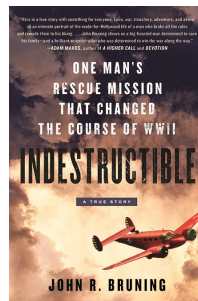




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Happy Holidays!
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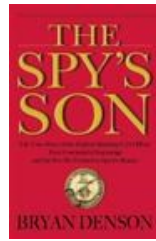
Saturday December 3 at 5:00 PM John Bruning will give a presentation with a video component on ***Indestructible; One Man's Rescue That Changed The Course of WWII***. This is edge of your seat non-fiction that takes the reader into a story of bravery and ingenuity set in the Pacific theater of WWII. Pappy Gunn, spent twenty years in the Navy, he served in WWI, and after retiring he was living the good life with his family in Manilla as Operations Manager for Philippine airlines. Then Pearl Harbor happened and everything changed. Pappy was called back to serve as a Captain in the Army Air Corps and ordered to fly the top brass out of harm's way. It was clear the Japanese were heading for Manilla, but MacArthur's people led Pappy to believe there was ample time to remove their men from the area then come back and fly his family out. They were disastrously wrong. Pappy was half a world away when the Japanese, not known for their kindness to prisoners, took Pappy's wife Polly and his four children. They were taken to Santo Tomas Internment Camp, notorious for its harsh treatment of prisoners. Imagine how he must have felt, he adored his family and now they were in danger, enduring horrible conditions.

A chest full of medals attest to the ferocious way Pappy did his duty; a Silver Star, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, and nine Purple hearts. Pappy was a man who had his priorities straight, his family was never out of his thoughts, rescuing them his top priority. He was also a man who believed strongly in doing things his way, enraging highly ranked desk bound officers while winning the admiration of those fighting in the field. For instance, he "borrowed" (okay, steal might be the correct description) a squadron of B25 bombers from the Dutch Air Force in Australia, in order to fly them on a raid to the Philippines, the planes did not return in the same condition, it was rough going. Pappy devised modifications that helped win the war, but he was not the darling of the supply clerks, once pulling a gun on a reluctant supplier. Pappy was a patriot, but he was not always bound by rules if he knew a better way. General Kenney realized he had a bit of a boffin on his hands and gave Pappy free rein. His innovations are still being used today; in 2010 they saved the author's life when he was reporting on the conflict in Afghanistan. John Bruning was in a helicopter that went down, leaving him vulnerable to a considerable force of Taliban fighters, he was protected by Apache gunships using firepower innovations devised by Pappy Gunn back in WWII. How is that for an interesting twist, the author of Pappy Gunn's biography was saved by his subject.

"May you live in interesting times" is supposed to be a Chinese curse; it certainly fits Pappy's life. From bootlegger to ace pilot to war hero to an escort for First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, Pappy definitely lived in interesting times. Probably longing for a bit of boredom!

Sony has snapped up film rights to this amazing story for the big screen with Mark Gordon producing. There is a lot of well researched history in this marvelous book, but it reads like a thriller, because that was the way Pappy Gunn lived, full speed ahead and the Devil take the hindmost.

Family is a big part of author John Bruning's life too, he was inspired to write this story by his daughter Renee. He did Pappy Gunn proud, undertaking prodigious research to get the facts right, then conducting interviews to understand the man, forging a strong friendship with Gunn's son in the process. If you enjoyed ***Unbroken*** by Laura Hilgenbrand, you will find much of interest in ***Indestructible***.



Saturday December 10th at 5:00 PM Bryan Denson will give a presentation on ***The Spy's Son***, his non-fiction account of a spy with an Oregon connection. In 1997 Jim Nicholson was the highest ranking CIA officer to be convicted of espionage. Nicholson was incarcerated at Sheridan, a Federal prison on the way to the Oregon coast that had earlier housed James Harper Jr. for selling secrets to Poland and Christopher Boyce who sold secrets to the Russians. So the Oregon prison had experience in jailing spies. But Jim Nicholson wasn't done; he was grooming an assistant on the outside, his son Nathan.

Before his world fell apart Nicholson led an exciting life, a case officer traveling to exotic places. He was a rising star, a workaholic who put the CIA first and time with his family second. Fellow agents nicknamed him Batman for his courage, daring, and adventurousness in the field, a nick-

name he embraced. An acrimonious divorce left him a single father with doubts about the cost of having put his career ahead of his family, serious debt, a tendency to spend freely, and feeling the need for supplemental income. He began his economic association with the Russians in Kuala Lumpur in 1994. Nicholson worked as a training officer at "the farm" the CIA's clandestine training center where he would know the names of all those young people sent out into the world with the intention of gaining the trust of others in order to spy for the US. Those names were valuable; he agreed to provide the identities of the young spies to the Russians. President William Jefferson Clinton decided to clean up the agency, weed out those willing to sell their countries secrets. He teamed the FBI with the CIA to clean house. Nicholson was caught by their efforts. In 1997 he began his prison term in Oregon where he could be close to his children. A move that allowed him time to groom his son as his assistant.

Nathan was a teenager when his Dad went to jail; he grew up, served his country in the infantry where a parachute jumping injury ended that career leaving him with a limp. He went to college in Corvallis, living in a small apartment, and visiting his father. It was time; Jim Nicholson recruited Nathan, involving his son in espionage for the Russians. In 2006 Nathan contacted the Russian Embassy in San Francisco with a message from his father. Thus started a series of cloak and dagger meetings in far off places for the young Nicholson, but the ending would be much the same as for his father, an arrest by the FBI.

Denson spent many hours with Nathan, months going over documents, to bring to this tale a keen understanding of the life of a spy. It reads like a thriller, albeit this time the crimes are real. This is also the story of a family failing, of the love between a father and son that goes awry, and the cost to all concerned. The writing is engaging and the tale of this father son duo interesting. It is also a very real look at the way our spy guys operate. A lot of information in a swift paced book by an author who writes so well he was short listed for a Pulitzer Prize.

A movie by Paramount Pictures to star Robert De Niro is in the works, this should make a fast paced fabulous picture!

More information on all of our author events can be found at sunriverbooks.com.

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Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday January 14th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***First Degree Mudder*** by Kate Dyer Seeley (slide show)

Saturday February 18th, 2017 at 5:00 PM ***Piano Tide*** by Kathleen Dean Moore (music too!)

Saturday April 29th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***New Hikes in Southern Oregon*** by Bill Sullivan (slide show)

Saturday May 6th 2017 ***Curious Gorge*** by Scott Cook (slide show)

Saturday August 12th, 2017 at 5:00 PM ***The Case of the Reborn Bhagwan*** by Bill Sullivan

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 sign up to attend by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or stopping by Sunriver Books & Music. Space may be limited for some events.

Check sunriverbooks.com for changes or additions to the schedule.

SUNRIVER STARS PRESENTS "WINTER WISHES"

The Sunriver Stars Community Theater is pleased and excited to present *Winter Wishes*, directed by one of our veteran actresses and directors, Susan Evans Inman. This Readers' Theater style production will feature adaptations of O. Henry's *The Cop and the Anthem* and *The Gift of the Magi*, as well as several Aesop's Fables.

The performances will be held at the SHARC in Sunriver on the weekend of December 2nd-4th. Show times are: Friday Dec. 2nd at 7:00pm, Saturday Dec. 3rd at 7:00pm and Sunday Dec. 4th at 2:00pm. Tickets may be purchased online at our website, www.sunriverstars.org, or at the door. This presentation will be appropriate and delightful for both adults and children. Tasty seasonal goodies and beverages will be available for purchase before the show and during intermission. We can't think of a better way to kick off the holidays than to come to this magical presentation of several classic and beloved tales.

Another interesting note about this show is that we've been invited to perform an abbreviated version of "Winter Wishes" at the Deschutes County Libraries in La Pine and Sisters. See our website for any further information. Questions?: see the website or email susanspacas@yahoo.com.

Thank You Craig Johnson for returning to Sunriver Books & Music!

Here are a few pictures of the September 25th event at SHARC where an audience of 350 enjoyed his performance.

Photos were taken by Dr. Sue Dougherty.



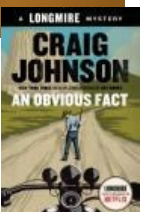
Cowboy nap before the event.

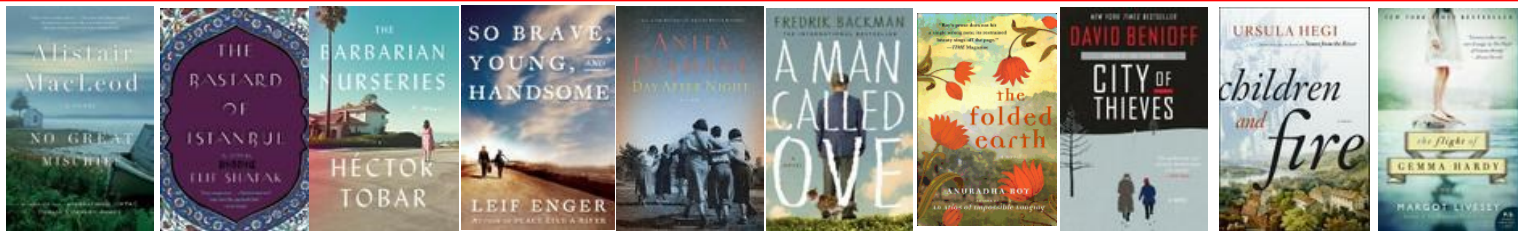


Carolyn Barr and Craig Johnson



Signed Books make great gifts! We have signed first editions of *An Obvious Fact* by Craig Johnson.





Holiday Gift Ideas From Sunriver Books & Music

Our Book of the Month Club is a gift that keeps on giving throughout the year.

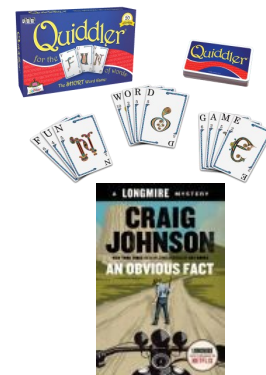
Unwrapping gifts at the Holidays is fun, with a [Book of the Month Club](#) subscription the pleasure continues. Every month brings a surprise book. Readers on your gift list will be delighted! Every month feels like the holidays with a new book to discover. Be nice to yourself too, purchase a [Book of the Month Club](#) subscription and receive a new book every month. It is a great way to find new authors to enjoy. Holidays can be stressful, be kind to yourself, purchase a [Book of the Month Club](#) subscription, look forward to something new to read every month.

I am honored to be trusted to select books for you and take seriously choosing the books for [Book of the Month Club](#). We try to have well written books that might be a bit less known, an undiscovered treasure. Past selections include ***Last Town on Earth*** by Thomas Mullen, ***Red River*** by Lalita Tademy, ***Bastard of Istanbul*** by Elif Shafak, ***So Brave Young And Handsome*** by Leif Enger, ***Skeletons At The Feast*** by Chris Bohjalian, ***City of Thieves*** by David Benioff, ***Day After Night*** by Anita Diamant, ***Fragile Beasts*** by Tawni O'Dell, ***Children and Fire*** by Ursula Hegi, ***Barbarian Nurseries*** by Hector Tobar, ***Vanishing Act of Esme Lennox*** by Maggie O'Farrel, ***Housekeeping*** by Marilynne Robinson, ***The Folded Earth*** by Anuradha Roy, ***A Man Called Ove*** by Fredrik Backman, ***The Flight of Gemma Hardy*** by Margot Livesy, and ***We are Called to Rise*** by Laura McBride. I can whole heartedly recommend each of these books! What will 2017 bring? Purchase a [Book of the Month Club](#) subscription and enjoy the surprise every month. Picked up in the store the first six month subscription of 2017 costs \$95.93 and a subscription for all of 2017 costs \$191.83. Mailed in the USA the first six month of 2017 subscription costs \$107.93 and a subscription for all of 2017 costs \$ 215.83.

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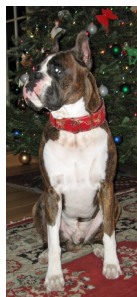
Games make fun gifts! We carry quite a few. Banagrams and Quiddler are word games.



Probably our most popular game is Dog-opoly. Puzzles are also popular. The Central Oregon puzzle features Sunriver! We carry a variety including Ravensberger and Piatnik.

For the furry member of your household we have an array of dog collars, leashes, Planet Dog toys, and Sweet Potato Chews.

Flashman, modeled Holiday design collars., he was a handsome fellow who liked being a well dressed dog.



Signed books make wonderful gifts. We have a variety of books signed by the author. Including An Obvious Fact by Craig Johnson.

Pens are wonderful intimate gifts. Every time they are touched, memories return of the giver bringing joy. We have gorgeous pens from Acme Studio's lively, often whimsical, designs priced \$79.99 to Montegrappa of Italy's sensuous, beautiful works of art priced into the thousands.

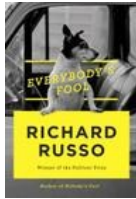


December 27– January 2 Share the Holiday Spirit! Donate a book to Three Rivers School!

It is hard for school districts to find the funds to keep their libraries and classrooms thriving with good literature. Help fuel the school children's passion for reading. Buy any book in the children's section at 35% off, we keep the book and deliver it to Three Rivers School with your name & address. The first child to read the book will write you a thank you note, thereafter the book is available for the Three Rivers students. A \$19.99 book would cost you \$12.99, a \$16.99 book will be \$11.05, a \$12.99 book becomes \$8.44, \$9.99 reduces to \$6.49, and \$6.99 is just \$4.54. It is not expensive to spread the joy of reading



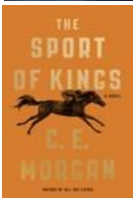
Top Ten Fiction of 2016!



Everybody's Fool by Richard Russo is the story of a small New York town of loveable misfits, heroes and villains. Sully no longer has to hustle for every dollar. He has other worries, his body, so able to go forever in his younger days, is failing. The docs at the VA say his heart won't give him more time without an operation, news Sully is keeping secret. Rub, Sully's sidekick, is not pleased that Sully named his dog Rub, causing confusion to man and dog. Carl Roebuck is trying to lose his daddy's fortune, and is making some serious inroads in that direction. Russo makes you laugh at their antics, worry about their problems, and wish them well.



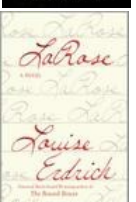
A Gentleman of Moscow by Amor Towles. In 1922 Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest at the Metropol Hotel. The hotel was choice digs of the hoi polloi until communism turned the country a dull grey. He was fortunate, he could have been shot for his aristocratic heritage; instead he spends decades inside a hotel known to him from happier times. Count Rostov is a grand character familiar to readers of Tolstoy or Dickens. Towles is a playful author with an elegant turn of phrase.



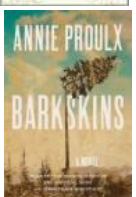
The Sport of Kings by C.E. Morgan. Henry Forge's Daddy was a stern man, educated in the classics and deeply proud of his ancestry. He forced Henry, when just a child, to recite his lineage, blood was everything. Set at a time when the role of blacks was changing, a man like John Henry Forge still held violent dominion. Henry has a passion for thoroughbreds. The right bloodline could bring him glory. He raises his daughter, Henrietta, to be a partner in his quest. Allmon, a young black man, is hired in their stables setting in motion a confrontation between the past and the present. The story has horses, especially the fiery speed demon Hellmouth; it also has depths and grace that go far beyond the race track to paint a searing portrait of bigotry, greed, and the violence men are willing to visit upon each other.



Everyone Brave is Forgiven by Chris Cleave. Mary volunteered at the War Office, expecting to be assigned to a General or made a spy; she was sent to teach school, an occupation she undertook with much verve and originality to the dismay of the principal. Alistair worked at the Tate. He joins up and is sent first to France then the siege of Malta. Alistair changes from a happy young man to an officer doing his best for the men under his command. Zachary is a black child who suffers racism and loss yet moves through life with a kind of cocky, grace. This wonderful story is inspired by Cleave's grandfather and grandmother.



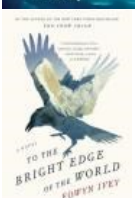
LaRose by Louise Erdrich. Two related families live next door to each other, their 5 year old sons, Dusty and LaRose, are best friends. The Iron family follows traditional ways on the Rez, the Ravich's less so, eschewing the ancient for the modern. Landreaux Iron is a skilled hunter; when he shoots it is not the deer who falls, but his neighbor's son. Devastated by his actions, Landreaux retreats to the sweat lodge to contemplate what should happen in the wake of this tragedy. Following an old Ojibwe tradition, he gives his son, LaRose to his neighbor. This is a fascinating examination into what it would be like to choose such a drastic atonement. At its heart, it is a story about two families cleft by tragedy, united by redemption.



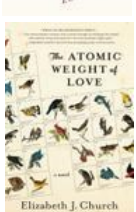
Barkskins by Annie Proulx begins in 1693 when Rene Sol and Charles Duquet travel from France to Canada, known then as New France, to work as wood cutters for Monsieur Trepagny, a brutish man, for three years in return for land of their own. Charles soon escapes while Rene stays to fulfill his obligation. The story follows their descendants, as they travel the world. Rene marries a native woman; his children will know the harsh realities wrought by the multitude of settlers. Duquet founds a timber company, gaining immense wealth. A fascinating novel encompassing three centuries of change.



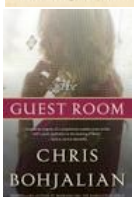
Before the Wind by Jim Lynch. Joshua is from a sailing family. The Bobo's, Sr. and Jr. (his grandfather and father) are legendary in Puget Sound. Bobo Sr. built a line of fast sailing ships; Bobo Jr. took Olympic Silver, racing with ferociousness and passion. Ruby, Joshua's younger sister, could sense wind as if it was a part of her. At the height of her prowess, she turned her back on racing. Bernard, the older brother, was willing to stride across the boundary between legal and lethal for his causes. Joshua is 31, riding his bike to work repairing sail boats and living on board in a marina in south Puget Sound. Bobo Jr. lures Joshua into helping renovate his grandfather's design to bring the family together for one more glorious race aboard the historic vessel.



To the Bright Edge of the World by Eowyn Ivey. Colonel Allen Forrester was resigned to being a bachelor when he met Sophie Ada Swanson, a woman brimming with a sense of curiosity. Soon after their marriage he leaves her in Vancouver, Washington to lead a small expedition into Alaska's interior. The story shifts between Forrester's band of explorers as they travel into a land of wonders they are unprepared to understand, Sophie's time discovering a passion for photography, and current day with a relative finding a home for their memorabilia. Journal entries, letters, pictures and exhibits tell this story filled with wonder of the natural world, a hint of the blurring of lines between species and cultures, and foreboding of the changes that will come with the white man.

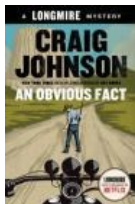


The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth J. Church. Meridian Wallace is smart and ambitious, planning on a PHD and becoming an ornithologist. While in college she falls for her physics professor, Alden Whetstone. In the 1940's Alden's expertise is needed in Los Alamos, New Mexico where the scientists are cooking up a new kind of bomb and the women are expected to support the men. She puts aside her dreams. Meeting a Vietnam vet jolts Meridian into questioning her choices. Meridian rides through the New Mexico landscape observing a family of crows, goes hiking, treasures her friends, and delves deeply into life



The Guest Room by Chris Bohjalian. Richard has a family he adores, a job he relishes, and a beautiful home in an upscale neighborhood. A lapse in judgment puts it in jeopardy. His brother, the black sheep of the family, is engaged. Richard agrees to host a bachelor's party, expecting there may be a stripper, he sends his family away for the weekend. The strippers are delivered by Russian handlers. Wild drunkenness devolves into acts way over the line. The Russians will die, and the strippers will flee into the dark. Told through Richard's perspective as his life crumbles and Alexandra, one of the strippers, as she runs for her life.

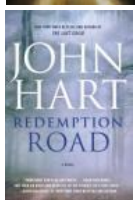
Top Ten Mysteries of 2016!



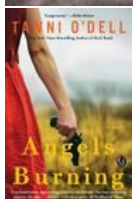
An Obvious Fact by Craig Johnson. Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear travel to Hulett in Henry's 68 Thunderbird, Lola (named for a woman from the past), where Henry will compete in a dirt bike competition while Walt looks into a hit and run accident as a favor to a young policeman. Hulett Wyoming is just a ways across the border from Sturgis North Dakota, home of the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. The accident took place near the Devil's Tower National Monument. Lola the original, a stunningly dangerous beauty, is 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. Henry Standing Bear is reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories. One of his quotes is particularly apt, "*There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.*"



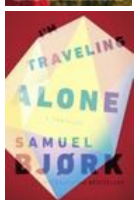
The Passenger by Lisa Lutz has surprises at every turn in a devilishly grand story! Tanya's husband lies dead at the bottom of the stairs. Fearing nasty questions from the police she flees. Tanya assures the reader she didn't do it, but we have only her word he wasn't helped falling down those stairs, and Tanya's relationship with the truth has lots of room for flexibility. Within 48 hours she is gone, vanished. Her hair, clothes, car, name are all new. What is she running from? What secrets cause her to live a fugitive life? Is she a killer or a victim? Hard to say.



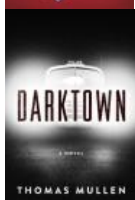
Redemption Road by John Hart Elizabeth, a good cop, faces a board of inquiry after shooting two men who abducted and raped a woman. Gabriel, 13, bears the name of an archangel, perhaps it was well chosen. He plans to do what his father cannot, what he thinks honor and justice demand. Face his mother's killer to avenge her death. Adrian was a star detective, dead sexy and brilliant to boot, until he was sent to prison. William Shakespeare said "*The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones.*" There is evil in this North Carolina town, one woman has the flat out courage, tenacity, and heart to bring it to an end.



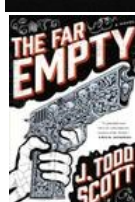
Angels Burning by Tawni O'Dell. Chief Dove Carnahan is top cop in her hometown. She lives a quiet life, and wears her fifty years well. Murder is rare in rural Pennsylvania, when Dove was a teenager, her mother, a stunner with poor taste in men, was brutally murdered. It was the most shocking crime in her small town until now. A beautiful young girl's body was found in a fiery sinkhole. State Police will run the show, (they have the staff and the labs) and Chief Carnahan will assist. While Dove is involved in the current investigation, the man who served thirty years for killing her mother is released from prison still swearing he is innocent.



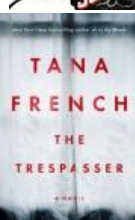
I'm Traveling Alone by Samuel Bjork. A young girl found hanging in a tree by a dog walker sends Holger Munch across Norway to the remote island home of Mia Kruger. It has been years since the fallout from an investigation resulted in Holger's banishment to Honefoss and Mia's isolation. Holger was head of an elite homicide unit, Mia his best investigator. They are needed again, the ritualistic slaying implies more to come. Holger is shocked by Mia's condition; the fit cop he knew wasn't involved with pills and booze. She still has that uncanny insight. Soon the team is reassembled, back in Oslo. Will they be in time to save the next victim?



Darktown by Thomas Mullen. In 1948 Atlanta hired 8 black officers, to work out of the YMCA's basement in the black district, with a white cop overseeing their efforts at community policing. Atlanta's white cops are not happy about black men in uniform, harassment is frequent. Lucius Boggs and Tommy Smith are walking their beat when a white man driving negligently hits a light pole. An attractive black woman is a passenger in the man's car. Days later the woman's body is discovered; setting Boggs and Smith on an investigation that will put their jobs in jeopardy and lives on the line.



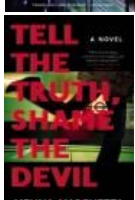
The Far Empty by J. Todd Scott. Caleb Ross's mother is missing, his Dad said the woman ran off and his Dad's word is law. Sheriff Stanford "Judge" Ross is a hard man, Caleb suspects he killed his mother. Deputy Chris Cherry is called by Texas Rancher Matty Bulger to check on a skeleton found in a remote pasture figuring it for a Mexican who didn't survive the trek across the border. Deputy Cherry thinks it was different this time. His investigation brings him together with his boss's son. Their discoveries point them to the top law enforcement officer, Sheriff Judge Ross, a man prone to solving dilemmas quickly with deadly violence.



The Trespasser by Tana French. Detective Antoinette Conway is intelligent and driven. Superintendent O'Kelly assigns her and her partner, Detective Steve Moran, the murder of a beautiful blond with a boyfriend as the probable perp. Conway and Moran are instructed to work with a more experienced detective, Breslin will show them the ropes on interviewing witnesses and effectively working a murder case. The evidence against the boyfriend, the owner of a local bookshop, is formidable; Breslin says go for an arrest, but something about the mild mannered bookseller sways Moran and Conway.

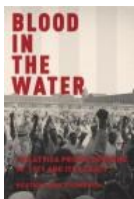


The Wrong Side of Goodbye by Michael Connelly. Forced off of the LAPD after 30 years and 100 murders cleared, Harry Bosch is working as a PI and volunteering to clear cold cases for the SFPD. He is very picky about the cases he accepts, but when a billionaire offers to pay him ten grand for a meeting, Harry is intrigued. Aged and without family to inherit his wealth, he wants Harry to find out if the pregnant Mexican girl he abandoned decades ago in his youth gave birth to a child who could be his heir.

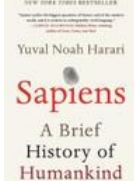


Tell the Truth, Shame the Devil by Melina Marchetta. Officer Bish Ortleigh has been suspended from duty and is home drinking too much when he gets the call no father wants to hear. His daughter, on a student tour in France, was on a bus involved in a terrorist bombing. When he arrives at the scene relieved to find his child alive, suspicion is already falling on Violette, one of the students. She has the pedigree, her mother is serving a life sentence for a bombing. Bish was one of the officers involved in the case years ago. Violette quickly goes missing and Bish is sent to find her. **Tell the Truth, Shame the Devil**, doesn't that say it all?

Top Ten Non-Fiction of 2016!



Blood in the Water by Heather Thompson. In September 1971 prisoners took over the Attica Correctional Facility in New York to protest harsh conditions and persistent abuse. Holding hostages, both guards and civilians, the corrections officials and state government were anxious to end the standoff. Abruptly, after days of negotiations, the state sent in heavily armed state police. Thirty nine men, including guards, prisoners, and civilians were killed. After it became apparent that the killings could only come from the guards and troopers a cover up ensued. The outcome is that only prisoners were prosecuted, no guards or officials were implicated. Meanwhile conditions at Attica remain worse than they were in 1971.



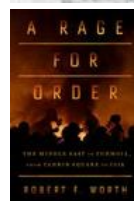
Sapiens by Yuval Noah Harari is structured around three momentous events that fundamentally shaped humankind: the Cognitive Revolution, the Agricultural Revolution, and the Scientific Revolution. The evolution of homo sapiens was built upon these revolutions to create what we have become. Harari posits questions of, as a species, who we are, where we are going and what history we will write about ourselves in the future. This is a very thought provoking and stimulating book.



Immortal Irishman by Tim Egan tells the story of Thomas Meager, an Irishman born in 1823 to a wealthy family, who eschewed a soft life to embrace the independence movement after being radicalized by the potato famine. Rising up against the British occupiers who favored the wealthy gentry over the starving peasants, he narrowly escaped a death sentence and was exiled to Tasmania. He soon escaped and ended up in New York. When the American Civil War erupted, Meager realized a way to gather likeminded Irishmen into a fighting force that later could be used to return to Ireland to oust the British. When the war ended he fell into despair when his brigade failed to follow him into the fight against the British. Ever ambitious, he became Governor of Montana.



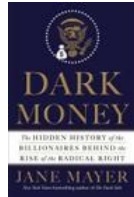
Born to Run by Bruce Springsteen. Reminiscing about his childhood and Catholic upbringing he lays the groundwork for what would inform much of his songwriting later in life. He talks lovingly about the E street Band and his “benevolent dictatorship” that accompanied his exhilarating rise to stardom. The most intimate parts of his story involve his two wives, his sadness at the breakup of his first marriage and the soul saving marriage to his present wife Patti Scialfi. He was determined to make his music “a search for meaning and the future”. His music is a cavalcade of various themes dear to him: charity, unemployment in the industrial wasteland, 9/11, war, and the constant search for meaningful and lasting relationships. In his sixties he is still hard at it.



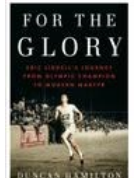
A Rage for Order by Robert Worth is about the events that precipitated the Arab Spring. Worth captured the joy and anticipation of a better life and society in each country, only to have the anguish and despair of it all coming apart at the seams. As each country's repressive regime gave way to an expected renaissance of democracy and loosening of internal repression, a different and unsettling series of events gave rise to civil wars and losing everything that was sacred: “the state, your clan, your God”. Religious hatred overcame any thought of internal order and the rise of the Islamic State filled the chaos that ensued.



Spain In Our Hearts by Adam Hochschild. The history of the Spanish civil war fought from 1936 to 1939 is known by some as a practice run for the fascism inherent in Germany and Italy. Many American men and women fought in the war to defend Spain's democratically elected government, despite U.S. policy against American involvement. Famous people, such as Hemmingway, George Orwell, Pablo Picasso, Paul Robeson, Langston Hughes and Errol Flynn were connected to the fighting either reporting on, writing about or artistically portraying the horrors of mechanized warfare against peasants armed with antique weapons and swords. Hochschild vividly portrays the Lincoln Brigade, who went to war against Hitler while world leaders sought to appease him.



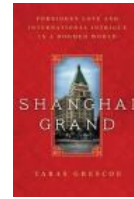
Dark Money by Jane Mayer. Some of the richest people on the planet have decided that their core beliefs, a mixture of libertarian views bankrolled by their vast wealth could alter the American political system to their favor. Aided by the Supreme Court ruling in Citizens United, they have secretly donated to political causes, which have changed the course of American politics. During the last three decades they have systematically funded efforts to deny the vote to people who don't support their agenda, support political policies that would benefit their myriad business enterprises, and empower think tanks and organizations that are committed to raising doubts about climate change and other environmental issues antithetical to their beliefs. This book is both depressing and terrifying but a must read.



For the Glory by Duncan Hamilton is the story of Eric Liddell, a Scottish track athlete who gained fame in the 1924 Olympics, winning the gold medal in a race not his speciality, because he refused to run in the 100 meter event which was held on a Sunday, it being against his Christian beliefs. He later served as a missionary in China, and when WWII broke out was taken prisoner by the Japanese and sent to a work camp where he died from a brain tumor. Until his death, Liddell held on to his beliefs and inspired countless others to follow his example. His story inspired the hit movie ***Chariots of Fire***.



Indestructible; One Man's Rescue That Changed The Course of WWII by John Bruning is the amazing account of Pappy Gunn, an ace pilot, decorated war hero, and a man who honored his country and his family. See the review on page one of the newsletter.



Shanghai Grand by Taras Grescoe. Sir Victor Sassoon, the scion of an economic empire, lived in the penthouse suite of his opulent Cathay Hotel. He walked with a cane, the result of a plane crash when he was a WWI pilot. Emily “Mickey” Hahn wrote for the New Yorker. The wealthy, urbane Victor and the feisty young writer become lifelong friends. Zau Sinmay, a poet from a rich, aristocratic family, becomes Mickey's lover. Shanghai is invaded by the Japanese, suffers the depredation of WWII, and is taken over by the communists. Ernest Hemingway, Martha Gellhorn, Chiang Kai-shek, Mao, and many others take part in this fascinating history.

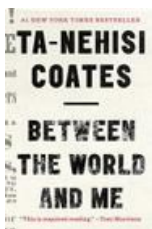
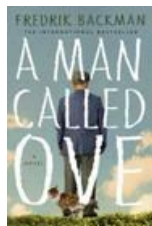


December 5th the Fiction Book Club discusses ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. This epic tale of WWII culminating at the battle for Saint-Malo focuses on two unusual characters. Marie Laure is the blind daughter of the keeper of the keys for the Museum of Natural History in Paris. Werner is an exceptionally bright German orphan with a natural talent for science, in particular radios (a very helpful trait during wartime). Marie Laure's father constructs a model city of their neighborhood, every storm drain, doorway and tree represented, to help his daughter feel her surroundings and gain independence. Rumors of war become reality with German soldiers taking over France. Marie Laure and her father make a perilous journey, retreating to the home of their uncle in Saint-Malo. Werner and his sister Jutta grow up in an orphanage. Werner's ability to fix just about everything electronic, and his amazing ability with radios, soon comes to the attention of the German hierarchy, earning him a place in a prestigious school. Werner wants only to learn, to do something important with that knowledge, to be more than a poor orphan. He is seduced by the rare opportunity of attending the academy. As he tries to fit in, he finds himself a party to actions beyond his control that taint his soul. His sister Jutta is an early dissenter of the Third Reich. She listens to forbidden radio programs, learns of the atrocities being committed, and is appalled. Werner and Marie Laure's stories will converge in a way neither could have anticipated. I liked the way the story is told through these two protagonists. Werner is a likeable kid, bright and eager. The way the Nazi regime subsumes his good nature is chilling. Marie Laure is an intrepid girl, forced by circumstances to bravery. Told through their perspective, this innovative and thought provoking story of WWII is deeply moving.



December 19th the Mystery Book Club discusses ***Sidney Chambers and the Shadow of Death: The Grantchester Mysteries*** by James Runcie. Sydney is a Canon in the Church of England in a small town, Grantchester, near Cambridge. As a clergyman Sydney is expected to spend his time officiating at weddings and funerals, writing sermons, counseling his congregation, and in general leading a rather blameless life. Unfortunately he keeps getting tangled up in investigating crime. It is handy that his chess playing buddy is a detective. The series is set in the years after WWII. Sydney bore arms in the conflict and has a grasp for what is really important in life. Harshly judging is clearly not in his character. He faces controversy with a tolerant, kind view. Mystery fans will like the intriguing plot lines and interesting characters. Jan Karon fans will also enjoy the series, as Sydney shares a gentle nature with Karon's Father Tim. Part way through the first book in the series Sydney is given a dog by a lady friend. Sydney is pretty sure he does not want a dog. The puppy thinks otherwise, and much to the dismay of the housekeeper, has soon installed himself as Sydney's boon companion, thoroughly convincing the cleric that a dog is a good friend and necessary to a happy life. The series is featured in the Grantchester TV program.

A new year of Book Club's start in January. The list of selections should be up on sunriverbooks.com by mid December.



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

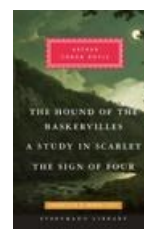
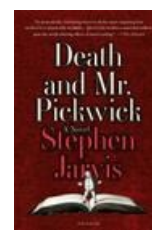
Please note, hours for Book Club may change in January.

Everyone is welcome, light refreshments are served.

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Happy New Year!

- January 2 ***Angel's Burning*** by Tawni O'Dell [Mystery Book Club](#)
January 9 ***A Man Called Ove*** by Fredrik Backman [Fiction Book Club](#)
January 16 ***Between the World and Me*** by Ta-Nehisi Coates, discussion led by Richard Jenkins. [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)
- February ***The Pickwick Papers*** by Charles Dickens [Themed to Dickens Classics & Fiction Book Club](#)
February ***Death and Mr. Pickwick*** by Stephen Jarvis [Themed to Dickens Mystery Book Club](#)
- March ***The Hound of the Baskervilles*** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle [Themed to Doyle & James Mystery Book Club](#)
March ***The Ambassadors*** by Henry James [Themed to Doyle & James Classics Book Club](#)
March ***The Fifth Heart*** by Dan Simmons [Themed to Doyle & James Fiction Book Club](#)
- April ***Mycroft Holmes*** by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar [Mystery Book Club](#)
April ***Deschutes County Library's Novel Idea Selection*** [Fiction Book Club](#)

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