



# Sunriver Books & Music August 2010 Newsletter

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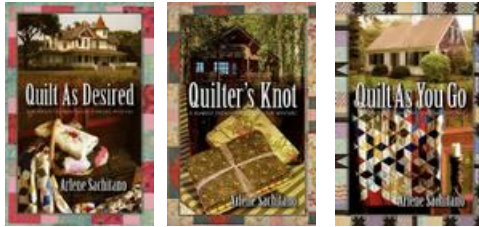


## *Author Events!*

Call, stop by, or e-mail to sign up to attend and be entered in the drawing for prizes.

Sunriver Books & Music is overjoyed to announce that we have been working with the owner of Sunriver Village to solve the space issues for event space. We are very excited about the upcoming changes. In October Sunriver Books & Music will grow into the space now occupied by the Pottery Lounge. We will have plenty space to host author events! Re-Discover Sunriver is also generously gifting the community with a place to meet. The upstairs of the Pottery Lounge Space will be available during our hours of business for community meetings compatible with the operations of the bookstore. If you are involved with a club and need space to meet contact us at Sunriver Books & Music or Denease Shiffman with Re-Discover Sunriver. We welcome the community and look forward to having you use this generously gifted space.

Mavericks at Sunriver helped host literary events this summer, we are so very grateful to them for their excellent hospitality and community spirit. We also want to thank everyone who cheerfully came to hear these authors. Mavericks will again be helping with PNBA Award winner Naseem Rakha's August 21st event. Mavericks (541-593-2500) has great facilities located at 18135 Cottonwood Road, across the street from the North Country Store. While you are there, ask to look around



August 7<sup>th</sup> Sunriver Village blooms with vibrant color as a zillion quilts take center stage. After Sunriver's annual Quilt Show join us to hear Arlene Satchitano at 5:00 PM. Arlene writes a mystery series set in the northwest that brims with quilting detail. The fictional town of Foggy Point, near Port Angeles, a truly gorgeous setting. **Quilt as Desired** introduces Harriet as she takes over her Aunt Beth's quilt shop just in time for the murder of a quilter. **Quilter's Knot** has Harriet solving the murder of an instructor at a quilting retreat and almost becoming a second victim! **Quilt as you Go** finds Harriet involved in a Civil War Re-enactment. When the dust settles one of the corpses is seriously dead. Most perplexing, he turns out to be a local resident who already died decades ago on the other side of the world. So how did he come to be newly murdered in Foggy Point? Harriet and her gang of quilting sleuths will have a time figuring out the puzzle. Arlene's presentation will be the perfect way to relax after walking around enjoying the creations of our very talented quilting community.



James Lynch will be here Saturday August 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM for a presentation on **Border Songs**. Set in a farming community, populated with quirky, original characters, this is the story of a misfit and the strange things that happen along the Canadian border. Brandon Vanderkool is exceptionally naïve and overly large. Bird watching is his passion; he is far more comfortable around birds and animals than people. Brandon's father persuades him to join the border patrol, although Brandon would rather stay on the family dairy. He discovers a talent for his new job, a knack for catching people skulking across the border. The border may remain, but the landscape is changing. Dairy farms fail and McMansions spring up in their place.

Tension is inevitable. Lynch's earlier book, **The Highest Tide** won the PNBA award. It is a lively coming of age story set in Olympia. Miles, a bright 13 year old environmentalist and avid kayaker, discovers some strange creatures living in the bay unleashing a media frenzy and leading to interesting consequences. Miles is an engaging likeable kid, it is a delightful story.



Naseem Rakha returns on Saturday August 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM for a presentation on **The Crying Tree**, winner of the PNBA Award. In 1996 NPR sent Naseem Rakha to cover the execution of Douglas Wright, the first person to be executed in Oregon for decades. Later she interviewed a remarkable woman whose daughter was murdered. The woman spent years anticipating the death of the killer until she realized she was being destroyed by hate. She made the arduous journey to forgiveness. **Crying Tree** is about that journey, the difficult path from hate to forgiveness.



Nate and Irene have deep roots in their small Illinois town with family just down the road a piece, friends nearby, and so many memories. Nate takes a position as deputy in the High Desert of Oregon, moving a reluctant Irene across country. She is concerned about moving her two children to a new town, new friends, and new schools. Barely a year passes before their son Shep is murdered, dying in his father's arms. Irene is consumed by grief and hate. To survive, to honor the memory of her son, she realizes she will have to let go of the hate. She makes the journey to forgiveness. As the story unfolds, the secrets carried by the characters come to light. How great is the capacity to forgive? Join us for a fascinating presentation held at Mavericks across from the North Country Store.



Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Jessica Maxwell gives a presentation on **Roll Around Heaven**. Following the death of her father, Jessica began having profound spiritual experiences that started a journey of spiritual discovery. She describes the beginning of her journey thusly “*Lucky for me, I’d never given God or Jesus or any holy anybody a second thought until He/She/it grabbed me by the ear, marched me into the divine principal’s office, and told me in no uncertain terms to stop goofing off and start paying attention.*” Her quest to find truth and meaning sent her from the Pacific Northwest to India to Bhutan and Oman. She sought answers from many belief systems and did not close her heart to hearing from people who have something of value to share. This is a book about belief, but it is also a book about inclusion, hope, and having the courage to explore and believe. Jessica Maxwell is a well known travel writer with a keen sense of humor and a penchant for getting into interesting predicaments. Her writing conveys a sense of wonder, easy friendship, and acceptance. She meets life head on and brings back stories about fly fishing, swimming with whales, golfing and now her path to spirituality. I think you will like her message and be entertained by this friendly, lively woman who greets life with such joy.



We will have drawings for prizes and serve refreshments. The events are free and fun! Call, e-mail, or stop by to sign up to attend.

**Upcoming Author Appearances**

**Saturday October 9th at 5:00 PM GARTH STEIN! An event benefiting The Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory. The event will be held at Mavericks. Tickets \$10 each.**

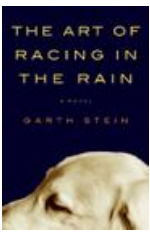
Saturday May 14th at 5:00 PM **A Daughter’ Walk** by Jane Kirkpatrick  
 Sunday May 15th Walk With Jane Kirkpatrick (more details to follow).

We hope you join us to enjoy these fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak often clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Most author readings are free with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. Call or e-mail Sunriver Books & Music to attend and be entered in the prize drawings. Space may be limited for some events. Check our newsletter or web site, [Sunriverbooks.com](http://Sunriverbooks.com), for changes and additions.

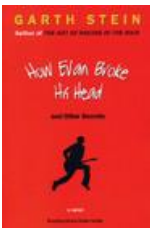
Book Club meetings are listed on the last page of the newsletter. A more complete listing can be found at [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com).

**Sunriver Goes Wild For Garth Stein!**

International best selling author Garth Stein will be here October 9th for a fund raiser to benefit Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory. The show will be at Mavericks located at 18135 Cottonwood Road, just across the street from the North Country Store. The fun begins at 4:30 with an appearance by Garth’s co-stars, a majestic Golden Eagle and a Great Horned Owl. Garth will speak from 5:00 to 6:00 and sign books from 6:00 to 6:30. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Sunriver Books & Music. Buy your tickets early while they last!



Garth will give a presentation featuring 3 of his books, and maybe a sneak preview of his upcoming new release. **The Art of Racing in the Rain** is soon to be a major motion picture starring Patrick Dempsey. Sometimes if you are very lucky fate gives you a special friend. Denny’s friend Enzo will stand by him through some of the best and worst times of his life, his faith in Denny bone deep. Enzo is a dog with a very old soul; he looks at Denny seeing all that is good, a man full of the possibilities of life. Denny has magic in his hands; he is a race driver with natural talent. Deft hands, hair trigger reactions, and ferocious courage can only take you so far. Talent will not fulfill your destiny on its own; life changes direction in a heartbeat. Who knows what is around the next bend in the road? Denny’s life turns down dark alleys, but Enzo is right by his side, always understanding, ready to help. Throughout all the good times, bad times, and challenges Enzo remains steadfast, his belief in Denny unwavering. **The Art of Racing in the Rain** is poignant, funny, and highly relevant to life, it is not another fluffy dog book. There are life lessons on the pages; believing in yourself, really listening to one another, cherishing those close to you, and sometimes being willing to risk it all!



**How Evan Broke His Head & Other Secrets** is set in Seattle, Walla Walla, and Yakima. Even is a 31 year old rock musician from Seattle, afraid of being a one song wonder. He has avoided growing up, taking no responsibility for his situation. His life is complicated by Epilepsy. As a teenager he had a child, a child he has not contacted. His son’s mother has died, his son needs him. It is time to grow up. This lively, quirky, ultimately uplifting story is about the choices we make in life, the consequences they bear and whether we get a chance to re-write our life’s script.



**Raven Stole The Moon** by Garth Stein is his first book, a very different story from his wildly popular book, **The Art of Racing in the Rain**, but with the same inspired writing. It is wonderful to have it back in print! Mixing Tlingit legend with the story of a bereft young woman from Seattle, he weaves a compelling story of loss and redemption. How far would a woman go to save the soul of her child? Jenna’s son drowned two years ago on a vacation in Alaska, on the anniversary of his death she is drawn back to Wrangell Alaska. From a Shaman she learns the legend of the Kushtakas, she begins to suspect they have taken her son. Would you go into the heart of darkness for the child you love? Garth vividly blends legend, belief, and a rousing adventure. Jenna is a sympathetic character, you will root for her.

August 24-31

Donate a book to Three Rivers School!

It is hard for school districts to find the funds to keep their libraries and classrooms thriving with good literature. Help fuel the school children's passion for reading. Buy any book in the children's section at 35% off, we keep the book and deliver it to Three Rivers School with your name & address. The first child to read the book will write you a thank you note, thereafter the book is available for the Three Rivers students. A \$19.99 book would cost you \$12.99, a \$16.99 book will be \$11.05, a \$12.99 book becomes \$8.44, \$9.99 reduces to \$6.49, and \$6.99 is just \$4.54. Donate a book, inspire a child to a life of reading!

### Cool Summer Reading for Hot Summer Nights



August 7th is Sunriver's Annual Quilt Show. Get in the mood with one of Jennifer Chiaverini's series beginning with **The Quilter's Apprentice**. Sarah McClure feels stuck in accounting; she took her counselor's advice on a college major but finds no joy in number crunching. Her husband Matt has a degree in landscape architecture but job are elusive in State College, the town where they attended school, met, married and hoped to raise a family. After years of looking for a good position, filling in with part time jobs, he is ready to move to find work. Sarah is ready for a new start too, she wants to leave accounting, try something different. Their roles reverse when they move to the small town of Waterford Pennsylvania. Now Matt has work and Sarah cannot find a job. Matt's firm is hired by a crusty elderly woman, Sylvia Compson, to spruce up her ancestral home, Elm Manor. Sarah gets off onto the wrong foot with Sylvia at their first meeting. She is surprised when Sylvia offers her a job going through the big house and helping prepare it for sale. Sarah's first reaction is to decline, but Matt persuades her to give Sylvia a chance. The clincher is Sylvia agreeing to teach Sarah to quilt. Sylvia is a master quilter. As the quilting lessons begin, the prickly Sylvia starts to share the history of Elm Manor. It is a tale of betrayal, misunderstanding and tragedy.

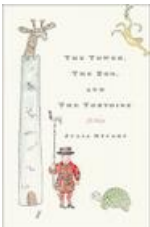


Jennifer Chiaverini's latest, **The Aloha Quilt**, moves the action from Pennsylvania to Maui, Hawaii. Bonnie accepts an offer from an old friend to set up a quilting camp. She immerses herself in Hawaiian culture while trying to recover from her messy divorce. But her mean spirited soon to be ex is not about to give up tormenting her. He wants a piece of Elm Creek and Bonnie's friend are put in jeopardy. Bonnie needs to soak up lots of Aloha spirit!



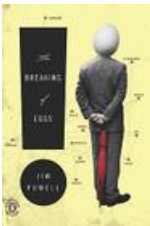
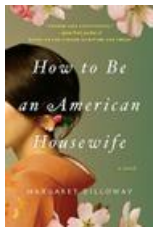
Another series with a quilting connection is Jane Kirkpatrick' trilogy on the life of Emma Geisy. **Aurora** is a work of non-fiction full of historical detail and pictures about the founding of Aurora Oregon. It shows the beautiful quilts women created while they carved homes for themselves in the Pacific Northwest. Emma Geisy overcame adversity and was an important part of Aurora's history. Emma's struggles and triumphs inspired a trilogy; **A Clearing in the Wild**, **A Tendering in the Storm** and **A Mending at the Edge**, Jane's books save the stories of strong women like Emma from being lost forever. In **A Clearing In The Wild** Emma is the sole woman in a party of 9 sent across country to scout a new home their community. She make some poor choices in **A Tendering In The Wild** set in the rugged Willapa area of Washington. **A Mending At the Edge** has Emma settled in Aurora where the women meet to talk over their aspirations as they join together to create beautiful quilts.

August 14th Sunriver Village will have an Art Faire. **Luncheon of the Boating Party** by Susan Vreeland should put you in the mood to enjoy art. Renoir had difficulty affording the paint for this sublime painting that is worth many millions today. Vreeland tells the story of Renoir's struggle to create this masterpiece and the people he used as models. The book sheds light on Renoir and the Impressionists who turned the art world upside down with their new way of seeing the world. Paris of the 1880's is raucous and full of excitement. Renoir is sensual and so very talented, this book will change the way you look at light sparkling on water. It is the perfect book to read before the Art Faire.



**The Tower The Zoo and The Tortoise** by Julia Stuart is a quirky, inventive tale. Throw in heaps of delicious details of history in the Tower of London, a zoo gone completely out of hand, and mix it all up with a cast of rather unique characters for a wonderful story. Balthazar Jones and Hebe are divided by grief over the death of their sweet son Milo. They live in the Tower of London, a setting about to get a lot more interesting when the Queen decides to open a little zoo and puts Balthazar in charge.

**How To Be An American Housewife** by Margaret Dilloway is a splendid story of family and hope. Shoko escaped Japan's deprivation after WWII by marrying an American serviceman. She thought she was making the right choice, trying for a better life on those fabled American streets paved with gold. She found a land unwilling to welcome her, neighbors who stayed at arm's length, and streets without even the hint of gold dust. Still she raised two children and was a good wife to her husband. When mortality reaches out to give her a tap, she is determined to reconcile her past. Shoko sends her daughter to confront the brother who disowned her over forty years ago.



**The Breaking of Eggs** by Jim Powell is a thought provoking, lovely book. Feliks has built a quiet and solitary life. He lives in Paris and writes a communist leaning travel guide to Eastern Europe. But it is 1991, Feliks is getting on in years and Eastern Europe is opening to the west. His travel guides must change with the times. An offer from an American company sets off a chain of events that make Feliks question his memories and his beliefs. If you live your life based on false assumptions, at the end of the day can you rewrite the remnants of your life script?

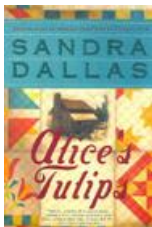
If you want your summer reading to sizzle pick up **The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo** by Steig Larsson, the first in his Millennium Trilogy.

Salander is an amazing character! She is a damaged, anti social, brilliant, creature who works magic on computers. Mikael Blomkvist, a journalist, teams up with Salander to discover the fate of a missing woman. **The Girl Who Played With Fire** picks up the pace as Salander visits mayhem on her enemies. Action packed, it keeps you on the edge of your seat, Salander is accused of murder. Blomkvist is certain she is innocent, he is hot on her trail trying to catch her before the cops or the bad guys. **The Girl Who Kicked The Hornets Nest** is my favorite of the trilogy. Blomkvist is determined to clear Salander's name., Salander has got to trust him with all her secrets. And the girl doesn't just have a closet full, she has a whole building! Adult content.



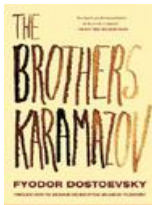
## August 2010 Book Clubs

August 2<sup>nd</sup> the Mystery Book Club discusses **Cinnamon Skin** by John D. MacDonald. Travis McGee is loyal to the bone. He would do anything for his friend Meyer, anything. Meyer's boat exploded into a million little pieces, taking with it the last of his family, his niece was honeymooning on the boat. Suspicion mounts that her new husband was not part of the million little pieces. Meyer wants Travis to help him find out who set the bomb and track a killer.



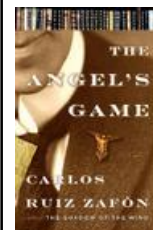
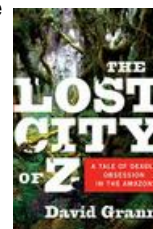
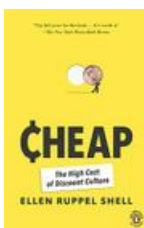
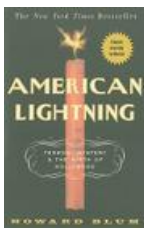
August 9<sup>th</sup> the Fiction Book Club discusses **Alice's Tulips** by Sandra Dallas. Written as a series of letters between a young bride and her sister, the story is endearing and heartfelt. Alice grows from a lively young girl, eager to dance and have fun, to a woman whose life has been honed by the deprivations of wartime. Her husband is off fighting in the Civil War leaving Alice with his mother, a sober woman not given to frivolity. This is the perfect book for the month of Sunriver's Quilt Show; it has some lovely quilting scenes.

August 16<sup>th</sup> the Non Fiction Book Club discusses **The Far Corner** by John Daniel. His earlier book, **Rogue River Journal**, was a PNBA Award winner and a book club favorite. **The Far Corner** is a beautifully written, insightful, thought provoking series of essays on life in the northwest. Visit with this gifted author some of our wild places, the high desert, the windswept coastline, and the soft, mossy forests. Rooted in the northwest, it should give the book club a rich discussion.



August 23<sup>rd</sup> the Classics Book Club tackles **The Brothers Karamazov** by Fyodor Dostoevsky. Seething with passion, greed, and murder, this book is considered one of the greatest achievements of literature. A father and son vie for the same woman, two brothers eloquently debate the existence of God, and a proud man stands accused of patricide. Betrayal, redemption, love, and hate all broil in the meaty stew Dostoevsky brews. Don't miss this one!

August 30<sup>th</sup> the Travel Essay Book Club discusses **The Lost City of Z** by David Grann. In 1925 Percy Fawcett, accompanied by his son and another young man, headed into the remote Amazon jungle. The renowned explorer was never seen again. Expeditions have perished trying to discover his fate. David Grann tracks the adventurer into the heart of the Amazon searching for a lost civilization. It is a fascinating journey.



### Non Fiction Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM September 20th 2010 **American Lightning** by Howard Blum

Monday 6:30 PM November 22nd 2010 **Cheap** by Ellen Ruppel Shell

Monday 6:30 December 13th 2010 **Zeitoun** by Dave Eggers

Monday 6:30 January 24th 2011 **A People's History of the United States** by Howard Zinn

Monday February 28th 2011 **The Big Burn** by Timothy Egan.

### Fiction Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM September 27th 2010 **The Angel's Game** by Carlos Ruiz Zafon

Monday 6:30 PM October 11th 2010 **The Camel Bookmobile** by Marsha Hamilton **A Month of Africa**

Monday 6:30 PM November 15th 2010 **You Or Someone Like You** by Chandler Burr

Monday 6:30 December 20th 2010 **Baking Cakes in Kigali** by Gaile Parkin

Monday 6:30 PM January 17th 2011 **Mister Pip** by Lloyd Jones **Dickens Month**

Monday February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM an author led discussion of **Seeing Stars** by Diane Hammond

### Classics

Monday 6:30 PM September 13th 2010 **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Monday 6:30 PM October 25th 2010 **Cry the Beloved Country** by Alan Paton **A Month of Africa**

Monday 6:30 PM November 29th 2010 **Catch 22** by Joseph Heller

Monday 6:30 January 11th 2011 **Great Expectations** by Charles Dickens **Dickens Month**

### Mystery Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM September 6th 2010 **Red Harvest** by Dashiell Hammett

Monday 6:30 PM October 4th 2010 **Mark of the Lion** by Suzanne Arruda **A Month of Africa**

Monday 6:30 PM November 1st, 2010 **Mistress of the Art of Death** by Ariana Franklin

Monday 6:30 PM December 6th 2010 **Tin Roof Blowdown** by James Lee Burke

Monday 6:30 PM January 3rd 2011 **The Last Dickens** by Mathew Pearl **Dickens Month**

Monday 6:30 February 7th 2011 **Scarecrow** by Michael Connelly.

### Travel Essay Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM October 18th **Out of Africa & Shadows on the Grass** by Isak Dinesen **A Month of Africa**

Monday 6:30 PM November 8th **Outposts** by Winchester.

Comment on book clubs, look up future book clubs, or find more information at [Sunriverbooks.com](http://Sunriverbooks.com)