiting the VBF website.

During one of Coco's first surgeries, the VBF was having their annual Day of Awareness. Brian and Natalie were so grateful to the VBF that they asked their friends and relatives to donate money directly to VBF in Coco's honor through a brochure campaign, and raised \$3,000. The following year they began their North Texas Benefit, and raised \$10,000. In 2006, the event raised almost \$25,000 and was able to net a donation of nearly \$17,000 for VBF. This year



Speedway Club before the big event

the event netted about \$34,000 for VBF.

The Bolingers put in 4 to 5 months each year planning this event, and each year the event

continues to expand and get more exciting – Texas style. The first event had 100 attendees, the second event had 200, and this year there were 270 attendees. This year's event was held August 10, 2007, at The Speedway Club at the Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas, complete with dinner, live auction, live band, and of course plenty of poker. Among the auction items was a print by "Coco Bolinger".

"I could write a book on how fantastic the VBF is and how helpful they are to families of children with vascular birthmarks," said Natalie.



Artwork by Nicole "Coco" Bolinger was auctioned at their event

The Bolingers would like to thank everyone who attended and/or donated to the event. "Without you, we could not be successful," Natalie said. "Also, this event would not happen if it were not for Linda Shannon and Dr. Milton Waner. They are both very special people and without them, I don't

know what we could have done or what would have happened to Nicole."

VBF is also proud to announce that Brian Bolinger has joined our Board of Directors. Our hat is off to the Bolingers and all the fine people of Texas who helped to make this event VBFs most successful single fundraiser event in our 13 year history.

#### DALE| From Page 1

Stephen, the teenage son of Mike and Anne Dale has a facial port wine stain. Like many other families, they came to the conference to learn about the latest information in the diagnosis and treatment of vascular birthmarks. They were happy to hear about the new developments in treatment and were even happier to meet all of the physicians and VBF staff.

Several months after the conference, VBF
President and Founder Linda Rozell-Shannon
received an email from Anne. She and her
husband own a jewelry store in Louisiana, "Anne
Dale Jeweler". Anne Dale had designed a piece
of jewelry for New Orleans Katrina relief.
Famous celebrities and politicians, including the
President himself, purchased and supported
Anne's Katrina relief jewelry.

Anne knew that God was using her talents to help others, and was inspired to design a piece of jewelry to help raise money for VBF. Proceeds will benefit VBF so that we can continue to make a difference in the lives of families affected by a vascular birthmark. As a result of this piece of jewelry, a theme emerged, "Beauty Comes From Within".

That set the stage for the evolution of the Stephen Dale Project, a website designed by Stephen, which is fast becoming an international outreach to spread the good news that being facially different is beautiful. An accomplished musician, Stephen is spreading the word, through his voice and his talents, that we all are equally beautiful - because real beauty is inside, not outside. His website features numerous facial differences, including vascular birthmarks. This campaign is so important that it will be the theme for the VBF 2008 Conference in NYC, and will be the focus of a major fund raiser to coincide with the 2008 conference.

The Dale's will be attending this year's conference in California. Stephen will be giving a special presentation about "The Stephen Dale Project" during Friday night's opening ceremonies.

Thanks to the Dale family, our mission now includes promotion of the Stephen Dale Project theme, "Beauty Comes From Within." While we continue to network children and adults with a vascular birthmark into treatment, educate physicians, sponsor research, and support programs dealing with acceptance for living with a birthmark, we also support the message that real beauty comes from within.



Anne's jewelry,
"Beauty Comes From
Within", is Sterling
Silver and can be
purchased as a pin
and/or a pendant on

the VBF website. You can also help VBF by selling the pins and/or pendants to help us raise funds. To learn more about how to order or sell Anne Dale's jewelry, visit the VBF website.

For more information about "The Stephen Dale Project" visit the website at <a href="https://www.stephendaleproject.com">www.stephendaleproject.com</a>.



# VBF 4th Annual International Day of Awareness May 15, 2007 The Tradition of Awareness and Fundraising Continues

From Paige Salvador, VBF Executive Director and Day of Awareness Campaign Organizer: On behalf of Linda Rozell-Shannon, the President and Founder of VBF, the board of directors, the VBF volunteers and each person who turns to us for information and support, I thank all of you who made the 2007 VBF International Day of Awareness a huge success. This year so far we have raised \$10,167. This amount of funding will serve to help us carry on our important mission.

The following stories about each Day of Awareness event, is a testimony to the strength of our organization and the deep compassion and commitment of our volunteers to help others affected by vascular birthmarks. There is no event too small or too big. Each one is profoundly meaningful. I thank each of you and look forward to working with you next

VBF established the tradition of Day of Awareness for vascular birthmarks on May 15, 2004. Since that day, VBF families have established their own tradition of raising awareness and funds for VBF.

## **International Buddy Booby's Birthmark Read-Along for Tolerance and Awareness**

Donna and Evan Ducker, mother and son authors of "Buddy Booby's Birthmark", joined VBF Day of Awareness in 2006 by launching an international read-along. The event quickly grew, becoming a hugely popular campaign for awareness by parents and kids alike.

This year the Read-Along included over 70 schools in 7 countries.



Set in the Galapagos Islands, the book tells the story of Buddy, a red-footed booby bird born with a birthmark. The book focuses on acceptance, selfesteem and tolerance.

Visit the Buddy Booby's

Birthmark website <a href="www.buddyboobysbirthmark.com">www.buddyboobysbirthmark.com</a> to register your school or group for the 2008 International Buddy Booby's Birthmark Read-Along, and/or for information on purchasing a copy of the book.

Buddy Booby is the official mascot of the VBF.

## 2007 VBF International Day of Awareness Events

Here are some of the 2007 participants. Congratulations and thank you to all!

Dorothy Alley and Kate Maupin, R.A.'s at the University of Maine, organized a Penny Carnival and raised \$75.

Corinne Barinaga, VBF Administrative Director, and family raised \$100 by collecting and saving change in the "Glen's Gang" collection box.

Kelly Barkmeier, along with friends and family, raised \$565 with their "3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fundraiser Walk"

Abigail Burke and family raised \$505 by collecting donations.

Lianne Chase, VBF Parent Rep., along with family and friends, raised \$1,000 with "Across the Street for VBF" at a local pub.

Jan and Andrew Dreger raised over \$1,000 in their first "Campbell's Boat House VBF Awareness Night", at their family-owned and operated restaurant. Robin Houwman and the Vascular Birthmark Support Group raised \$368 for VBF Awareness Day with their ongoing jewelry sale.

Keenan Koch and his Boy Scout troop organized a garage sale, raising \$1,500.

Lily Mollencott participated in the "Buddy Booby Book Read-Along", and wrote to several magazines and companies to raise awareness.

Kelly Pallone participated in the NY State Triathlon, raising \$150.

Sandra and Todd Peters donated 25 copies of "Buddy Booby's Birthmark" to schools across Wisconsin, Illinois, Texas, and New York. The company where Sandra works, Menasha Packaging and Division President Mike Waite, also purchased \$1,000 worth of the books for the Read-Along campaign. The Peters family also raised \$2,163 in their annual garage sale, brat fry, bake sale, and raffle.

Delia Rooney raised \$1,478 by running in last year's marathon in Belfast, Ireland, and through an awareness campaign at her workplace.

We want to celebrate your Day of Awareness project. If you would like to see your event featured in the newsletter, please don't forget to mail-in your Remittance Form, along with any photos or other event publications.

## VBF International Chapter Representatives Day of Awareness Events

- **Australia** Fundraiser Ball, Eloisa Evangelista
- Brazil 3rd Annual Meeting of People with Hemangioma and Lymphangioma, Andrea Domingues
- Canada VBF/SWSC distributing VBF Fact Pamphlets, Tom Gilbert
- **Europe** Raffle/Talent Contest/Disco with dance instruction, Kay Lewin
- India distributing VBF Fact pamphlets, Santo Banerjee
- **New Zealand** distributing VBF Fact pamphlets, Gabrielle Martell-Turner
- **SWSC Arizona** GoodSearch.com email campaign, Brenda Villa
- **SWSC Florida** distributed VBF Fact Pamphlets and article in local newspaper, Kathy Wyrick

#### Light a Candle of Hope



This Holiday Season, remember to add VBF to your gift list. Help VBF light a candle of hope for all children and adults living with vascular birthmarks.

Visit <u>www.birthmark.org</u> to make your online donation.

#### Family Scrapbook - VBF International Day of Awareness 2007



Jeans for Generosity- Kessler Boston VBF Treasurer Danielle Vlahos, front-left





Abigail Burke, pictured with Rev. Kenny Griffin of Lakeside Outreach Church, collected donations for Day of Awareness



Lily Mollencott and nephew Dominic participated in the Buddy Booby Book Read-Along



Christine Shannon, daughter of President and Founder Linda Rozell-Shannon, reads the Buddy Booby book to the Kindergarten class at St. Ambrose School on May 15th, VBF's official DOA



Owen Dreger celebrates "Campbell's Boat House" event



VBF Parent Rep. Lianne Chase and family hosted an evening of food, friendship and fundraising at a local restaurant



Donna and Evan Ducker read their book, "Buddy Booby's Birthmark", at a local school.

## VBF Donor/Fundraiser Registration Form BF Fundraiser (Check all that apply and fill in contact information below):

Kids Who Care	check all that apply and fill in contact information below):
Buddy Booby Read-Along	
Awareness Day	
Other Fundraiser Fundraiser type	
~DONATION – Make Your Annual Tax Deductib	ole Donation~
*Please fill in contact information below	DONATION CREDIT CARD/CHECK/MONEY ORDER
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Chapter Name:	Type of Credit card
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VBF/SWSC - Canada	DiscoverAmerican Express
	Credit Card Number:
	Expiration Date:
*Contact Information	Check or Money Order: payable to VBF (memo branch)
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<ul> <li>envelope.</li> <li>VBF Silicone Bracelets – VBF bracelets ar volumes of 50.</li> <li>VBF We Care Bears – Birthmark Buddy V</li> </ul>	es for cash and mail a check or money order in the self-address stamped e embossed with "VBF Kids Who Care". Bracelets will be sent in Ve Care Bears are embroidered with the VBF logo. We can send you one are finished taking orders and collecting the money for the bears, we will
send you the full supply.	wn "Do-It Yourself' fundraiser (lemonade stand, car wash, garage sale,
bake sale, etc.).  Type of DIY fundraiser (yard sale, auction,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
☐ Buddy Booby Read-Along – Sign up at	

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#### THE VBF IS WORKING FOR YOU

The VBF has networked over 25,000 patients into treatment since 1995

Helped to Establish Nine VB Clinics

Website and Discussion Group

Annual Newsletters/Day of Awareness Newsletter

Doctor List and Referral Information

Ask the Experts/Ask-A-Nurse on website

International Conferences – PWS and All Birthmark Types

Family Education and Support/Physician and Public Education

VBF Chapters – Worldwide Support and Education

Sturge-Weber Syndrome Community/VBF-SWSC Canada

#### **Mission Statement**

The Vascular Birthmarks
Foundation is an
international charitable
organization that
provides support and
informational resources
for individuals affected by
hemangiomas, port wine
stains, and other vascular
birthmarks and tumors,
while sponsoring relevant
research and promoting
physician education.

VBF Program - VBF Awareness Day/Babies with Birthmarks/Orphans with Birthmarks/Kids Who Care

Glen's Gang Newsletter and Pen Pal Group

Buddy Booby's Birthmark Book Read-Along



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