



# Sunriver Books & Music

## August 2020

### Newsletter

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**Saturday August 22 at 5:30**

Keith McCafferty presents his latest, *The Bangtail Ghost* in a Zoom event. Please send an email to [sunriverriver-books@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriverriver-books@sunriverbooks.com) to pre-order a book and arrange to receive the link to attend. I was asked earlier to today what mysteries I am looking forward to reading, it was an easy question to answer, Keith McCafferty's *Bangtail Ghost* in his Sean Stranahan series releasing August 18 and Craig Johnson's *Next to Last Stand* in the Walt Longmire series releasing September 22. These two men do not disappoint and always tell a good story. Can't wait to read their latest!

Keith McCafferty's series featuring Sheriff Martha Ettinger, Sean Stranahan, and Harold Little Feather has great characters who are interesting to spend time with and come to feel like old friends. Each new book is a pleasure to read, finding out what they have been up to. Included in the series are *The Royal Wulff Murders*, *The Gray Ghost Murders*, *Dead Man's Fancy*, *Crazy Mountain Kiss*, *Buffalo Jump Blues*, *Cold Hearted River*, *A Death in Eden*, and now *The*

***Bangtail Ghost*.** All are well written, with intriguing plots, and beautiful country.

Keith kindly sent me a few chapters of *The Bangtail Ghost* and I can tell you the writing is beautiful, catching the feel of Montana, and the opening chapters promise an intriguing story. A Mountain Lion is involved, who can resist a good mystery with a Mountain Lion? Not me, I am all in for this one. Due to issues related to the pandemic, publishers are not able to provide bookstores with previews of many novels so I asked Keith to write a little about *The Bangtail Ghost* and to provide some biographical detail. The rest is from Keith McCafferty, a nice guy and an author perfectly able to write a rip-roaring story!

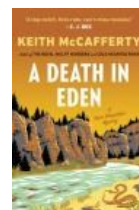
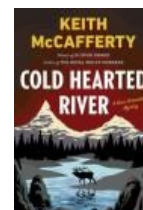
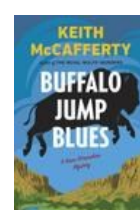
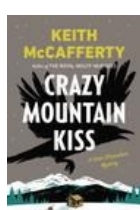
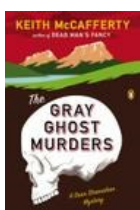
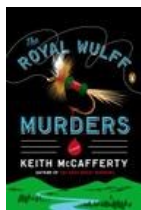
**The Bangtail Ghost:** On a cold day in the dead of a Montana winter, a single whisker discovered at a scene of horrific violence suggest that a woman has been attacked and carried away by a mountain lion. Sheriff Martha Ettinger employs her fiancé, part-time detective Sean Stranahan, to "join teams with the dead" and put a name to the gnawed bones and scattered remains, which include fake fingernails and a breast implant that, along with other clues, point to the victim being a prostitute who was entertaining wayward hunters. The woman's will be the first of several deaths that Sean suspects are not as easily explained as they appear. As a reign of terror grips the Madison Valley, blood in the tracks will lead him from the river to the snow-covered ridge tops, as he finds himself on his most dangerous quest yet. For as Sean comes closer to unearthing the secrets shared by the dead and missing, the tracks he is following will turn and the hunter becomes the hunted.

#### Keith McCafferty: Biography

Keith McCafferty is the author of eight novels in the Sean Stranahan mystery series, published by Viking/Penguin Books. He is the recipient of the Will Rogers Gold and Silver Medallion Awards and the Western Writers of America Spur Award for Best Novel, among many other awards. Two of his novels were chosen as Best Reads by Oprah Winfrey's "O" magazine.

Keith is also a two-time National Magazine Award finalist and the recipient of the Robert Traver Award for angling literature. For years he made a living with his flyrod, writing stories for *Field & Stream*, where he was the Survival and Outdoor Skills editor. "It was like flying around the world on a broom" he recalls, "only the fly rod was my broom."

A wild bird rescue volunteer, Keith lives with his wife and family, and various feathered friends, in Montana.



### Upcoming Author Appearances

**Due to Covid 19, all of our author events are currently online via Zoom. Sign up in advance to receive the link to attend.**

Saturday September 5, 2020 at 5:00 PM ***Something Worth Doing*** by Jane Kirkpatrick

Saturday September 26, 2020 at 4:00 PM ***Next to Last Stand*** by Craig Johnson

Saturday October 17, 2020 at 5:00 PM ***Catch and Release*** by Les AuCoin

Join us to enjoy fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Sign up to attend events by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing [sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com) or stopping by Sunriver Books & Music. Space may be limited for some events.

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

Due to Covid 19 there are many changes at Sunriver Books & Music.

Our hours are currently 11 to 5. We had hoped we would be able to expand by now to longer hours, but the number of cases in Deschutes County and throughout Oregon continues to rise making it unlikely we will be able to expand hours yet. Vigilance is still needed in adhering to safety precautions such as masks. We hoped to allow ten shoppers at a time in the bookstore, but it became clear that we could not achieve reasonable social distancing, so now we are limiting the number to 7.

Our goal is to reduce the risk to our community and staff as much as possible. We are serious about requiring masks, social distancing, and the use of hand sanitizer.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

### Staff Recommendations, New Releases.



***Second Home*** by Cristina Clancy. Place is evoked so sensuously it feels like a presence in the story. Step into this old second home holding the memory of generations of the Gordon family. Summers they would leave the Midwest, travel to their Cape Cod summer home, and revel in the season.

As the story opens, Ed and Connie Gordon have died, Ann, the responsible daughter, is meeting a realtor. Ann is intent on selling this piece of her family history. Poppy, the free-spirited sister, spends her life traveling the world. But there is another sibling, Michael, the young man the family adopted when he was in high school.

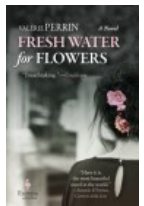
Something happened to the teens one summer, something that frayed the ties binding this family. Michael fled, his whereabouts unknown. When Michael reappears to assert his right as an heir to the Cape Cod home, the three siblings will have to face the ghosts of that fateful summer.

Through it all, the second home is for each of them a touchstone to their pasts and a way to their future.



***This Little Family*** by Ines Bayard. Marie and Laurent were a happy young couple, living in Paris, with good careers, looking forward to starting a family. Their life was sweet. As the story opens, that happiness has shattered, Marie has poisoned her family; her loving husband and the child they both wanted.

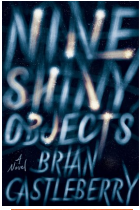
This powerful novel shows the disintegration of a woman's being. Marie is destroyed when a man she trusted, a married man with a position of responsibility, rapes her. She changes from a confident, loving woman to someone tormented by what has happened to her, unable to confide in her husband for fear of how he would view her in the aftermath, convinced that the child she bore was the son of her rapist. The story poignantly exposes the suffering of a woman at the hands of someone in power, someone she should have been able to trust.



***Fresh Water For Flowers*** by Valerie Perrin is one of those special books, that defy description and make you glad that it was written. Valerie Toussaint is the cemetery caretaker in a small French town. She feeds the stray cats that make their way to this sanctuary, and takes in the dog of a dead woman. Her days are spent with the gravediggers, undertakers, local priest, and the mourners of the dead. She offers them coffee, conversation, or sympathy in the little home on the cemetery grounds that came with her position. In short, Valerie is a good person who is kind to those in need of kindness, furred or human.

Her life is ordered around her tasks, until a policeman shows up, wanting to understand his mother's instructions for burial. He takes an interest in Valerie. From this encounter, her past will intrude, challenging her to face her tragedies and reach for the future with hope. This is a lovely story!

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**Nine Shiny Objects** by Brian Castleberry. Do not be distracted by the **Nine Shiny Objects** spotted over the Cascade Mountains, that just might have been alien craft, and take a different journey, as from this start, a masterful linking of lives shows what might have been from 1947 to 1987.

Oliver, failing as an actor in Chicago, reads of the lights and hitchhikes west to his destiny. Along the way he encounters Saul, and a new community is founded, the Seekers, dedicated to living without racist or sexist attitudes. But the times are against them, as the headlines will attest. The story is linked by the people who are touched or changed by their encounters. This is a story that rewards for paying attention. It has a lot to say about society, and what that might mean.



**Burning** by Megha Majumdar. Jivan is a Bangladeshi slum dwelling Moslem girl striving toward a better life. Overcome by emotion when a terrorist attack leaves death behind at the nearby train station, she posts a comment that will have tragic repercussions. PT Sir is a teacher who seizes the opportunity for future benefit by hitching himself to a politically connected right wing group, doing their bidding. Lovely is a hijra, denied one future, she grasps another. They will each have a role in determining Jivan's fate. Lovely is a great character, granting the story moments of humor and sparkle as darker themes of corruption, repression, and justice are explored.

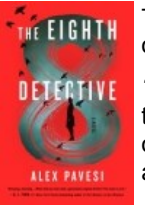


**House Lessons: Renovating a Life** By Erica Bauermeister. If you have read any of Bauermeister's fiction, you will recognize the beautiful sentences, the sensuousness of her carefully chosen words. **House Lessons** is an intimate look at the heart of an artist as Bauermeister falls in love with a historic wreck of a house in Port Townsend. The foundation is trashed, the house is full of garbage, the windows are shot, the chimney falling down, but oh my, it has the bones to be something wonderful.

Houses play a role in defining us. The spaces we inhabit either give comfort adding to our joy or they are jarring if they clash in ways that do not suit our needs. This house Bauermeister feels could be something special, its Mt. Rainier and Puget Sound views bringing the outside in, the rooms spacious and light.

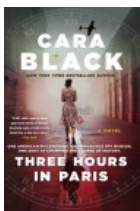
Port Townsend is a lovely city, with blowsy historic homes climbing the hillside from the picturesque little town. Bauermeister's challenge is to renovate, staying true to the home's original style, while not going broke in the process. It surely has the potential for being a money pit on a grand scale.

Renovations are stressful! Something is always bound to go awry or cost substantially more than expected or run afoul of a governing agency. Even when everything goes right, it still takes a lot of focus. Erica is the point person on the remodel, traveling back and forth from her home in Seattle, while her husband Ben works and takes care of their two children, Kate and Ry. Inevitably this will cause conflict and growth in the relationships of the family. Bauermeister is open about the challenge of letting go, ceding control in the family dynamic, and learning to relax a bit about the bumps along the way.



Taking the reader from the initial discovery of the home, through the purchase, inspection, and construction while also focusing on the intimacy of the family. This is a memoir that informs and delights on every page.

**The Eighth Detective** by Alex Pavesi is an intriguing homage to some of the great mystery novels with its own clever twists. Grant was a mathematician who wrote seven detective stories, about thirty years ago. Long forgotten, he lives quietly on an Island. That is until Julia, an editor with an interest in reissuing the stories, tracks him down. But everyone has secrets, and the stories themselves have clues.

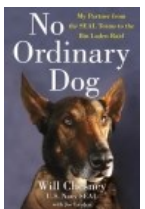


**Three Hours in Paris** by Cara Black. Kate Reese grew up in Oregon on a ranch with a passel of brothers, she learned early to shoot and shoot well. As a young woman she spent time in Paris, time that was brought to a tragic end by bombs from the German Luftwaffe killing her husband and child.

Now she plans to exact her revenge. British intelligence, made aware of her prowess with a rifle, plans to use her talents. Kate has no real training in spy craft or fighting a war, she is only given quick instructions before she is dropped into France with a high value target. Hitler is rumored to be planning a fast visit, there will only be one chance to take him out.

Kate waits in an apartment across from Sacre-Coeur with her rifle at the ready, she has the skill to take him down, but something will go awry. Kate's only hope of escape will be through the network of Parisian partisans, a network she is unfamiliar with, a network that has traitor in its midst. Kate's exit plans were shadowy, something she would learn from other contacts, avenues now closed to her.

An untrained American sniper, working at the behest of the British, is alone and on the run in Nazi occupied Paris with the highest levels of the German government determined to find and eliminate her. Will she evade the Nazis and survive? Read this edge of your seat thriller and find out!



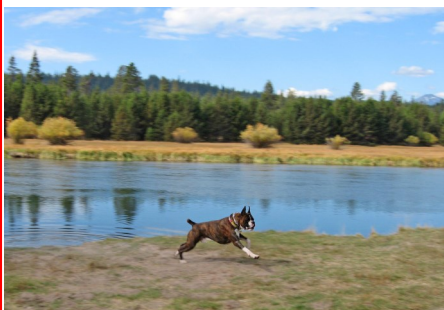
**No Ordinary Dog: My Partner from the SEAL Teams to the Bin Laden Raid** By Will Chesney, Joe Layden

Cairo was the courageous Belgian Malinois involved in the raid on Osama Bin Laden. This is his story. But it is also the story of his Navy Seal handler, Will Chesney.

It is hard becoming a Navy Seal, calling the process brutal would be an understatement. These men are tough; emotionally and physically. Many men try, few succeed. For Will, a kid from rural Texas, it had been his life's ambition since childhood. He didn't start out to be a dog handler but he had always loved dogs and watching the bravery of the dogs and the bond between handler and dog decided him.

The book takes the reader through Will's quest to become a Navy Seal, the process the Navy goes through in selecting and training their dogs, Will's meeting with Cairo, their many dangerous missions, the raid on Bin Laden, and Will's determination to give Cairo a good retirement.

Cairo's bravery is proved again and again. The dog had heart. He was intelligent, responsive, and at times a bit of a character. But he knew his job and did it admirably. Fascinating book about a special dog and the bond developed with his handler.



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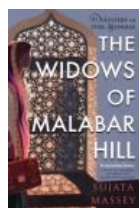
Please remember not to leave your pets in a parked car, temperatures can soar within minutes causing death. If you see a dog in a parked car in Sunriver, please call the Sunriver Police Department 541-593-1014 so they can rescue the animal. Animals can be in severe distress in minutes, parking in the shade on our hot days will not save them. It is too hot to leave an animal safely in the car, even in shade temperatures will be deadly.

While we are alerting dog owners to local dangers, Dr. Wendy Merideth of Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 541-593-8128 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 leg hold traps that can grievously injure a pet, or a person

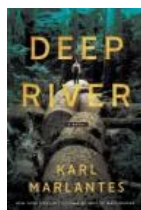
Dogs in Sunriver must be on a leash or under firm voice control, this keeps them from unhappy interactions with resident's cats and other small animals (such as the local porcupines which can cause an emergency vet visit). Caution is necessary with doors too! Dogs love the out of doors! They arrive in Sunriver happy with the forest and meadows. An open door is like an invitation to a party. If they escape without notice, they can be gone in an instant, by the time they are missed, it can be too late. Sunriver is surrounded by forest, many animals live here. Coyote, bobcat, deer, and others can lead to a deadly encounter for the beloved family dog. Be especially careful traveling with people unfamiliar with animals and small children. They may not realize the danger an open door poses to the canine family member. If you are traveling with a cat, escaping to the outside is even more dangerous making doorway vigilance tremendously important.

### August 2020 Book Clubs

Book Clubs are a good way to keep in touch, interact with others interested in reading, and talk about books. For the foreseeable future Book Clubs will be by Zoom. Everyone is welcome, get in touch at Sunriver Books & Music to let us know if you would like to attend.

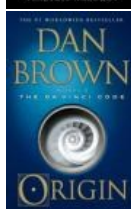
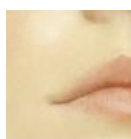


August 10 Mystery Book Club discusses **The Widows of Malabar Hill** by Sujata Massey Fascinating detail about life in 1920's Bombay combines with a clever mystery to make this a pleasure to read. Perveen Mistry has overcome the poor decisions of her youth that have imbued in her a passion for woman's rights, achieved a degree in law at Oxford, and joined her father's law firm as the first woman to practice law in India. While she is not allowed to argue cases in court, the wheels of change grinding slowly, she is able to help with all the contractual aspects of a law practice. To this end, looking over the estate of Omar Farid, she notices some suspicious aspects to the paperwork and is concerned about the welfare of the 3 widows who live in strict purdah. Of course there will be something less than on the up and up, a murder will occur, and Parveen will be involved in the investigation. What really sets this engaging series launch apart is the great use of interesting historic detail. This is a good beginning to a series that should be fun to read with the next book eagerly anticipated.



August 24 the Fiction Book Club discusses **Deep River** by Karl Marlantes. Finland in 1901 was ruled by Russia, its young men drafted to serve in the Russian army, dissent ruthlessly put down. Aino's older brother escaped to America. Her passions for political action were ignited by her teacher and a copy of Karl Marx's **Communist Manifesto**. Those passions deepened when Russian soldiers were billeted in the family's meager farmhouse, eating the best of the rapidly diminishing food supply. Any attempt to protect themselves, to defy Russian cruelty was met with crushing force. As Aino fell in love and became more involved in defying the Russians, she learned first hand the cost of resistance.

She fled to her brothers in America, near Astoria, there she defied custom by refusing to marry, and becoming involved in the labor movement. Her story is seamlessly entwined with the history of the Pacific Northwest, a history that included charismatic Joe Hill and the labor movement. If you enjoy two days off a week and an 8 hour work day, thank the labor movement. They fought hard for more humane working conditions. **Deep River** is not only a story of history, it is also the story of a strong, independent woman's struggles to balance family and commitment to a cause. When Aino does marry, it is no surprise that her passion for the greater good and damage at the hands of the Russians do not pave the way for a harmonious relationship. Deeply guarded secrets, rivalries, and the fortunes of characters the reader comes to care about make this a rich, rewarding novel. Marlantes mines his family's past in writing this epic of a woman's struggle to make a difference.



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

Everyone is welcome, Meetings are being held via Zoom.  
Times and dates are tentative due to current situation.

#### September Dates may change.

September 7 **Paragon Hotel** by Lindsey Faye **Mystery Book Club**  
September 14 **Lolita** by Vladimir Nabokov **Classics Book Club and Fiction Book Club Banned Book Selection**  
September 21 **Tightrope** by Nicholas Kristoff and Sheryl WuDunn **Non-Fiction Book Club**

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