



Sunriver Books & Music

April 2022 Newsletter

Sunriverbooks.com
541-593-2525



Fun for Dog Lovers!

One of my personal heroes is Dr. Sue Dougherty, a multi talented person. I feel honored to know Sue. Sue and her husband, Dr. Mark Parchman, opened Bend Veterinary Specialists in 2005. They are both gifted in their field and care intensely about animals.

Sue is also a talented photographer. For decades she has traveled the world (Africa, the Galapagos, Alaska, the USA) taking amazing wildlife photographs. Sue mainly consults in her veterinary career now, leaving her free to concentrate on creating incredible photographs. Her work was recognized in winning the prestigious Audubon Photography Award (<https://www.audubon.org/magazine/summer-2020/the-2020-audubon-photography-awards-winners->). You can see her photographs at the Red Chair Gallery in Bend or at Sunriver Books & Music.

Along with her amazing wildlife photography, Sue is offering photo shoots of dogs! I definitely plan to schedule a photo shoot for Kipling! Below is information from Sue about arranging to have your beloved dog photographed.

Offleash Photography Artsy Photoshoot information



I am planning another set of "photoshoots" for dog portraits with simple white and/or black backdrop. These create really memorable and fun art-sy images that I think you will love.

For folks that do not know me: I am a veterinarian and professional photographer. I am most known for my wildlife photography but I love doing pet portraits in a fun and creative way. My website: www.offleashphotography.net

Here is what is included:

- From 45 min-1 hour of session time.
 - Professional studio light set up with white and/or black backdrops.
 - Toys and treats, kisses and praise!
 - I will need one owner or someone really familiar with the dog to help! It is fun!
 - I will have images edited (exact number varies) and ready for you within 1-2 weeks.
- Images are professionally edited by me. They are saved as high resolution and low resolution JPGs on a flash drive for you to then use in any way you choose. You are able to have them printed to frame or create a canvas or just use digitally....whatever you wish!
 - Because you are given all of the edited images you do not order prints through me. The edited digital images are yours. I do occasionally use watermarked images for promotions (blog, emails, Facebook, instagram).
 - Cost to you for all of this : \$325 for one dog/ session. \$375 for two dogs/session. More than two dogs will require more time and I can give you a specific quote for that. This includes the time from arrival through the actual photoshoot,

Beautifully, professionally edited images (Number varies with cooperative nature of the pet! Usually around 20- 25 images (Range from 20-50 images)and a flash drive with both low and high resolution jpgs loaded on to it.

I do appreciate when using your images on social media that you link to my website or acknowledge the photographer. (www.offleashphotography.net) (Thank you :))

Payment due when the flash drive is delivered to you. April exact dates to come.
Depending on demand more dates may open up.

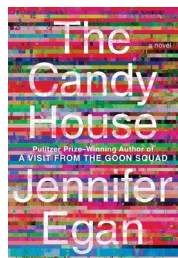
HOW DO I SCHEDULE???? Email or text me and I will get back to you with times available. • NEW EMAIL: doughertysueoffleash@gmail.com • Phone: 541-788-0312



May 21 @ 5PM New York Times Bestselling Author presents *The Darkest Place*, the latest in the Robin Lockwood series.

Purchase of the book is required to attend, ticketed event for vaccinated audience. Space is limited.

Staff Recommendations. Holly Hendricks Recommends.



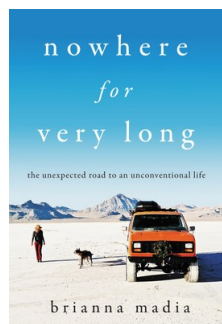
The Candy House by Jennifer Egan. If you ever pondered where we are going as a society with all the immense technological changes we have experienced, then please give yourself the gift of reading Jennifer Egan's book *The Candy House*.

It is a wonderfully weird book with lots of seemingly disjointed characters and time frames that describe a possible (probable?) world. Perhaps we should slow down and ponder consequences for a couple of minutes. The story starts with a brilliant techy (Bix) who is feeling the pressure to come up with his next big thing. He lands on the idea of externalizing our memories and uploading them to a Collective Consciousness because everyone is a closet voyeur? Why wouldn't a company come up with such an ingenious idea? I would want to know the memories of my dad when he went to a concert in his youth. What could be the problem? We live in a capitalist world where the pursuit of money is a god so, yes, of course, hook up some tech to my body and let 'er rip.

Inevitably, we learn that things are so much more complicated than we thought. Bix got the idea from the work of a field anthropologist who had lived in the Amazon studying tribes who are well known to each other and their histories. She developed a theory of how to map the genome of human inclinations and developed algorithms for predicting human behavior, which allowed social media companies to monetize their business. She never thought her work, which required intimate relationships between people with shared histories, would morph into a movement that alters the course of humans.

The characters in this book seem tangential to each other, but they can overlap. The reading is a little jarring, but we are in jarring times because of the inter-play of technology and humans and the pursuit of money. There is a lot in this book. Jennifer Egan is a brilliant writer but I hope her story of *The Candy House* does not come to fruition.

Deon Recommends.



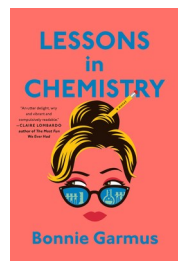
Nowhere for Very Long by Brianna Madia is a memoir with a bit of something for everyone; choosing a lifestyle based on personal passions rather than societal norms, reverence for the out of doors, openness about a childhood marred by her parents' divorce, the failure of her own marriage, adventure travel and the bond she shares with her dogs.

She tells of her devastation as a child over her parent's divorce, going quickly from a middle-class childhood in an up-scale neighborhood with two loving parents, to the child being raised by a single mother while her father had drug and reliability issues. She marries a man she has known most of her life. They both had a fierce love of the outdoors and a passion for adventure. Moving from the East Coast, they settled in Utah with all of its high desert and canyon lands it was an ideal environment.

At first, they purchased the van as a weekend getaway vehicle, but the siren call of the out of doors was strong, Brianna leaves her job and they move into the van full time with their two dogs, Dagwood and Bucket. The marriage dissolves after a tragedy makes it too difficult to continue

Brianna became a social media personality, documenting her single travels and adventures on Instagram. She is extremely open about not only the beauty and freedom of her lifestyle, but also the risks and deprivations. It gets cold in the van during winter, bitter cold. She travels to places where no help would be forthcoming in case of emergency.

There is a Bend Oregon connection. When Brianna desperately needs help, she finds it here with the excellent people at Bend Animal Emergency and Bend Veterinary Specialists. Two of my heroes, Dr. Sue Dougherty and Dr. Mark Parchman were involved as the emergency team worked hard to do the almost impossible.



This is an account of a woman choosing to live on her own terms, living a life of adventure with her dogs by her side. It is also an account of a love of the canyon lands and high desert, a joy in the awesome beauty of the land.

Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus mixes comedy and chemistry to make sparks fly for a spirited romp of a novel, pure fun to read. In the 1960's it was rare for a woman to be a successful chemist, the men firmly held the reins of power and didn't plan on relinquishing anytime soon. Elizabeth Zott's attempt at a successful career is stymied early, before she even achieves the doctorate degree necessary to be taken seriously in the field.

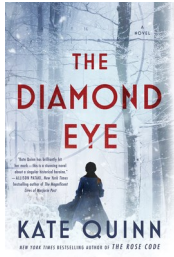
She never planned on children, but in 1961 that is where she finds herself, a single mother putting notes in her little girl's lunch. Although these are not necessarily the regular sort of mommy notes. Such as "*Play sports at recess but do not automatically let the boys win.*" Then again, she hadn't planned on falling in love either. Calvin Evans is every bit as eccentric as

Elizabeth, a brilliant scientist with an international reputation. Until he meets Elizabeth, his twin passions were science and rowing. He didn't think he would ever meet a woman with the same passion for chemistry, Elizabeth was a shock to his system. They both worked at Hastings Research Institute. Calvin the star of the establishment, Elizabeth the woman given zippo respect.

Life can be topsy turvy, taking unexpected turns both good and bad. Thus, she finds herself alone with her child and an extremely intelligent dog she has taught quite an extensive vocabulary (the dog is major cool!). Trying to make ends meet is difficult, she is not paid well or even nearly equal to the men at Hastings and is given no recognition for her work. Her whole life has been focused on being a scientist. However, needs must. So, when the opportunity arises, she takes the job of a TV personality, a celebrity chef. Elizabeth justifies her new job by the rationale that cooking is chemistry. She eschews any of the usual TV frippery, giving serious presentations on preparing healthy meals while causing the TV execs, who believe all that frippery essential, heartburn. The show, to the surprise of the aforementioned execs, is a success.

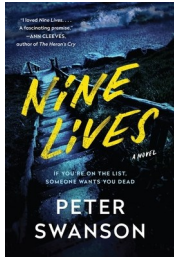
Can a woman whose heart and soul are involved with serious science find happiness as a TV celebrity? I don't know, but the book sure takes the reader on a wild ride discovering how things will sort out for Elizabeth Zott! What a great character and entertaining novel!

Staff Recommendations.
Deon Recommends.



The Diamond Eye by Kate Quinn. Known for outstanding historic fiction set around WWII, Kate Quinn has outdone herself, this is her best! Lyudmila Pavlichenko was a regular person, a librarian. War changes lives, generally in dramatically bad ways. She rose to meet the challenge of her time, a world at war, becoming a proficient and deadly sniper. Pavlichenko is credited with 309 kills, a remarkable number for a field of endeavor that usually ended in death. As her fame spread, she was sent on a tour of America to boost the war effort where she made friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, a friendship that endured for years.

What a story! Eleanor Roosevelt, First Lady of the United States, and Lyudmila Pavlichenko, a devastatingly accurate sniper known as Lady Death, become friends. A woman steps onto the battlefield becoming a sniper feared by the Nazis, a sniper they wanted to kill, then goes on a tour developing this amazing, lasting friendship with Eleanor Roosevelt, the stuff of fantasy, except it really happened. Quinn's latest historic fiction, of Pavlichenko's life, is rich in history, and brings the story alive.



Nine Lives by Peter Swanson is a clever mystery, the plot takes lots of twists, and there are call out to other mystery novels.

Sheets of paper with just 9 names, no other message, start being delivered to the nine people named. None of those receiving the strange list know any of the other names on the list. It could be just junk mail. Or maybe a mistake? But why was their name on the list? One of those names, is FBI agent Jessica Winslow. It seems just an oddity, until people on the list start to die.

There is no evident common thread. An old man, walking on the beach in Maine, is the first to die. The ages on the list range from young people in their 30's to older folk in their 70's. There are successful professionals alongside those down on their luck, just making the rent. Single, married, living all over the country. Some are nice people, beloved by family and friends, while others are not going to be widely mourned. The only connections seem to be someone is planning to kill them all.

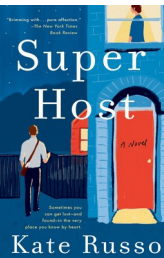
As the body count mounts, the FBI is trying to find the killer before the next victim falls. But the killer isn't making it easy, nothing to go on, no commonality, unless there is something hidden driving the destruction of nine people including one of their own.



Staff Recommendations. Now Available in Paperback.

Palace of the Drowned by Christine Mangan. Venice, with all its beauty, mist rising off the canals, and endless alleys, is the perfect setting for this eerie, atmospheric tale of an author who goes badly off the rails. Frankie's debut novel was lauded, a success. Since then, it has been a slow slide downhill. Each successive book garnering fewer sales, less regard. Her fourth book received a vicious review. Frankie reads all the reviews avidly, is not able to put the hurtful remarks aside, but dwells on them. Fortified by a stiff drink she attends a soiree and continues drinking. Still obsessed about the review, she easily takes offense, and goes seriously out of control in front of a reporter.

Her wealthy friend realizes Frankie needs to get away from London, needs to be out of the glare of public recognition, and loans her the use of a spacious palazzo in Venice to lie low for a while. Walking to the market she is greeted by a young woman, Gilly, claiming to be the daughter of an acquaintance. Gilly is an admirer of Frankie's work, eager to spend time with her. Yet, there is something about Gilly's story that just doesn't ring true to Frankie.



It is 1966, as the two women dance around the truth, the flood waters in Venice rise. The moody setting, Frankie's angst about her career spiraling out of control, Gilly's mystery, and the rising water all keep the reader guessing and enthralled. Gorgeously written

Super Host by Kate Russo, Bennett Driscoll was quite the star of the art scene, his gorgeous nudes bringing major dollars. That was all a long time ago. Now, his marriage failed, he is living in his tiny studio in the backyard of the house purchased in his heyday, renting out his home as an Airbnb and living on the rent which does not go far.

Covid 19 Update.

The situation with Covid-19 changes so quickly. Presently we are requesting people wear masks. Daily we monitor this website with data on Covid-19 in Deschutes County: https://covidactnow.org/us/oregon-or/county/deschutes_county/?s=30771935 Several experts were quoted in an NPR article. <https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2022/02/26/1083210610/masks-mandates-safety> "Dr. Lisa Maragakis, senior director of infection prevention at the Johns Hopkins Health System, agrees that she would like to see the case rate "in single digits" before she's comfortable without a mask". We watch the case rate, when it is below 10 per 100K and the infection rate below 1%, we either request or abandon masks (depending on how low the rates go). If cases rise, we will require masks again. Some members of our community and families that are vulnerable. There are differences of opinion on masks, we could be wrong. However, we could also be right and wearing a mask is such a slight inconvenience compared to possibly giving the virus to someone at risk. We are only trying to protect the vulnerable among us. The elderly and immunocompromised are not disposable. We offer curbside service and delivery inside Sunriver too.

April 2022 Book Clubs

April is a big month for Book Clubs in Central Oregon, it is time for the county wide read. Sunriver Books & Music's Book Club participates in Deschutes County Library's Novel Idea, this year the book is ***The Seed Keeper*** by Diane Wilson.

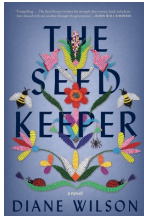
April is when Sunriver starts to put on it's spring duds, the grass looks green, the sun is out, and it is great time to go for long walks outdoors. Still a little too snowy for hiking in many areas, but head east a little and there is good hiking already. Just in time **100 Hikes in Eastern Oregon** by William Sullivan has been updated with lots of hiking opportunities. After all that activity, settling in with a good book is the perfect way to spend the evening. Then get together for a discussion with other passionate readers. Book Clubs are held via Zoom at 6 PM on Mondays. If you would like to attend, send us an email at sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com and we will send you a link the weekend before the discussion.



April 11 Mystery Book Club discusses ***Satapur Moonstone*** by Sujata Massey, the second of her series set in India featuring Perveen Mistry. ***Widows of Malabar Hill***, the first in the series, was discussed in a prior Book Club meeting and was so enjoyed that ***Satapur Moonstone*** was selected for this month. Oxford educated Perveen Mistry is the daughter of a successful Bombay lawyer, women are just being allowed to practice law in the early 1920's but cannot argue cases in court. Perveen's work is tied up in drafting documents, rather than standing on her hind legs in a courtroom arguing before a judge. Massey modeled Perveen on real women of the era, showing what it would be like to be one of the first to break into the practice of law, during a time that India was chafing under British rule and flexing its determination for independence.

Alice Hobson-Jones, Perveen's best friend at Oxford, is the daughter of Sir David Hobson-Jones, a high-ranking government official. He has a spot of bother in a remote hill station he would like Perveen to sort out. Satapur is one of the princely states, the maharaja died of an illness recently, his heir is a young boy. The maharaja's mother and wife have vastly different ideas about his education, he will soon be expected to rule his state thus it is important to resolve. One wants the child kept close, the other would like him sent to boarding school in England. The hill station's political agent, Colin Wythe Sandringham, has made no headway in reaching a choice or compromise. Being a British male, he has not gained access to the two women. What they need is a lawyer to broker an agreement between the mother and grandmother, a female Indian lawyer would be all the better.

But the maharajinis are not being solely obstinate, they are worried about the safety of the young prince. His elder brother died tragically in an accident, then his father takes suddenly ill and dies. What started out as a negotiation over education has turned deadly.



The Seed Keeper by Diane Wilson is this year's Deschutes County Novel Idea selection, Fiction Book Club's discussion is April 25.

Rosalie Iron Wing's life is upended when her father fails to return home and she is placed in the foster care system. She goes from being a beloved child, raised in the woods, taught the culture of her people, to living in a basement and openly disliked by the foster parent, Shirley, who sees only a paycheck in Rosalie. She is one of two Native American children in her white school. The girls become fast friends.

Although Rosalie is smart, she doesn't have the wherewithal to afford college. Her main goal is to make enough money to survive on her own, find a place to live and leave Shirley when she turns 18. She takes summer work on a farm. What was intended to be a short stint to gather cash, turns into a lifetime commitment, marriage and a child. Years later, when her husband dies, Rosalie returns to the cabin of her childhood, intent on reclaiming herself and recapturing her culture.

The Seed Keeper intimately examines the strength of the Iron Wing women, the role of native culture, and the oppression Native Americans have suffered over generations.

Upcoming Book Club Dates for Monday Evenings at 6:00 PM

Everyone is welcome, Meetings are held via Zoom Mondays at 6 PM.

Times and dates are tentative due to current situation.

May

May 2 ***Reasonable Doubt*** by Phillip Margolin **Mystery Book Club.**

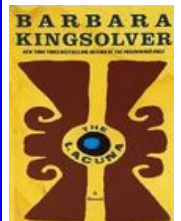
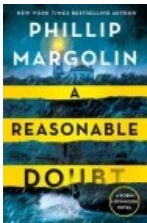
May 23 ***The Lacuna*** by Barbara Kingsolver **Fiction Book Club.**

June

June 6 ***The Last Days of Night*** by Graham Moore **Mystery Book Club Month of New York**

June 20 ***Golden Hill*** by Francis Spufford **Fiction Book Club Month of New York**

Comment on book clubs, look up future book clubs, or find more information at Sunriverbooks.com



Digital Audio Books.

Sunriver Books & Music offers digital audio books through Libro.

Sign up at libro.fm/sunriverbooks Sunriver Books & Music's logo should appear on the top right corner of the site. Here is a brief description of Libro and their terms.

- Libro.fm works with all major publishers and has a catalog of over 100,000 audiobooks, including New York Times bestsellers.
- Audiobooks can be purchased individually or through a monthly membership program.
- Over 100,000 titles • First month/audiobook for FREE
- \$14.99 monthly fee (one audiobook/month) • 30% off additional audiobooks and audiobook gifts

For our customers who enjoy audio books as well as reading, we hope you find Libro a good source.