



Sunriver Books & Music

August 2014

Newsletter

Sunriverbooks.com
541-593-2525



Coming Soon!

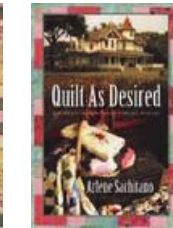
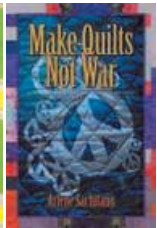
Tuesday November 11, 2014 at 5:30 at the SHARC Center.
Craig Johnson –*Wait For Signs*.

Saturday February 14, 2015 at 5:00 at the SHARC Center
Garth Stein—*A Sudden Light*.

Contact us to pre-order the books and sign up to attend the free events.

sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or 541-593-2525

Sign up early to hear great presentations from these very popular authors!



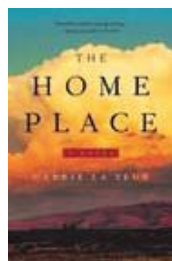
August's first Saturday the Village is festooned with a dazzling array of beautiful quilts for Sunriver's annual Quilt Show. In celebration of this spectacular showing of local artistic craftsmanship, Arlene Sachitano will give a presentation Saturday August 2nd at 5:30 on the latest in her quilting mystery series featuring Harriet Truman, **A Quilt In Time**. The series is set in the imaginary town of Foggy Point on the Olympic Peninsula near Port Angeles, a stunningly gorgeous northwestern setting. Harriet and the Loose Threads quilting group make bedding for an animal kennel local veterinarian Aiden Jalbert is setting up in the in the battered women's shelter.

Soon the shelter has another intimate connection to Harriet's life. Her friend Sara calls from the emergency room after being savagely beaten by her fiancé Seth. Sara balks at going to the shelter until she wakes up to find Seth dead in her bed. Now Sara is a prime suspect and Harriet is once again on the trail of a killer. While Sachitano writes about serious subjects, such as battered women, she does so with a light touch achieving a mystery series that entertains while highlighting important topics. The books are full of quilting detail and warm, likeable characters.

Quilt as Desired, first in the series, 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. **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 seems to have died twice. **Quilt by Association** has lots of intrigue. An African woman with a blue eyed baby comes to town looking for Aiden. Within days the woman is dead. **The Quilt Before the Storm** has Harriet and the Loose Threads busy making plastic tarps and sewing flannel rag quilts for the homeless people destined to bear the brunt of fierce weather. However the homeless are vulnerable to more than the wild wind and floods, the evil among men is a greater threat. Someone is killing people in the homeless camp and the local police are stranded by a rock slide. Harriet and the Loose Threads will have to catch the killer. **Make Quilts Not War** is set in winter when Foggy Point tries a sixties themed event to attract tourists in the off season. The Loose Threads put together an array of dreadful polyester quilts and put on the sometimes embarrassing sixties fashions to deliver a memorable event. It is not long before someone is shot dead right under one of the quilt displays.

Saturday August 16th at 5:00 PM Smith Henderson will give a presentation on his gripping novel, **Fourth of July Creek**. Henderson writes about people living on the edge. Pete Snow, his main character, is a complicated guy. He wants to be a good man, strives to make a difference, but his human flaws thwart that ambition. Pete works for Montana's Department of Family Service, the last line of defense for children when their families turn into battle grounds. He is there to witness the worst, the alcoholism, drug dependence, absenteeism, and sexual predation. Pete doesn't bring to his job an altogether clean conscience; his own family is spinning out of control, heading for certain disaster. It is rapidly clear Pete is way too fond of strong drink. This troubled man, tries to find his way, although he steps onto the wrong path from time to time. Benjamin Pearl is a feral young boy; living in the woods with his survivalist father who is itching for a confrontation in what he thinks will be the End Times. Fanatically religious, having declared war on the government, Jeremiah Pearl ignores his son's deterioration from a lack of nourishment and care. Jeremiah harbors secrets, the kind of secrets that will eat at a man. Trying to help Benjamin, developing a small measure of contact with Jeremiah, puts Pete in the path of conflict with the FBI right at the time his own family is imploding. Gritty and full of heart, the story has you rooting for the characters. This is a book that would be a great choice for book club discussions.





Saturday August 30th at 5:00 PM we are very pleased to have Carrie La Seur giving a presentation on her new release, **The Home Place**. One of the joys of bookselling is to discover a new voice, a new treasure and be able to present this special story to the community. **The Home Place** is such a discovery. Beautiful writing is at the heart of this stark, haunting story. The vast openness of Montana is palpable, the setting always present. You can feel the bitter cold, the mournful cry of the wind, the immense spaces and loneliness. A woman walks out into that intense cold, leaving her only child behind in a house filled with drug addicted men. It is the last time Brittany will see her mother alive. In Seattle, Alma has left it all behind, got out of Montana, graduated from law school, and achieved a successful career as a high powered lawyer. A phone call from the Billings police will challenge the careful life she constructed, away from her dysfunctional family and all the secrets they hold. Her sister Vicky was found frozen to death, her niece Brittany is refusing to speak. When Alma arrives in Montana, a landscape that speaks to her of home in bone deep ways, her sister's death is in question. Did she get drunk, fall, and freeze? Or did someone take her life? This is a family with an abundance of secrets, dangerous to the walls Alma has so conscientiously erected to keep her disciplined, high achieving self away from the past and the secrets it may unleash. The story is so evocative of place, of the windswept, big sky plains of Montana, it captures so perfectly the feel of a ranching community. It reminds me of Kent Haruf's brilliant **Plainsong** with its beautiful depiction of a Colorado farming community. A great choice for book clubs and a wonderful story of family, place, and courage.

September 6th Jane Kirkpatrick will give a presentation on her latest, **A Light In The Wilderness**, a fascinating story set in Oregon. More information is available on our website, sunriverbooks.com and in the September newsletter. I believe this is one of her best books!

Author events are free and we will have refreshments and drawings for prizes. Please call 541-593-2525, e-mail sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com or stop by Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend.

Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday September 6th at 5:00 PM **A Light In The Wilderness** by Jane Kirkpatrick.

Tuesday November 11th at 5:30 PM at the SHARC Center, **Wait For Signs** by Craig Johnson

Saturday February 14th 2015 at 5:30 PM at the SHARC Center, **A Sudden Light** by Garth Stein

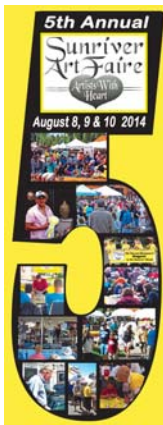
Join us to enjoy these fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Author readings are free with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. Call or e-mail Sunriver Books & Music to attend and be entered in the prize drawings. Space may be limited for some events. Check our web site, Sunriverbooks.com, for changes and additions.

Deschutes County Library presents a Novel Idea annually and Sunriver's talented quilters create marvelous quilts themed to their selection. Through the month of August the quilts of our Sunriver quilters inspired by 2014's selection, **The Dog Stars** by Peter Heller, will be hanging at Sunriver Books & Music. Stop by and see these creations of Sunriver's artisans.



1. SKIP: A Dog Star. By Linda Saukkanon.
2. Paw Prints (log cabin). By Betty Vincent.
3. My Dog Stars. By Betty Vincent.
4. Vapor Trails by Jerry Lindstrom.
5. Ruby, My Dog by Ruth Kinane.
6. Look to the Skies by Bevalee Runner.
7. Looking Down by Jan Tetzlof

The Fifth Annual Sunriver Art Faire, sponsored by the Sunriver Women's Club (SRWC), will return this summer on August 8th, 9th and 10th in the Village at Sunriver.



The Sunriver Art Faire showcases 60 ARTISTS displaying and selling their fine arts and crafts. The work is juried from artist applications, the majority from Oregon and Washington; the medium for the art may include ceramics, glass, jewelry, painting, photography, sculpture, textiles, woodworking and mixed media.

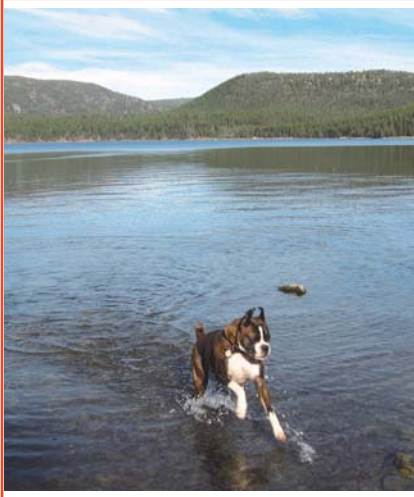
In addition to the juried art, there will be live professional entertainment all three days, a food court, and an Art Center for young artists to try out their skills. Special events will include Mr. Magic's Show on Friday and Saturday afternoon, the ever-popular Saturday night Street Dance in the Village, 7:00-9:30 PM, featuring the Klassixs Ayre Band, and a Pancake Breakfast from 8:00-10:30 AM to kick off Sunday activities.

All net proceeds from the Art Faire support deserving nonprofit agencies in South Deschutes County that meet the basic needs (i.e., shelter, health, food, clothing and education) of families and children residing in the area.

Art Faire Hours are 10:00am-7:00pm on Friday and Saturday, and Sunday 10:00am-4:00pm. For additional information and schedules: www.sunriverartfaire.com

Essential oils are an emerging category of natural wellness products that provide a alternative for health care. If you are concerned about using synthetic drugs and their cascading side effects or simply would like to try a natural solution before going to your health care practitioner, then essential oils may be a option for you.

Intro to Essential Oil by Marcia Sanchez at Sunriver Books and Music on August 6, 2014 6pm. Refreshments served. Attendance is free.



August 25-September 3rd.

Inspire a child to enjoy reading!

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. In donating books this way the children are exposed to a wider variety of literature as everyone picks books they feel will ignite a desire to read!

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.

August in Sunriver offers many opportunities!

The Quilt Show! The Art Faire! The Music Festival!

Enjoy a good book and get in the mood for some of the August entertainment in Sunriver. Here are a few staff recommendations.

Nancy Nelson recommends the following title to complement the Sunriver Art Faire.



The Miniaturist, by Jessie Burton. It is mid October of 1686 when Nella Oortman, just barely 18 years old, knocks on the door of her husband's family home. Though the house itself is splendid, it is without human warmth. Marin, Nella's new sister-in-law is chilly and over bearing. Johannes, Nella's new husband is not even at home to greet her. Eventually she comes to see him as a kind man, but remote to her. She is alone, friendless and feels almost a prisoner of her new home. When one night Johannes brings her a beautiful wedding gift, a cabinet sized replica of their home, Nella's life changes dramatically. She enlists the help of a miniaturist to furnish the new cabinet. The miniaturist sends pieces which eerily foretell the future of the Brandts family. They also help Nella to gather her confidence and to risk exploring her new world. In so doing, Nella discovers a carefully guarded secret which, if discovered could cause of the undoing of Johannes Brandt and his family. The talented and elusive miniaturist seems to know Nella's secret, and the prophetic pieces keep coming, even though Nella has stopped ordering them. Living within the constraints of this terribly pious and repressive society, differences and perceived sins often have extraordinary and terrible consequences. In the face of great danger Nella is able to rise to the occasion when necessary. More surprising and dangerous secrets emerge. As the characters develop, they are unmasked. What then we see is the courage, the loyalty, the strengths and weaknesses that they dare not openly display. In the end all is dependent on the love and kindness that remains. This was really gripping, roller coasting to a surprising finish.

Nancy Nelson recommends the following title to complement the Sunriver Music Festival.

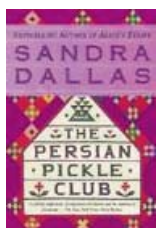


Swimming in the Moon, by Pamela Schoenewaldt. In 1904 Italy, Teresa Esposito and her 14 year old daughter, Lucia were servants. Teresa is a beautiful young woman blessed with a gift for singing. As a servant of an unappreciative and abusive Count, she has very little opportunity for improving her life. It becomes necessary for her to flee her abusive employer. With the help of friends, Teresa and Lucia leave the warm and gentle climate of Italy for the cold and very different Cleveland, Ohio. Life there is, at best, difficult. Women workers, especially, are underpaid, putting in long hours with very little time off. Teresa finds a way out of the factory by joining a vaudeville troupe. Lucia is able to attend high school. However, Teresa's dream of singing, and Lucia's dream of pursuing her education are thwarted. As Lucia tells their story, she gives the reader a view of the struggles of immigrants and women and how they worked to improve living and working conditions for everyone. She talks about mental illness, attitudes of many Americans toward immigrants, and women, some romance, the hardships of survival, and the beginnings of organizing labor. The story was captivating, completely enjoyable.

Deon recommends a couple more books to get in the spirit for the Quilt Show.

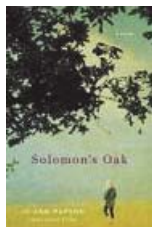


The Aloha Quilt, by Jennifer Chiaverini moves the action from Pennsylvania to Maui, Hawaii. Bonnie accepts an offer from an old friend to set up a quilting camp. She immerses herself in Hawaiian culture while trying to recover from her messy divorce. But her mean spirited soon to be ex is not about to give up tormenting her. He wants a piece of Elm Creek and Bonnie's friends are put in jeopardy. Bonnie needs to soak up lots of Aloha spirit! The blending of the quilting aspects of the story with the Hawaiian setting makes for a very entertaining story. It is a perfect summer read and a great way to get in the mood for the Quilt Show.

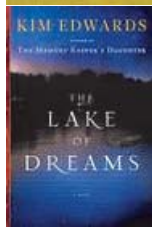


The Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas is set during the depression era in a farming community. Queenie yearns for a friend her age, most of the young people have fled in search of work. Every day her husband, Grover, walks out looking up in the sky hoping for a rain cloud but the sky remains an unforgiving blue, with nary a drop of rain. Farms turn into swirling dustbowls, too parched to grow crops. Queenie's big entertainment is the weekly meeting of her quilting group, the Persian Pickles. She is delighted when Rita and Tom move back to their family farm and Rita joins the quilting circle. Queenie is certain they will be the best of pals. Not everyone shares the same goals. Queenie likes being a farm wife; Rita wants a career and big city life. Rita finds work as a reporter hoping to make her name and escape. The discovery of a grave in a lonely field might be her big break. This is a lovely book about a group of women and the power of friendship. It is also a perfect book for the month of the quilt show!

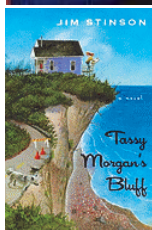
Deon's Recommends the following to celebrate the Art Fair.



Solomon's Oak by Jo-Ann Mapson. In the shadow of a magnificent 200 year old white oak tree damaged people come together to form a family. Glory is in despair over the death of her husband. Dan was her perfect partner; he died way too young leaving her lonely. She takes comfort in rescuing dogs and long rides on her horse, but grief is her constant companion. Juniper talks tough, but the 14 year old is fragile inside. Thrown away and alone, one more child trying to survive the foster system, her life changes when Glory gives her a home. Joseph was a cop until things went very wrong. Recovering from his wounds, he is determined to photograph Glory's oak tree. Their stories twine as they learn to lean on each other. If you are in the mood for something heartwarming, this is your book.



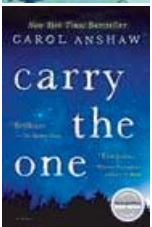
The Lake of Dreams by Kim Edwards. Lucy escaped her home in the little resort village, Lake of Dreams, to travel the world, haunted by the night her father died on the lake. Forward velocity has kept the grief and guilt of that night at bay until she finds herself unemployed in Japan. Spurred by her Mom's traffic accident, she visits home and discovers a hidden packet in an old window seat. Her curiosity piqued, she is drawn into the discovery of a long hidden family secret. Craftsmanship and stained glass artistry will play a part in the story.



Tassy Morgan's Bluff by Jim Stinson. San Andreas California is an endearingly eccentric little town perched on a hillside above the Pacific. It is populated by the newcomers who want to gentrify and make big bucks on their real estate, Native Americans, artists, and old timers trying to make a living in an uncertain economic climate. Tassy runs afoul of the local real estate maven and city council member when she paints her house bright purple, clearly not the right palate for the upwardly mobile. Linc is mourning the death of his wife, life is on hold and he is in a fog of grief until Tassy catches his eye. A lively, entertaining book with characters you can cheer.

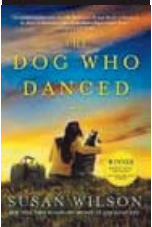


Sacre Bleu by Christopher Moore. In 1890 Vincent Van Gogh shot himself. Or did he? His friends decide to investigate and discover the truth. Why did Van Gogh become afraid of the color blue? Who is the woman in blue that haunted Cezanne, Monet, Renoir, and Passaro? Their sleuthing will take them all over the place, from art galleries to brothels. And, of course, it will all be great fun.



Carry the One by Carol Anshaw. Carmen and Matt's wedding was festive, full of dancing, drinking and celebrating the joining of two lives. But then most weddings are, this one ended differently. For Carmen and Matt their wedding night would not be remembered solely with joy. Instead it would be remembered as the night a car full of their relatives and close friends headed out into the dark and killed a young girl on a lonely stretch of road. Forever the occupants of the car and the wedding couple would be shackled by the guilt of that night. **Carry the One** examines the subtle shades of change this tragic accident causes in their lives over the next twenty five years. It is a compelling story of friendship, loss, betrayal, and the way each life touches another. Art is part of the story.

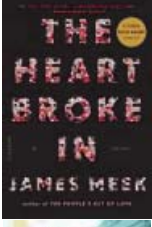
Deon's Recommendations the following to celebrate the Music Festival.



The Dog Who Danced by Susan Wilson. Dog lovers will be delighted. Mack/Buddy is such an endearing canine and this is a feel good story sure to please. Justine's life has been one long run of bad moves. Her stepmom made life miserable. Her teenage marriage didn't last; she set off with a young son trying to make a better life, always looking at the next city down the line. The one constant in Justine's life, the bright spot, is her dog Mack. He is her best friend, her sidekick. Justine's stepmother calls her back home, from Seattle to the East Coast, to be with her dying father. Heading cross country Mack is lost and the magic goes right out of Justine. Ed and Alice know the remarkable dog as Buddy. They have been sad a long time, mourning the death of their child. Buddy brings them back to life. Dog lovers will have a treat with this story.



Telegraph Avenue by Michael Chabon is set in Berkley, California. Chabon is able to keep a dozen intricate plot elements in the air as gracefully as a gifted juggler, bringing them all home safely in the end. Archy and Nat run a record shop on **Telegraph Avenue**, a place the community stops to swap tales. They have fallen on hard times as the economy in general and music in particular have taken a nose dive with big chain stores ruling the day. Their wives, Gwen and Aviva, are partners too, midwives in great demand for their superior care and skill. Archy and Nat's record shop is in imminent peril from the new Dogpile megastore being opened down the street by former NFL superstar Gibson Goode. Just when things are looking dark for the guys, a delivery goes terribly awry for their wives. Archy has a few added complications; his father is the unreliable, recovering addict, and former kung fu movie star, Luther Stallings. Oh, and Archy and Gwen are expecting their first child. It all comes together in the most entertaining and satisfying bouillabaisse of stories, many ingredients and a fine flavor.



The Heart Broke In by James Meek. A rollicking, ambitious novel, the story follows the fortunes of a brother and sister, Richie Sheperd, an over the hill rock star and Bec, his scientist sister. Richie succumbed to the charms of a younger woman, way too much younger. Not only would his family life be ruined if the truth came out, but jail would be a distinct possibility. He justifies the situation by telling himself the girl was well experienced and worldly far before she started pursuing Richie. Okay, so he didn't run too fast and was easy prey, as long as he keeps it secret from his family who is he hurting? Richie has a very flexible conscience. Bec is a serious lass, she wants to make a difference, she is researching malaria and using herself as a test subject. Bec is willing to break the rules if it means saving millions from malaria. Each of these characters decides their version of truth is the right course of action. Throw in a rather demented, right wing, vengeful journalist, and an assortment of quirky characters and you have a fantastic story of love, betrayal, and the oddities of life that will hold you spellbound, make you laugh, and keep you thinking.



Bel Canto by Ann Patchett won the 2002 Pen Faulkner Award. The story begins with an Opera Diva, a song, a powerful captain of industry from Japan, and a birthday party. The night goes horribly wrong when terrorists burst into the room. Roxanne Coss, the famous Opera Diva, enchants both captive and captor. Relationships are formed along tenuous lines, time stands still for a brief magical little while. This brilliant story delves into the changing relationship of captors and captives with compassion and insight. Her writing is absolutely luminous.

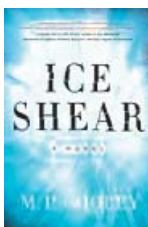
Staff Recommendations of New Releases

Sue Halvorsen Recommends.



Bittersweet by Colleen McCullough. It is nice to have Colleen McCullough back with a book about two sets of twins who actually like and help each other. Each of the sisters is unique and has her own idea of what she wants. They enroll in one of the earliest nurse training programs near their home. One sister knows that she will never marry and will become the nurse of the future. Two of the sisters do marry and life is interesting for them both on two entirely different levels. The oldest sister manages to accomplish her life's desire in a way that surprised me. I enjoyed this book so much I stayed up until 2:30 AM to finish it!

Nancy Nelson Recommends.



Ice Shear, by M.P. Cooley. June Lyons is a former FBI agent who has returned to her hometown of Hopewell Falls, New York after the death of her husband Kevin, also a federal agent. There she lives with her father, the town's retired police chief. He babysits her daughter while she is working as part of the local police force. June's job as a cop is rather tame most of the time. Then one day she discovers the body of a young woman impaled on an ice shear of the Mohawk River, near town. As she seeks clues to the murder, she discovers that the young woman is the daughter of a wealthy and prominent politician, and the wife of a member of a notorious, dangerous outlaw gang. As the story weaves through the lives of the locals, exposing their problems and their secrets, the pool of suspects broadens. Another body is found shortly after the funeral of the first victim, and the plot thickens. Nearly everyone related to either of the deceased has something to gain or something to hide. The end result took me completely by surprise. The story was captivating, holding my interest throughout. Good suspense mystery!

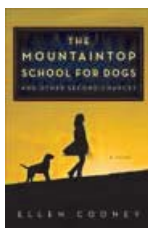
Deon Recommends.



One of Us by Tawni O'Dell. Danny knew he could count on his Grandfather. When Danny needed rescuing from his brutal father, Tommy would help his grandson out the bedroom window, take him up the hill to his miner's cottage and tell him stories of the old times. Tommy never talked down to Danny, he always told it straight. Now Danny is known as Dr. Sheridan Doyle, a respected forensic psychologist called in on the grittiest of cases, feted on the TV talk show circuit, and the author of bestselling books. Danny has avoided his hometown for over a decade. A phone call from his grandfather's doctor sends him back to Lost Creek, a place filled with bad memories and ghosts for Danny. On his first day back, Danny goes jogging past the gallows where his great-great-grandfather hung and discovers Simon Husk lying very dead. The secrets of the past collide with the menace of the present. Oh my, Tawni O'Dell can write! The twists and turns take you dark and devious places where good men proceed at their peril. The story is full of interesting characters.



Lucky Us by Amy Bloom. Eva's father visited on the weekends, the rest of the time he was with his legitimate family. Eva didn't really understand the situation until her father's wife died and her mother abandoned her with the man. Iris, Eva's half-sister, had no clue she had a sibling until the day Eva's mother drove off leaving Eva behind. Scandalous doings for the 1940's. Despite this inauspicious beginning, the sisters developed a strong bond. Beautiful, talented Iris was aiming to make her mark in Hollywood. Leaving Ohio behind, the two sisters headed out for fame and fortune. For a while it seemed they might succeed. Instead good times and bad come their way, they endure betrayal and heartbreak, are buoyed up by friendship and hope. The story paints on a broad canvas, from small town Midwest, to Hollywood, Brooklyn, London and Germany. Events shape their futures; a World War, changing attitudes, and vagaries of fortune. Throughout Amy Bloom tells her story with comic flair, treating her characters with empathy and respect.



The Mountaintop School for Dogs and Other Second Chances by Ellen Cooney. A broken young woman and a sanctuary of broken dogs struggle toward common ground and in the process heal one another. Evie has not been able to get her life on track, her counselors urge her to focus. She is a bright young woman, often defeated by her demons. Surfing the web one night she spots a school for dog trainers, impetuously Evie enrolls (impetuous runs deep in her character) lying about her complete lack of exposure to dogs, never mind any practical interactions with them. The school is in a remote setting, requiring hours of travel. At night, during winter, with snow deep on the ground, Evie arrives at the Inn at the base of the hill. She assumes she will be taken up to the sanctuary the next morning to begin classes, instead a variety of dogs start to appear with enigmatic notes on their pasts and behavioral issues. Off to a rough start, it appears she will not last more than a few days. Evie is determined and inventive in addition to being impetuous. She perseveres, learning to love and rehabilitate her tormented canine charges. Cooney's writing style is completely her own, lively, inventive, and fun to read. If you enjoy stories about dogs and plucky young women, do not miss this remarkable novel.



Small Blessings by Martha Woodroof. Rose Callahan's acceptance of a position in the campus bookstore is a catalyst for all sorts of chaos. Rose is a gentle woman, kind and welcoming, the sort that people enjoy being around and seek out regularly. She is soon a campus favorite. Rose is also very commitment shy and in her way, quite private. Tom Putnam, a professor of English, has spent the last couple of decades taking care of his mentally fragile wife, Margery, as she sinks farther and farther into neurosis. He is generally a reliable, considerate man, his eyes find Rose and all sorts of possibilities come to mind. Oddly enough, Margery is also taken with Rose. Normally skittish and retiring around people, she shocks Tom by inviting Rose to dinner. An unsuspected son shows up, people go seriously off the rails, and Rose has to face her fear of commitment. Comedy and tragedy combine to form a feel good story with interesting characters.



Paw and Order by Spencer Quinn. Chet and Bernie are back. This time the action takes them to Washington DC where Bernie is wooing Susie Sanchez, a reporter hot on a good story. When her source, who found her easy on the eyes, winds up dead Bernie is the prime suspect. Election politics, international conspiracies, and a threatening guinea pig all come into play. Chet does his usual snappy job as narrator; a canine trying to figure out the eccentricities of the homo sapiens species. Great fun for all who love dogs!

Staff Recommendations for recently released in paperback titles.

Nancy Nelson recommends.



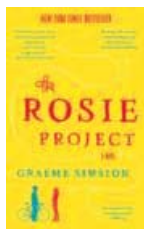
Bellman and Black by Diane Setterfield. The story begins with four 10-year-old boys playing in a field. William Bellman, in his youthful exuberance, was showing off. He told the others that he could hit a far off rook with his catapult. When he did, all were astonished and a bit sad, including Will. This one cruel act was to affect him for most of his life. Later, Will marries, has children, experiences a wonderful success with the family business, and becomes quite wealthy. However, a black cloud hangs over his life, traceable in his mind, to that fateful day when he was 10. In an effort to save his daughter, he makes a deal with the elusive Mr. Black, and so establishes Bellman & Black. Like Ravel's Bolero the story starts quietly building layer upon layer until it reaches its crescendo reaffirming everything that matters.

Rich recommends.



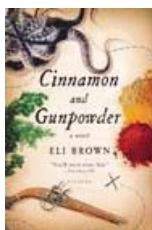
One Summer by Bill Bryson captures the wonderful events of the summer of 1927 in America with small vignettes of unusual and bizarre happenings between the outsized events of Lindbergh's transatlantic flight and Babe Ruth's improbable run of hitting 60 homers for the Yankees. Bryson trots out a cavalcade of characters and events in a wide-ranging manner that usually connects in some way with the major events of 1927. Bryson also explores more serious subjects, such as anti-Semitism, the KKK, eugenics and the anarchist movement. In addition to Lindbergh and Ruth, Bryson focuses on other major characters with names such as Al Capone, Herbert Hoover, Sacco and Vanzetti, Henry Ford, Charles Ponzi, and Jack Dempsey. Along with smaller, less known ones of murderers, mad mountain sculptors, film makers, and flag pole sitters. Altogether, he weaves a story of exciting times and events as America came of age, and in five wonderful months, the world was changed forever.

Deon recommends.

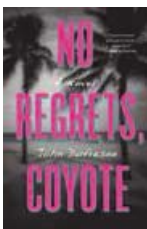


The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion just released in paperback. Don Tillman lacks an emotional map, the cues and clues that allow us to form relationships and engage in social banter. Don, a professor of genetics, is brilliant, give him a math problem and consider it solved. Want to know the probabilities, Don is your man. But the human puzzle he does not have the pieces to solve. He has managed to navigate a couple friendships, the head of his department, a rampant philanderer, and his long suffering wife. Don decided his life would be improved by having a partner but his attempts at finding a wife all meet with failure. He tried internet dating but could not navigate the small talk. Wanting to avoid any future misadventures, like the ice cream misunderstanding, Don comes up with a lengthy questionnaire. The answers on that questionnaire would be wrong if put to Rosie. She is Don's antithesis; she drinks, she smokes, she tends bar and habitually runs late. But oh how that girl emotes! Rosie has a quest too. She wants to discover the identity of her father, a task right up Don's alley. Soon Don's energy is diverted from the Wife Project to the Father Project and all sorts of strange things happen. Funny, engaging, one of those feel good books you will

close with a smile.



Cinnamon and Gunpowder by Eli Brown. In the mood for something fun? How about a good pirate story? This is just the ticket. Owen Wedgwood lives a soft life, a renowned chef in the employ of Lord Ramsey. He is used to presiding over his sumptuous kitchen in London or traveling with Lord Ramsey around the English countryside to various palatial residences but never to mainland Europe because Owen is subject to hideous seasickness and hates travel on water. Lord Ramsey brings Owen to Eastbourne to cook for a little dinner gathering. Owen is about to undergo a lifestyle change, rather dramatically. The pirate Mad Hannah Mabbot, a deadly redheaded beauty, crashes the party, shoots Ramsey quite dead and absconds with Owen. She offers him a Scheherazade type deal, he does not need to tell any stories, but if he would like to continue keeping life and limb together he will cook a culinary masterpiece every Sunday. Owen almost cries when he first inspects the contents of the weevil ridden pantry and the state of the cramped galley. But failure is not an option, so he best put his scruples about serving the interests of the pirate aside, the alternative does not bear consideration. Over time Owen discovers his revered master, Lord Ramsey, may not have been such an exemplary fellow and Mad Hannah Mabbot may have her good qualities too. Owen's ordeals are great fun to read, from his determination to keep his head by turning the ships larder into more edible fare (not as easy or straightforward as it sounds) to his part in a fierce sea battle.



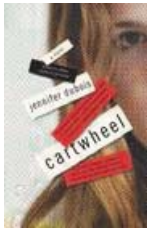
No Regrets, Coyote by John Dufresne. DuFresne's writing has long been a delight, ***Louisiana Power and Light*** is a great favorite. Now he has turned his talent to literary mystery with a novel that is hopefully the start of a long running series. DuFresne's charm is in his quirky characters, their inherent humanity despite flaws, and his storytelling. He is a great raconteur. Coyote is a therapist and forensic consultant who occasionally assists the Eden Florida cops with a bead on the type of person they should seek when a violent crime occurs. He is called to the scene of what appears to be a murder suicide, the destruction of a family. Something does not ring true to Coyote, he refuses to let go of the case when the police want to conveniently wrap it up. Coyote's father is suffering from dementia, his sister has a slew of issues, and there is the maybe girlfriend who has a thing for amputees. The action goes from Florida to Alaska with a truly violent denouement. While the action is there, read DuFresne for the character studies of people just a bit off kilter trying hard to make their way in a challenging world. And of course, read DuFresne for his humor, this man has a way with words.



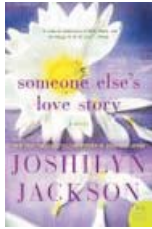
All Good Things; From Paris to Tahiti; Life and Longing by Sarah Turnbull. Aussie Sarah Turnbull wrote of a French vacation that turned into marriage to a Frenchman and a new home in ***Almost French***. It has been a few years; they have remodeled their apartment, and were settled in quite nicely when adventure presents itself in an opportunity for Sarah's husband Frederic to accept a transfer to Tahiti. Imagine living in a tropical paradise where you walk out your back door to an ocean gleaming in ob-scenely opulent shades of turquoise and deep blue. Sarah shares with the reader their difficult decision to leave Paris, the challenges of moving to an island paradise, and her new life on a remote island full of interesting characters and gorgeous scenery. Another part of the story is the difficulty Sarah and Fredric have in conceiving a child, then the joy and fear of raising a new young life.

Staff Recommendations for recently released in paperback titles.

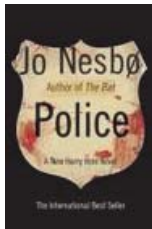
Deon recommends.



Cartwheel by Jennifer Dubois. Taking its plot right from the pages of the news, **Cartwheel** focuses on a young American woman, Lily, having her study abroad experience in Buenos Aires. It is her first venture outside the boundaries of parental supervision and care. At first she relishes her freedom, is delighted by the country, and is even impressed enough by the ferocity of the mosquitos to photograph her bites. Lily is housed with the Carrizos family, sharing a basement room with Katy another American girl. Sebastian, the wealthy next door neighbor, is smitten with Lily. A handsome, wealthy lover, an interesting country, and freedom keep Lily happy for a while but soon fissures start and spread. Katy is boring, interested mainly in the financial markets, not into guys and partying. The Carrizos exert control. Lily has trouble understanding the cultural clues, leading to unpleasant scenes in the street. And those mosquitoes, well, after you have been bit a few times they are no longer exotic just obnoxious. Barely five weeks into her study abroad program, Lily's roommate is brutally murdered and she is the prime suspect. Told from shifting perspectives, the story is gripping.

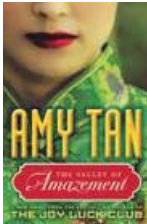


Someone Else's Love Story by Joshilyn Jackson is one of those rare books you will not want to end. I thoroughly enjoyed the characters and the story. Shandi, an unwed mother to a 3 year old genius, is working hard to finish college. She jumps at the chance to move closer to campus in her Dad's condo. On moving day Shandi stops with her son at a convenience store, with spectacularly bad timing. She is involved in a hold up gone wrong, stepping right into someone else's love story. Natty, the son she loves more than anything, is far too close to the path bullets from the gunman may travel. A good looking mountain of a man puts himself between Natty and the gun, Shandi falls instantly in love. There are so many layers to this charmingly entertaining story! Shandi is feisty and spirited with a strong narrative voice, a humanly flawed likeable character. William is not only willing to put himself between bullets and young children; he is also a brilliantly complicated guy still recovering from a tragic loss. His best friend, Paula, is the queen of razor sharp retorts. Wolcott, Shandi's childhood friend, woo's his girlfriends in the math department with poetry. Shandi's devoutly Christian mother and Jewish father divorced long ago, Dad remarried a shrewish woman and Mom is nursing a formidable sense of betrayal and anger. Dysfunctional but with hearts the size of all out doors, these are characters you come to like involved in a story sure to make you think and laugh.

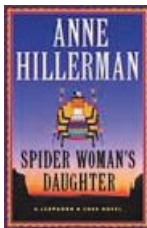


Police by Jo Nesbo. Spine tingling mysteries with intricate plotting are Jo Nesbo's trademark. Katrine walks down a dark hallway, will she survive to reach the exit? This is a Nesbo story, so maybe yes, maybe no. He keeps you on the edge of your seat. If you are looking for stories that draw you in, keep you turning pages, and invested in the characters any Nesbo mystery is a good choice. Nesbo's detective, Harry Hole, lives in the grey margins of life. He occupies the territory of James Lee Burke's novels where evil is a palpable presence in the hearts of men. Except Burke makes a valiant attempt for good to triumph where Nesbo is more of a let the chips fall where they may sort of guy, anything can happen. **Police** opens with a man being guarded round the clock in a hospital. He is in an out of the way room with a policeman at the door. The man is in a deep coma with the secrets of many slumbering within. Outside the hospital someone is killing cops, recreating the murders they failed to solve with the officer in the role of victim. The killer is maddeningly elusive. Oslo detectives have relied for years on the intuition and ruthless skill of

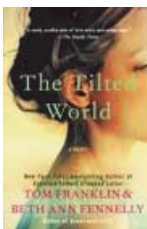
Harry Hole, but this time Harry cannot be part of the team when he is most needed. Finish a Jo Nesbo mystery and you will be eagerly waiting for the next book to release. It is an addiction. You will add to your enjoyment of **Police** if you read **Phantom** first. **Police** is one of Nesbo's best!



The Valley of Amazement by Amy Tan. Mothers and daughters are perilous territory, never more so than in Tan's epic story of three generations separated by betrayal, yearning for redemption. In 1905 Shanghai, Violet is the pampered daughter of Lulu, an American proprietress of a very high end house of exquisite courtesans. But the woman has a secret past, Shanghai erupts in Revolution and she must flee. Violet is forced to become a "virgin courtesan" sold to the highest bidder. Half Chinese, half American she moves between the two worlds. Violet will become a mother, history will do as history often does, repeating itself in cruel ways. The story spans fifty years, incorporating the history of China in a time of great change. Each generation tries to do its best, starts out with love and good intentions, but is foiled by circumstances and necessity. Three women navigate the uncertain byways of life crossed by fate. This is territory Tan knows well; mothers, daughters, and the cost of family secrets.



Spider Woman's Daughter by Anne Hillerman. Tony Hillerman's daughter Anne continues his series featuring Leaphorn and Chee. Officer Bernie Manualito and retired Lieutenant Leaphorn leave a breakfast meeting of the Navajo Nation Police together. Bernie stops in the lobby to make a quick cell phone call while Leaphorn continues on to his truck. It is a short walk, but a shooter intervenes sending the retired detective to the ICU in Sante Fe and the Navajo Nation Police on the hunt for the shooter. Captain Largo puts Bernie's husband Sergeant Chee in charge of the case and tells her to take a few days off, but this does not slow the determined woman's involvement in finding the person responsible for putting her mentor on life support. There are some nice plot twists involving old cases solved by Chee and Leaphorn. Bernie's fondness for her mother and the importance of family in her life is highlighted in a subplot about her sister failing to faithfully execute the duties of caregiver. Bernie is a determined investigator and a devoted daughter; though I would not recommend her cat sitting capabilities. It will be interesting to see where another devoted daughter takes the stories of her father.

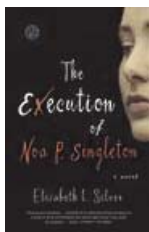


The Tilted World by Tom Franklin and Beth Ann Fennelly. There are not many back stories more dramatic than the 1927 Mississippi Flood, the most dangerous in US history with walls of water surging forth carrying the power of Niagara Falls, leaving a path of devastation in its wake. Add a couple missing revenuers, a beautiful bootlegger, and a dishonest future politician for a page turner that will keep you guessing. Herbert Hoover is ambitious, he is going to use the Mississippi flooding to press the flesh and roll into the White House. He cannot afford bad publicity; he needs to find those two missing revenuers fast. Ham and Ingersoll are his best team, incorruptible, their partnership sealed in the killing trenches of WWI. These guys are solid, now they just need to be fast. Find the revenuers or their killers and bring them in. Things get complicated right from the start. Ham and Ingersoll have barely left Hoover's presence when they stumble on a robbery gone awry in a small country store with a baby lying on the floor, the only survivor. Ham is sent back to town to drop the infant off at an orphanage and report the killings. He can't do it.

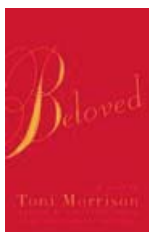
Ham has a soft spot for babies. By the intervention of fate he crosses paths with Dixie Clay, the aforementioned beautiful bootlegger, and entrusts the baby to her care thus forming a relationship with the very woman he should be investigating. That is just the opening! Powerful characters, not the least of them the mighty Mississippi River, give this story force and drive it forward.

August 2014 Book Clubs.

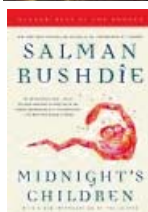
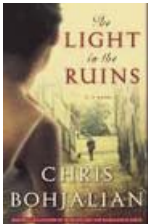
August has so much going on in Sunriver! Quilt Show, Art Faire, Music Festival, and great author events! Fiction and Mystery Book Clubs will meet to discuss two powerful novels. Book clubs meet on Monday at 6:30, everyone is welcome.



August 11th the Mystery Book Club discusses ***The Execution of Noa P. Singleton*** by Elizabeth L. Silver. Two strong willed, formidable women anchor the story, Noa on death row for the murder of Sarah Dixon and the victim's mother, Marlene. As the story opens, Noa is six months away from execution, her appeals exhausted, when Marlene Dixon has a change of heart and decides to submit a petition for clemency on Noa's behalf. Marlene is a high powered lawyer, at the sentencing hearing she eloquently beseeched the court to give Noa a death sentence. Now she has formed a group in opposition to the death penalty. A newbie lawyer at her firm, Oliver Stansted is to be her front man, meeting with Noa to go over any circumstances that may offer justification for clemency. Marlene has an ulterior motive. Noa refused to testify at her trial, Marlene wants to know what happened on the day her daughter died. For ten years Noa has been sitting on death row, perhaps she is ready to tell her story. Elizabeth Silver is an attorney who has been involved in death penalty cases. She brings this knowledge to her story, giving it a nuanced feel and an ability to tackle complicated issues. There are many twists and turns, surprises along the way, as Noa's story moves toward that split second that changed everything.



August 25th the Fiction Book Club discusses ***Beloved***, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, by Toni Morrison, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature. Morrison's writing is always rich in complexity, gifted with beautiful use of language, and full of memorable characters who faced adversity in their lives. ***Beloved*** has often been banned; it is one of the most challenged books in the past two decades. I am always opposed to the banning of literature, especially so in the case of works as important as the novels of Toni Morrison. ***Beloved*** opens in 1873 Ohio but the roots of the story go far back to Kentucky in the days of slavery when a mother had to make a terrible choice. Sethe live in Cincinnati with her daughter Denver, outsiders in their neighborhood, their home haunted and avoided. Two people show up, a former slave from the plantation Sethe escaped followed by a young woman, ***Beloved***. It is quickly apparent there is something different about this latest arrival, tension builds. The story is told in different time frames, Ohio in the 1870's, shortly after the Civil War, and Kentucky in the days of slavery. Toni Morrison challenges her readers, this is a powerful story. The Fiction Book Club chose well.



Upcoming Book Club Dates for Monday Evenings at 6:30 PM

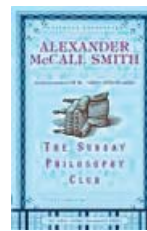
Please note a couple schedule changes in the list below!

- 9-1-14 ***The Sunday Philosophy Club*** by Alexander McCall Smith [Mystery Book Club Month of Scotland](#)
September 8th 2014 ***Letters From Skye*** by Jessica Brockmole [Fiction Book Club Month of Scotland](#)
September 15th 2014 ***Kidnapped*** by Robert Louis Stevenson [Classics Book Club Month of Scotland](#)
September 22nd ***A Journey To The Western Islands of Scotland and the Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides*** by Samuel Johnson and James Boswell [Travel Essay Book Club Month of Scotland](#)
- October 6th 2014 ***Zorro*** by Isabel Allende [Fiction Book Club Banned Book Selection](#)
- October 13th 2014 ***The Light In The Ruins*** by Chris Bohjalian [Mystery Book Club](#)
October 20th 2014 ***Midnight's Children*** by Salman Rushdie [Classics Book Club](#)
- November 3rd, 2014 ***Black Betty*** by Walter Mosley [Mystery Book Club](#)
- November 10th 2014 ***In A Sudden Light*** by Garth Stein [Fiction Book Club](#)
- November 17th 2014 ***Behind The Beautiful Forevers*** by Katherine Boo [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)
- December 8th 2014 ***Spirit of Steamboat*** by Craig Johnson [Mystery Book Club](#) and [Fiction Book Club](#)
December 15th 2014 ***A Christmas Carol*** by Charles Dickens [Fiction Book Club](#) and [Classics Book Club](#)

2015!

- January 5th 2015 ***Silkworm*** by J.K. Rowling (alias Robert Galbraith) [Mystery Book Club](#)
January 12th 2015 ***The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*** by Rachel Joyce [Fiction Book Club](#)
January 19th 2015 ***Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story*** by Rick Bragg [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

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



If you are involved in a club or gathering that would enjoy space in Sunriver Village, please remember the Village owners have kindly provided space in the loft area above Sunriver Books & Music. The space is available for uses compatible with the bookstore during Sunriver Books & Music's hours of operation. To reserve the space for your group contact Deon at Sunriver Books & Music.

E-readers are changing the landscape for books, not always in gentle ways. Many Independent Bookstores offer e-books for sale, including Sunriver Books & Music. On the right hand side of our website, sunriverbooks.com, you will find information on buying e-books as well a search feature for e-books and print books. In support of Independent Booksellers publishers sometimes offer specials that we pass onto you. Watch our website to see when they are available. We greatly appreciate your support and hope that you consider your Independent Bookstore when purchasing e-books. If you are contemplating the purchase of an e-reader, please know that Amazon's kindle dictates your e-books be purchased from Amazon while the I-pad, the Sony e-reader, and others allow you the freedom to choose.