



# Sunriver Books & Music

## August 2017

### Newsletter

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*September 7 is fast approaching!*

*Craig Johnson returns*

*for two shows, a 2:30 matinee and a 6:30 evening presentation at SHARC.*



*The 6:30 show is almost full, we still have room for the 2:30 matinee. Sign up to see this free event with New York Times Bestselling author Craig Johnson while there is still space. Call 541-593-2525 or email [sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com) to sign up.*

*Craig Johnson's Walt Longmire mysteries inspired the hit TV series Longmire, the new season starts on Netflix this September.*

*Craig Johnson and Viking, a division of Penguin-Random House, added the second show to give readers the opportunity to attend when the first show had filled the space available. It was not easy logistically, but they made it happen. Lets say thank you by filling both shows!*



**The Western Star**, latest in the Walt Longmire series releases September 5, we are happy to pre-order for you.

The Walt Longmire series has been one of my favorites since its debut with **Cold Dish**, each new novel eagerly anticipated. They are all intricately plotted, beautifully written, with characters that come to feel like good friends to the reader. Craig Johnson now ups the ante on an already formidable collection of excellently written stories, **The Western Star** is absolutely brilliant and on the last page it will leave you panting for the next book! The story moves seamlessly between two time frames, current day Sheriff Walt Longmire, Deputy Vic Moretti, and former Sheriff Lucian Connolly head to Cheyenne where they will unite with Henry Standing Bear, combining a visit to Walt's daughter Cady with an attempt to stop the compassionate release of a prisoner. Along the way they stop off for firearm certification and meet up with some other officers for a drink and a little conversation. One of the cops notices a picture on the wall of the Western Star in 1972 with a group of Wyoming Sheriffs and one lone deputy, Walt Longmire, arrayed in front of the train. Memories take Walt back to his first days as a deputy, boarding the legendary train with his mentor, Sheriff Lucian Connolly, not at all sure he wants to be a cop, struggling in his relationship with his new bride, and still dealing with the effects of serving as a Marine in Vietnam. For the Sheriffs, the ride on the Western Star was an opportunity to relax, party a bit with other law enforcement officers, and have a good time (at least until the hangovers hit). On this ride, not all of the Sheriffs who boarded would survive. Moving between 1972 and current day, the story shifts between Walt's beginnings as a cop and his efforts to stop the release of a prisoner, keeping the reader fully invested in both stories. This is a page turner with a lot of heart; I can hardly wait for the next book!



It started with the **Outlaw Tour**, the adventure continues. We are very grateful to Craig Johnson for his loyalty and continued support of Sunriver Books & Music and his many readers in Central Oregon. We appreciate his dedication in returning to us to give fabulously entertaining events.



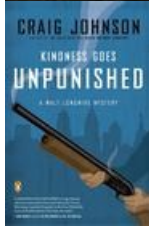


The Walt Longmire series have been Indie Next List picks many times, New York Times Best Sellers, and multiple award winners. They are popular in Europe as well as the USA. Johnson's novels combine great writing, engrossing plots, and likeable characters. If you have been watching the TV series starring Robert Taylor, Lou Diamond Phillips, and Katee Sackoff shown on Netflix, read the books and get to know the characters in a more intimate manner.



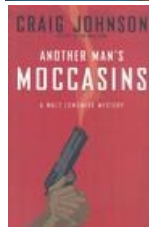
Craig Johnson's loyalty in returning to Sunriver Books & Music is hugely appreciated. He is a good friend and strong supporter of Independent Bookstores. We are grateful and honored that he continues to visit us and give great presentations.

**Cold Dish** begins the series, introducing the characters and letting the reader get to know them. Walt is a big guy who prefers talking his way out of a tough situation to fighting, but if violence is the only reply Walt is well able to answer. Henry Standing Bear is tall, soft spoken, thoughtful, whip smart, a favorite of the ladies, and often quite funny. Vic, a transplant from a family of tough Philadelphia cops, is possessed of a razor sharp tongue, and is gleefully ready for action. The girl is downright dangerous. The story revolves around four white boys who got off without so much as slapped hands for raping a Native American girl in high school. Now, years later, someone is shooting them dead.



**Death Without Company** opens with a death in an assisted living facility. Former Sheriff Lucien Connolly is positive the death was not natural; Walt's loyalty to Lucien runs deep. He goes against the wealthy family to investigate. The story has ties to the past, a woman hard done by, and the Basque community.

**Kindness Goes Unpunished** moves the action to Philadelphia where Cady, Walt's daughter, is an up and coming lawyer. Walt wants to meet her new beau. Henry Standing Bear is involved in a photo exhibition so the two men travel together, where they will meet trouble as they always do, side by side.



**Another Man's Moccasins** finds a dead Vietnamese girl along a roadside in Wyoming with a picture of Walt from many years ago in Vietnam. The story moves back in time to Walt as a young Marine in the jungles of Southeast Asia.

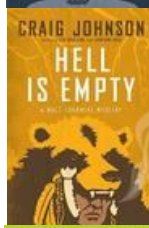


**Dark Horse** has Walt holding a prisoner he fears is innocent. She was discovered with a gun in her hand, a shot dead husband in her burned out house, and a ready confession. It doesn't add up for Walt, he goes undercover to find the truth. The horse in the story is pretty cool too!



**Junkyard Dogs** is one of my favorite, and that is saying something because I enjoy them all. The opening scene is priceless. An expensive new McMansion subdivision looks out to snowcapped mountains and down on a dump. Ozzie wants the dump closed down so he can move some real estate. Add a Romeo and Juliet story for the older set and you have a heady brew of greed, passion, and intrigue.

**Hell is Empty** lets all the devils loose on a mountain in a snow storm where Walt is following a band of stone cold killers after a hand off of prisoners to the Feds goes tragically awry. Walt climbs alone up the mountainside entering into the circles of hell after armed and deadly men.



**As the Crow Flies** introduces Tribal Police Chief Lolo Long. She proved her bravery in Iraq, but her hair trigger temper and inexperience are not ideal in a Police Chief. Walt will have to give quick sheriff lessons if they are to catch a killer. Oddly enough, the prickly Lolo is immune to Henry Standing Bear's considerable charms.

**A Serpent's Tooth** begins with discovering Cord, a "lost boy" ejected from a rogue polygamous Mormon splinter group. Henry Standing Bear and Walt cross state lines to try and find some answers at a heavily armed Mormon compound while Cord discovers movie DVDs and is inspired to try his hand at horse rustling. Cord is soon joined by his self-proclaimed protector, Orrin Porter Rockwell, Man of God, Sun of Thunder blessed by Joseph Smith himself. Walt is having a little trouble with Orrin's identity, Joseph Smith having gone to his greater reward well over a century ago.

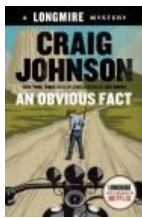


**Any Other Name.** One of Former Sheriff Lucien Connolly's cronies, Detective Gerald Holman, either committed suicide (the official version) or was helped from this world. Holman was steady as a rock, a by the book kind of guy. He was working cold cases, not doing anything that should have turned deadly. Lucian asks his former protégée Sheriff Walt Longmire to dig into the last days of Holman's life and figure out what went wrong. One of the last cold cases Holman looked at was a missing woman.

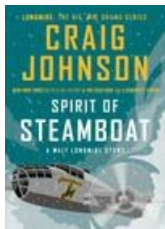
**Dry Bones.** The last place a cop, any cop, wants to be is in the middle of a territorial dispute between the FBI, the Justice Department, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, a local ranching family, and a museum of sorts. That's exactly where Sheriff Walt Longmire finds himself when the largest most complete T-Rex skeleton is discovered on a ranch owned by the Lone Elk family. If there is a lot of money in the equation, the sum total is bound to be trouble. Millions are up for grabs. the issues of ownership murky.



The picture of Craig Johnson and Flashman on the front page was taken by Dan Feer. The picture of Craig and Judy Johnson in Sunriver Books & Music was taken by Brooke Snavelly of the Sunriver Scene.



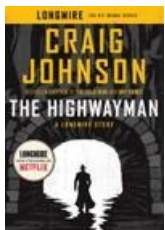
**An Obvious Fact** uses the author's love of motorcycles. Those who have followed the series since its beginning will remember Craig Johnson's **Outlaw Tours**. He would ride his motorcycle around the west from bookstore to bookstore for events. At one of our earlier events, when they were held in the old Chamber of Commerce building (long torn down) across from Sunriver Books & Music, Craig rode the motorcycle into the event room and gave the presentation from the top of the bike. Flashman attended and sat on the bike to add a bit of flash. It was quite a show. So our author knows bikes. Hulett Wyoming is just a ways across the border from Sturgis North Dakota, home of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the largest motorcycle rally in the world. In **An Obvious Fact** Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear travel to Hulett where Henry intends to compete in a dirt bike competition he won in his youth and has tried to win again every year thereafter while Walt looks into a hit and run accident as a favor to a young policeman, Deputy Corbin Dougherty (also known as Deputy Dog), stationed there. The accident took place near the Devil's Tower National Monument and left the driver in critical condition, unable to speak or aid in the investigation. The two men traveled in Henry's 68 Thunderbird, Lola, named for a mysterious woman from Henry's past. Lola the original, a stunningly dangerous beauty, shows up looking for Henry. There is plenty of tension and action involving various law enforcement agencies (including the feds) and a diverse group of wrong doers of various velocities. Henry Standing Bear is reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories; he quotes them often, possibly more than Walt would appreciate (I enjoyed Henry quoting Sherlock immensely). One of the quotes is particularly apt, *"There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact."*



**Spirit of Steamboat** takes place during Walt's first year as Sheriff, opening with a mysterious woman seeking former Sheriff Lucian Connolly. Her visit transports Walt and Lucian back to 1988 when a horrific accident left a little girl hanging onto life by a thread. Wyoming was under siege by one of those maelstroms of snow and howling wind that come along about once a century just to reassure you how feisty Mother Nature can be. The medevac flight cannot make it to Denver. None of the light planes at the small airport have a chance against the ferocity of the wind. There is only one plane, a dinosaur from WWII, with the speed, power, and heft to fight out in the storm. But no pilot is able to fly the old bomber, except former Sheriff Lucian Connolly, the Doolittle Raider is intimately acquainted with the craft though it has been a while since he bailed out over the China Sea back in the big war. Walt, Lucian and Doc prepare to fly a relic into the storm of the century in an attempt to save the life of the young victim. Long odds on success and a pretty good chance of being scattered all over the Wyoming landscape. Walt, Lucian, and Doc are men made to eat up such odds. Walt's reply *"...it's a question of what you have to do, what you have to live with if you don't."* Lucian faced those odds before when he and 79 other men led by Lieutenant Colonel Jimmy Doolittle climbed into B25B Medium Bombers on the flight deck of the USS Hornet. Walt's courage was tested in the jungles of Vietnam. Doc experienced Hitler's Germany. Neither man was found wanting. When the question on the table is who will risk their life to save another, the men's response is I will. Another inspiration Craig Johnson used is a big, black horse named Steamboat described by Jack Bowers as *"the closest thing to perpetual motion that ever wore hair"*.



**Wait For Signs** brings together 12 short stories featuring Sheriff Walt Longmire. All are entertaining; they show different aspects of Walt's character and background. Those acquainted with the Walt Longmire series will delight in seeing our favorite sheriff in different situations, learning a bit more about favored characters. Those new to the series will find this a perfect introduction. Old Indian Trick takes place in autumn; Walt is driving Lonnie Little Bird to a doctor's appointment. Along the way they stop at a roadside diner for a bite to eat, arriving just after a robbery. Never discount the intuition of an Old Indian. Ministerial Aid is set on New Year's Day 2000. Walt is delivering a paycheck to his deputy out at the Powder Junction. Reeling from the death of his wife, Walt drowned too many of his sorrows in the bottle. This day will offer him the opportunity to play a unique role in helping a woman and give him a shot of introspection as well. Divorce Horse puts Henry Standing Bear, Walt, and Vic on the trail of an ill-tempered horse much prized by a divorcing couple. Thankstaking is Thanksgiving Henry Standing Bear style. Messenger involves Walt, Henry Standing Bear, Vic along with a family of bear, and an owl. Henry and Vic together are always entertaining, throw in bears and an owl and things quickly get out of hand. The last story is Petunia, Bandit Queen of the Bighorns; I will let the title speak for itself.



**The Highwayman**. Rosy Wayman was a stand up Wyoming Highway Patrolwoman, who earned the respect of Sheriff Walt Longmire. A few months back she was transferred to the Wind River area, a place of spectacular landscape with granite canyon walls and white water. Also a land of legends. One of those legends was Officer Bobby Womack an Arapaho Highway Patrolman known as the **Highwayman** who died over 30 years ago in a fiery inferno. Now Officer Wayman is getting midnight calls asking for assistance, from the dead man. Her commanding officer wants to send her for psychological counselling. Rosy is sure she is hearing those calls. She turns to Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear for help. Can Walt and Henry figure out what is going on before things get deadly? Lots of suspense, Craig's usual gorgeous descriptions of Wyoming, and humor for a great mystery! The ending is absolutely perfect!

Wyoming, the setting for the Walt Longmire series, has a wild, starkly beautiful landscape. Even today you can drive for miles along the highway and see nothing but distant mountains and wide open spaces. It is not hard to imagine in this country a time without highways, when appaloosa horses galloped across the plains. Lightening storms and sunsets paint the sky like a canvas in the hands of a master. The sheer gob-smacking power of the view is incredible. Craig Johnson lives surrounded by this land, he does it justice. The characters Johnson created come to feel like old friends, you will want to visit again.

The picture of Craig and Judy Johnson above was taken by Dr. Sue Dougherty.





**Sunriver Quilt Show!**  
**Saturday August 5th from 9AM to 3PM**  
**Sunriver Village will be festooned with a dazzling**  
**array of colorful beautifully crafted quilts.**

**Mountain Meadows Quilters of Sunriver will have a**  
**Gallery of Gorgeous Quilts on display in the loft at**  
**Sunriver Books & Music through**  
**he month of August.**  
**Enjoy viewing this creative display.**



August's first Saturday is a festive day, Sunriver Village is filled with the beautifully crafted quilts by Sunriver's Mountain Meadow Quilters for Sunriver's Quilt Show. It is quite cheerful to see the Village adorned in all this color and beauty! Enjoy the quilt show then join us for an author event related to quilting.

Saturday August 5th at 5:30 Arlene Sachitano will give a presentation on her latest mystery, **Double Wedding Death**, featuring Harriet Truman and the Loose Threads quilting guild. Set in the fictional town of Foggy Point near Port Angeles with the jagged peaks of the Olympics as a back drop, the series has a gorgeous Northwestern setting. The characters are likeable, the mystery interesting, and the setting gorgeous!

**Double Wedding Death** takes the series to a new setting and has Harriet in quite a pickle. Attending a quilting conference in Galveston Texas with the Loose Threads, Harriet gets in a dust up with an aggressive bride at the hotel hosting both the wedding and the quilters. The groom had been putting the moves on Harriet, but the jealous bride believes Harriet is out to get her man. When the volatile newlywed is found dead, Harriet is a prime suspect. As with the rest of the series, there is lots of quilting detail, bonding between the members of the quilting guild, and good fun.

**Quilt as Desired** is the first in the series, introducing 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 investigating the murder of an instructor at a quilting retreat. **Quilt As You Go** brings a Civil War reenactment to Foggy Point. When the dust settles on a battle scene, one of the corpses is seriously dead.

**Quilt by Association** is full of intrigue. An African woman with a blue eyed baby comes to town looking for Aiden, within days she is dead.

**The Quilt Before The Storm** has Harriet and the Loose Threads making quilts for the homeless as a major storm approaches. However the homeless are vulnerable to more than nature's fury. Someone is killing people in the their camp and the police are stranded on the other side of a rock slide. Harriet and the Loose Threads spring into action.

**Make Quilts Not War** is set during Foggy Point's 60's themed winter festival. Someone is shot dead under a quilt display, the murder may have been random or maybe someone is after one of the Loose Threads.

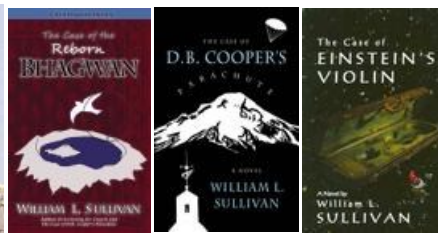
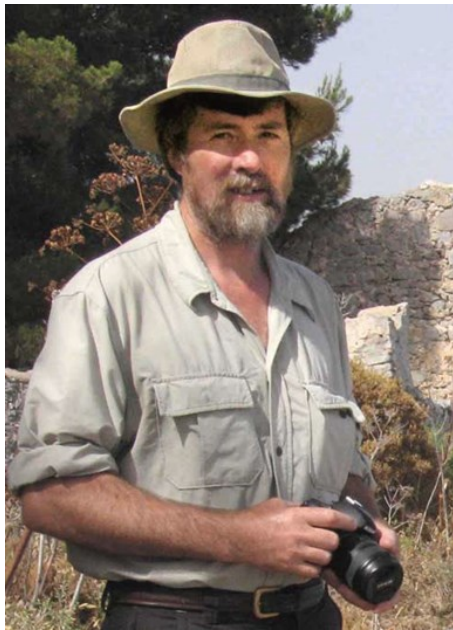
**A Quilt In Time** has the Loose Threads making bedding for an animal kennel Aiden is setting up in the local battered women's shelter. When the fiancé of a battered woman, Harriet's friend Sara, is murdered, Sara is a prime suspect.

In **Crazy as a Quilt**, the Loose Threads are involved in a quilting retreat and putting up guests with various community members. Harriet's guest brings a secret from the past. Aiden, the local veterinarian and Harriet's main man, has a guest with ulterior motives too; she used to be more than a casual friend to her host. When Aiden's guest is found murdered in his home, he is the prime suspect.

**Disappearing Nine Patch** has Molly visiting Foggy Point and her half-sister DeAnn Gault, a member of the Loose Threads quilting guild. When just a little girl, Molly and her friend Amber were kidnapped, Amber has never been found. Aware of Harriet's reputation as an amateur sleuth, Molly asks the Loose Threads to make quilts for two large donors to the Carey Bates Missing and Exploited Children's Center. Molly has an ulterior motive; she wants to interest Harriet in discovering what happened to Amber all those years ago.

Arlene Sachitano always gives an interesting presentation. She returns to Sunriver Books & Music annually to celebrate the Sunriver Quilt Show.





Saturday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Bill Sullivan will give an entertaining presentation/slide show on his latest mystery, ***The Case of the Reborn Bhagwan***. Favorite characters from ***The Case of D.B. Cooper's Parachute*** return.

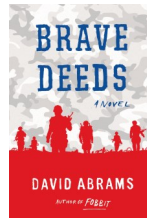
On the Big Muddy Ranch in Eastern Oregon in the 1980s everything was all in a hullabaloo. The Bhagwan was trying to seize power. People were poisoned, homeless people were bussed in by the Rajneeshis in an attempt to subvert

an election, and ultimately the Bhagwan left with most Oregonians saying good riddance. The saga is about to continue. The Rajneeshis have discovered the reincarnation of the Bhagwan, a young man working as a barista at a Portland coffee shop. They are returning to Oregon determined to get it right. This time around they swear they are going to avoid violence, bringing to the community caring and enlightenment. The pressure and intimidation of the last Bhagwan's reign will be past; the new day brings a kinder, gentler Bhagwan. Fearing a repeat of the violence, and eager to be peaceful members of the community, they hire Neil away from the police department at a very generous salary to provide security. His niece, Harmony, is involved with the Rajneeshis, she put in a good word for him. Leaving the police department clears the way for a closer relationship with Lieutenant Wu, the future looks rosy. One of the charms of the story remains Neil's respectful, caring relationship with his autistic daughter, Susan.

Things go wrong immediately when a sniper's deadly aim claims its first victim. The Rajneeshis make a deal with the Indian Reservation by Crater Lake and head south to establish a utopian society. There is a saying about the road to hell being paved with good intentions; well in this case not everyone's intentions are good. Neil is also scouting routes for Cycle Oregon, giving him a great excuse to bike all over Oregon and for Sullivan to describe the grandeur of Oregon scenery. Crater Lake is jaw droppingly gorgeous and makes the perfect setting for this very entertaining mystery.

Also read ***The Case of D.B. Cooper's Parachute*** for a bit of Oregon history and a fast paced mystery. If you are from the Northwest and of a certain age, you remember D. B. Cooper. November 24<sup>th</sup> 1971, Thanksgiving Eve, D. B. Cooper boarded a plane in Portland heading for Seattle. Cooper hijacked the plane, demanding a \$200,000 ransom and parachutes. Passengers were released unharmed in Seattle and the plane took off again, headed toward a re-fuel stop in Reno Nevada. Along the way Cooper parachuted into history with his loot. Massive man-hunts failed, forty years later the FBI investigation is still very active and D.B. Cooper is part of northwestern lore. What really happened to D.B. Cooper? The action opens with newly promoted Lieutenant Neil Ferguson and his partner Sargent Wu on a stakeout; they are supposed to catch an art thief going by the moniker D.B. Cooper. Things go awry fast with a high speed chase through the crowded streets of Portland. Lieutenant Ferguson is an interesting guy with lots of baggage. He is grieving the passing of his wife three years ago, a recovering alcoholic, attracted to Sargent Wu, and wracked with guilt over the death of his partner. Lots going on with this guy, but he is likeable, he cares for his daughter, mourns his faults, and truly wants to do right. It just seems right can be a little bit complicated. Lieutenant Ferguson realizes his autistic daughter's independence is both fragile and hugely important. It is hard for him not to step over the boundary of becoming too protective and respect that hard won independence. Their interactions give a richness and sensitivity to the story that is very appealing.

In addition to writing entertaining, clever mysteries, works of fiction, and memoirs Bill Sullivan is best known for his great hiking guides.



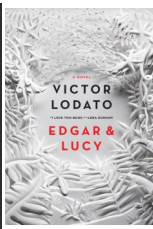
Tuesday August 15 at 5:30 David Abrams presents his latest novel ***Brave Deeds***. Blending comedy and tragedy in a way that would make the ancient Greeks proud, Abrams follows the fates of six soldiers as they walk across Baghdad to pay tribute at the memorial of a fallen comrade, their Staff Sergeant Rafe Morgan. This is not an officially sanctioned stroll across miles of war torn Iraq, no they were specifically told to stay on base. Instead the men liberated a Humvee then went off script, no way were they going to be denied the time to pay their respects just because that was how some pencil pusher organized the day. At first all goes according to plan, well there really is no formal plan, so let's say they get away with grand theft of a Humvee, boding well for successfully completing their objective. Then things start to go wrong. The Humvee breaks down, in their haste to escape what is now a very attractive target for insurgents, they leave behind their radio and map. By the time they discover the items are not in their possession and return to retrieve them, they find the Humvee has become dangerous territory overrun by Iraqis. So now they have miles to go, on foot, across hostile territory, with no ability to call for help. Not ideal, but the intrepid band pushes on, reminiscing along the way about the life and tragic end of Staff Sergeant Rafe Morgan.

As the six men march through Baghdad to the funeral of their leader, we get to know a bit about their hopes, foibles, strengths, and character. While this book is often funny, it does not stint in portraying the mess in Iraq. With the best of intentions, such as taking in a stray dog, things go painfully, tragically wrong. The soldiers face a foe bent on their destruction and willing to countenance civilian casualties in achieving their goals leading to encounters that must leave tremendous scars in the soldiers' memories. Even when they encounter friendly Iraqis, who legitimately seek help, the results can be tragic. How can the soldiers

and Iraqis ever find common ground, when to reach across those lines results in such peril? ***Brave Deeds*** is an engrossing tale, with interesting characters, that will give an idea of what it might be like walking across this ancient war torn city.

***Fobbitt***, Abrams' first novel, was named a New York Times Notable Book of 2012 and an Indie Next List pick. Abrams experience in Iraq allows him to bring a realistic feel to his novels while his bold sense of humor makes them funny and engaging to read. Photo credit Lisa Wareham.





Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Victor Lodato will give a presentation on ***Edgar & Lucy***, a brilliant novel! This story of a child wise beyond his years and a mother with an unquenchable zest for life is one of those special novels that will stay with you long after the last page. Lucy grew up in a household that thoroughly avoided the definition happy. She escapes early, in her teens, with a handsome young Italian American, Frank, whose family is tight and loving. For a while, life is sweet, they marry, and move into his family home with his adoring parents and happiness seems possible. In far too short a time, Lucy finds herself a young widow with a son to raise, living in the home of her in-laws. It is overwhelming for the free spirited, sexy young woman, barely out of her teens. After the initial shock and grief, she is not ready to be put on a shelf, so she dates, leaving her son in the care of his grandmother. Lucy's parents did not provide a successful role model for being a good parent, she tries her best and she loves her son fiercely. Even so, the two women, grandmother and mother are raising a bright, emotionally perceptive, engaging son, Edgar is a charmer. Then tragedy strikes again when Edgar comes to the attention of a man with his own demons. The characters are so vividly drawn, so full of life and emotion, they are a pleasure to visit in the pages of their story. ***Edgar & Lucy*** are a delight!



Friday August 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Steve Olson will give a presentation on ***Eruption: the Untold Story of Mt. St. Helens***. For centuries those of us living in the northwest could admire the symmetrical beauty of snowcapped Mt. St. Helens. She was a stunner, definitely one of the more visually beautiful of our mountains. Rich and I visited often; Mt. St. Helens was one of our favorite hiking destinations, walking around Spirit Lake, amid all that abundant beauty, pure magic. In 1980 the volcano rumbled, warning that it was going to be active. May 18 Mt. St. Helens erupted, forever altering the shape of one of the Northwest's most gorgeous mountains, leaving a trail of death and disaster across the state.

Fifty seven people died. Harry Truman refused to leave his home, the lodge at Spirit Lake; he perished along with his cats. I can understand Harry, he had a passel of cats and did not want to leave them behind, catching and moving them was overwhelming. It would be painful to live with yourself after abandoning to a dreadful fate the animal companions who enriched your life. He lived in a little piece of paradise, a beautiful

lake by a spectacular mountain; he didn't want to see it turned into hell by a furnace hot blast of destruction. Harry avoided that, he went out with the mountain. Only 3 of the deaths, including Harry, were people inside the red zone. The rest were at what was supposed to be a safer remove from the danger of an eruption. Ash coated much of Washington, extending into other states and reaching foreign lands. Rich and I watched the eruption from Kinnear Park in Seattle; it was an awesome sight, sad too.

Olson tells not only of May 18, 1980, but of the full story of Mr. St. Helen's eruption; the months leading up to the blast, the people who died, and the aftermath. He points out the various forces that made it difficult to establish a large enough zone of safety around the mountain. Weyerhaeuser owned trees almost up to the timberline and had an interest in harvesting the lumber before the mountain blew. Governmental inaction had a lethal outcome too. Local law enforcement could see the danger and wanted a wider zone of safety, keeping people farther away from what would be a killing blast. In the week leading up to the eruption they pressed hard eventually succeeding in persuading the state to widen the safety zone, the paperwork to make that effective reached the desk of Governor Dixie Lee Ray the day before the blast where it languished. The Governor's reaction was not to acknowledge government's role in the deaths but to blame the victims, many of whom relied on the safety zone designations not realizing they were in what should have been designated a lethal zone. The force of the blast was incredible, sending an avalanche of mountain, water, and heat down to lower elevations where roads were covered, bridges washed out and mayhem ensued. Darkness fell over great swatches of the state covered in ash.

Today Mr. St. Helens is a National Volcanic Monument again attracting visitors and hikers. Rich and I have not been back, we don't want to change our memory of that perfect mountain with gorgeous Spirit Lake at its base. This book should have particular resonance for Central Oregon, we are surrounded by volcanoes. Good to know.

Author events are free and include refreshments and drawing for door prizes. Stop by Sunriver Books & Music, e-mail [sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com) or phone 541-593-2525 to sign up to attend. All events except Craig Johnson's are at Sunriver Books & Music.

#### Upcoming Author Appearances

**Thursday September 7th 2017 *The Western Star* by Craig Johnson**

Saturday September 9th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***Animals Strike Curious Poses*** by Elena Passarello

Saturday September 16th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***The Child Finder*** by Rene Denfeld

Saturday September 23rd 2017 at 5:00 ***Everything We Lost*** by Valerie Geary

Saturday October 14, 2017 ***All She Left Behind*** by Jane Kirkpatrick

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. Sign up to attend by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing [sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com) or stop by Sunriver Books & Music. Space may be limited for some events.

Check [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com) for changes or additions to the schedule.



# SUNRIVER ART FAIR

**Sunriver Art Fair 2017**  
[www.sunriverartfair.com](http://www.sunriverartfair.com)

Friday, August 11 **Artist Village Open from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm**

Saturday, August 12 **Artist Village Open from 9:30 am – 6:00 pm**  
6:30 – 8:30 pm Street Dance with Klassixs Ayre Band Sunday,

August 13 **Artist Village Open from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm**

## **Fair Includes:**

70+ Artist Booths (Applications through ZAPP and juried by local artists)  
Artists' Hospitality Center  
Center Stage with Entertainment 12:00 noon to 6:00 pm on Friday and Saturday  
and 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm on Sunday. Street dance on Saturday night.  
SRWC Information Booths with Fair Information, restaurant menus, raffle tickets, posters, and water for sale  
Kids' Art Center will be open Friday and Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
Daily raffle drawings

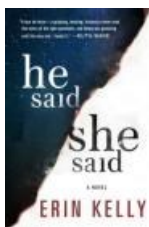
**Net Proceeds** *All net profits from the Sunriver Art Fair are donated, through the Sunriver Women's Club Grant process, to 501(c)3 non-profit organizations, whose work primarily benefits those organizations meeting the basic needs (i.e. shelter, health, food, clothing and education) of families and children residing in the Three Rivers and South Deschutes County.*

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August in Sunriver has lots going on! The internationally acclaimed Sunriver Music Festival's schedule can be found at [sunrivermusic.org](http://sunrivermusic.org).

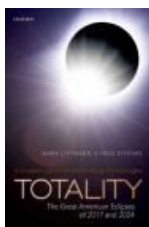
Sunriver Village and SHARC have Twilight Cinema on many nights. Village Bar & Grill and Sunriver Village present music by Michael John and Big Daddy every week. The schedule is listed at [villageatsunriver.com](http://villageatsunriver.com) under the events heading.

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The upcoming Solar Eclipse is a major event for Central Oregon. Our Mystery Book Club will discuss a book relating to an eclipse, **Jade Dragon Mountain** by Elsa Hart. Here are a couple more books that might be of interest.

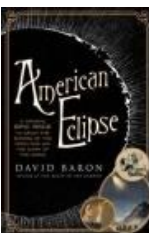
**He Said/She Said** by Erin Kelly. 1999 was going very well for Kit and Laura. They met through her best friend and his brother, hit it off from the start. Kit was inexperienced with women, interested in astronomy and science, a bit of a nerd. He was obsessed with eclipses, as was his father and brother; following them around the world. Laura saw the kindness in the man from the start and was keen to join in for her first eclipse viewing in Cornwall. Clouds were not kind to the pair for viewing the eclipse, but the day was going to get worse for all concerned. Walking back Laura discovers a woman being raped. The man swears it was just aggressive consensual sex, a bit rough maybe but definitely consensual. The woman, Beth, is hardly able to speak, possibly in shock. Afterwards Kit and Laura settle back into their lives, each at the start of promising careers, Kit finishing his advanced degree with much encouragement for a rosy future and Laura also finding her talents appreciated in the job market. Then Beth appears at their flat, grateful for their intervention and help in alerting the police, eager to be pals. Laura and Beth bond, spending more and more time together. But something is off kilter about Beth's involvement in their lives; things start to seem a little creepy. In 2015 Kit and Laura live very quiet lives, they have no electronic presence, no Facebook, no twitter, no photos in the press, no listed numbers. Their names are changed, Kit's promising career ended when he left school early. Despite their fears and the need for secrecy, they continued traveling to view eclipses. This is different, Laura is pregnant and Kit is going off for the first time alone to view an eclipse without her. The ever-present worry is that their past will catch up with them, Beth will find them.



**Totality: The Great American Eclipses of 2017 and 2024** by Mark Littman and Fred Espenak focuses on the Solar Eclipses affecting the US with lots of information on how to fully participate in the event. There are maps, photographs, and an abundance of information on viewing the eclipse for the best experience.

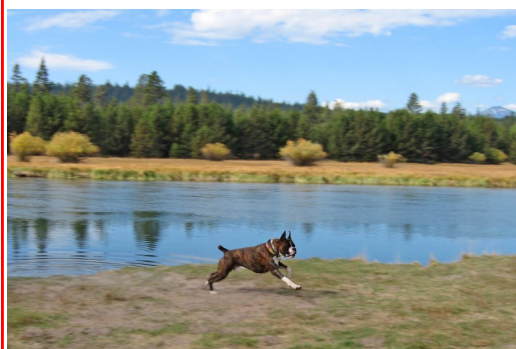


**In The Shadow of the Moon** by Antony Aveni is a scholarly work giving the history, cultural influence and science of eclipses from Stonehenge to present day and beyond. The author has viewed 8 eclipses and is enthusiastic about his subject.



**American Eclipse** by David Baron is a history of the eclipses that have affected the US by an avid follower of eclipses. David tells how the awe seeing his first eclipse inspired a life long passion for following these celestial events. From the eclipse of 1878 to current day, eclipse chasers, discoveries in astronomy, and the role of women in science are all featured. The history of the West blends with the splendor of the sky for a rousing non-fiction book that is both entertaining and informative.





Please remember not to leave your pets in a parked car, the temperatures can soar within minutes causing death. If you see a dog in a parked car in Sunriver, please call the Sunriver Police Department 541-593-1014 so they can rescue the animal.

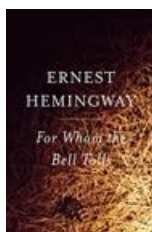
While we are alerting dog owners to local dangers, the wonderful local veterinarian Dr. Wendy Merideth of Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 541-636-9945 has alerted us to the danger of mushrooms. Every year dogs ingest poisonous mushrooms, sometimes fatally, always requiring prompt medical attention. In the Deschutes National Forest be cautious of the leg hold traps that can grievously injure a pet, or a person for that matter. In Sunriver, there are gopher traps to be avoided on the golf courses. Dogs in Sunriver must also either be on a leash or under firm voice control, this keeps them from unhappy interactions with resident's cats and other small animals (such as the local porcupines which can cause an emergency vet visit).

Sunriver is a great place for dogs, they love it here! We welcome them with treats at Sunriver Books & Music. Some of the restaurants such as the Sunriver Brewing Company and the Village Bar and Grill welcome dogs on their decks. much to do and enjoy for the canine member of the family. They enjoy swimming, walks on the bike paths, snoozing on the deck. Have a happy time, just be aware of dangers, so we can all do our best to protect our pets.

### August 2017 Book Clubs.



Monday August 7th the Mystery Book Club discusses **Jade Dragon Mountain** by Elsa Hart. This is a perfect book for the month with an eclipse featuring in a pivotal part of the story. Li Du was once a librarian in the Forbidden City. Banished by the Emperor, he has been traveling remote regions of China with nothing more than the rucksack he carries filled with his meager belongings. As Li Du approaches Dayan, he is unaware the Emperor is expected soon for an imperial visit, a display of his divinity as an eclipse of the sun will darken the sky. Li Du only wants to get his travel permit signed by the magistrate and go on his way; he is surprised to find the town crowded to overflowing. His cousin, Tulishen, is magistrate; the meeting of the two men is awkward after so much time and the estrangement of Li Du's expulsion. However Tulishen has need of his cousin's skills. Li Du can speak Latin, the language of the Jesuits who have come for the Emperor's festival and the spectacle of the eclipse. Tulishen is ambitious, everything for the Emperor's visit must be perfect, but he does not speak the tongue of these foreigners nor does he understand their ways. Li Du must stay and help with the Jesuits, and then he can go on his way before the Emperor arrives. Of course all does not go as planned. One of the foreigners will die. Li Du will pursue the truth. A lush, beautiful portrayal of China and interesting characters make this a pure pleasure to read. Li Du is a very likeable sleuth, intelligent and compassionate.



Monday August 14 the Classics and Fiction Book Clubs combine to discuss **For Whom the Bell Tolls** by Ernest Hemingway set during the intense fighting of the Spanish Civil War, a conflict Hemingway participated in as a journalist. The story focuses on the willingness of men to die in the service of a cause, even when those deaths will ultimately be meaningless. The setting is a pivotal battle against Franco, the writing does not flinch from portraying the cruelty and violence of war, but then Hemingway was not known for flinching. The main character, Robert Jordan, is an American. He volunteers to undertake a suicide mission, the destruction of a crucial bridge. Of course, he has a love interest. Maria is a village girl whose family was killed by the fascists. The bond men develop in war, the bravery required of them, the pain of betrayal by comrades, and the ultimate price of armed conflict are all dealt with deftly.

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

**Please note, hours for Book Club have changed, book club begins at 6:00 PM.**  
**Please note there have been changes in the summer schedule.**

Everyone is welcome, light refreshments are served.



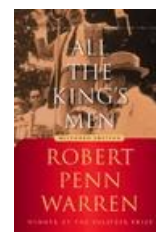
September 11, 2017 **I'm Traveling Alone** by Samuel Bjork [Mystery Book Club](#)  
 September 18, 2017 **All the King's Men** by Robert Penn Warren [Classics and Fiction Book Clubs](#) **Banned Book Selection**

October **Secret Place** by Tana French [Mystery Book Club Themed Month Ireland](#)  
 October **Troubles** by J.G. Farrell [Classics Book Club Themed Month Ireland](#)  
 October **Nora Webster** by Colm Toibin [Fiction Book Club Themed Month Ireland](#)

October **Life Without a Recipe** by Diana Abu-Jaber [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)  
 November **Girl Waits With Gun** by Amy Stuart [Mystery Book Club](#)  
 November **Everyone Brave is Forgiven** by Chris Cleave [Fiction Book Club](#)

December **The Lake House** by Kate Morton [Mystery Book Club](#)  
 December **Small Great Things** by Jodi Picoult [Fiction Book Club](#)

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



If you are involved in a club or gathering that would enjoy using 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. Using the space is free. To reserve the space for your group contact Deon at Sunriver Books & Music. Sunriver Village is an ideal place to meet. After concluding the day's agenda enjoy a meal at one of the Village restaurants and browse in the many shops.

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