



Sunriver Books & Music

July 2010 Newsletter

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Author Events!

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



July starts off with a bang! July 3rd at 5:00 International Best Seller Craig Johnson will delight the crowd with a presentation on **Junkyard Dogs**. Every one of the 6 books in his Walt Longmire series has been an Indie Next List pick; he has been winning awards at home and in France. His books rock!

Mavericks at Sunriver has kindly donated space for this event. Without event space in Sunriver Village, we wanted to be certain you would be comfortable while enjoying this absolutely awesome author's presentation. Mavericks stepped in to make it happen, they have great facilities with the perfect setting to enjoy an author event. Mavericks (541-593-2500) is located at 18135 Cottonwood Road, just across the street from the North Country Store. While you are there, ask to look around. A lot of discussion has been ongoing in Sunriver recently about pools and such. If you enjoy water sports Mavericks is already here and ready to go with a Flowrider Wave machine along with other great fitness features. Stop by or call the Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend. We will have refreshments and drawings for cool door prizes.

Craig Johnson is greeted every morning by all the magnificence of Wyoming's untamed, spectacular landscape. He grants this jaw dropping beauty to his stories, conveying the grandeur that surrounds him every day. Craig Johnson's heroes are John Steinbeck, Wallace Stegner and George MacDonald Fraser. You can see echoes of Steinbeck's luminous use of landscape and his lively wit in Craig's very distinctive style. He writes stories with intricate plots, beautiful prose, and compassion for his characters. A born storyteller, he liberally sprinkles them with humor.

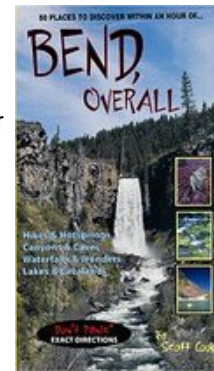
The series starts with **Cold Dish**, introducing you to characters you will be eager to re-visit. Sheriff Walt Longmire is a big guy, able to be tough but with a kind heart. His deputy Vic hails from a family of street wise Philadelphia cops. With a vocabulary that would put a street tough to shame, she gets straight to the point. Henry Standing Bear is whip-smart, loyal, sensitive, and willing to put himself on the line for his friends. The ladies love Henry. **Death Without Company**, the second in the series, has Walt investigating a death in an assisted living facility. Lucien, the former Sheriff, trained Walt and their bond is deep. Lucien is convinced the death was not from natural causes and asks Walt to put his career on the line to solve a mystery with ties to the past. **Kindness Goes Unpunished** moves the action to Philadelphia where Cady, Walt's daughter, is an up and coming attorney. **Another Man's Moccasins** opens with a dead young Vietnamese woman found along a lonely stretch of highway. Her purse, with a picture of Walt as a young Marine, is found among the possessions of Virgil White Buffalo in a nearby culvert. Walt doesn't believe Virgil is the killer, he is determined to find the right culprit, not the most convenient. Craig Johnson kicks it into high gear with **Dark Horse**. Mary is an unlikely murderess, a kind, quiet woman. The night her husband Wade was shot six times, to make sure he was dead, she had a gun in her hand and a confession on her lips. Walt is troubled by Mary's confession; he doesn't believe in his heart she shot Wade. **Dark Horse** takes the story down the road at a breathless pace!

Junkyard Dogs is one of Craig Johnson's best. The opening scenes are unforgettable. County dumps and expensive housing developments do not make good neighbors. How far would Ozzie go to get rid of George's dump, the blight on the horizon of his pricey houses? Throw in a version of Romeo and Juliet for the older set, and you have the main ingredients for a heady brew of mystery, greed and passion. Walt has more to solve than the ensuing mayhem. Deputy Santiago has the willies since being partially eviscerated in an earlier book. Santiago is a good man; Walt doesn't want to lose him. So he starts thinking up ways to build Santiago's confidence and keep him busy. Walt's strategy runs into a few bumps in the road. Meanwhile Vic has succumbed to a dire case of house lust, house hunting has her a bit cranky. **Junkyard Dogs** is a perfect example of Craig Johnson's ability to spice up the brew with a dash of humor, I laughed so hard at the opening scenes I fell off the couch! Tension is not sacrificed either, the action builds as Johnson weaves the threads of the plot to a fast paced climax.

We hope you can join us at **Mavericks** to enjoy this fabulous event!



July 17th at 5:00 PM we have a slide show and presentation you will not want to miss. ***Bend Overall*** by Scott Cook is the best guide for fun things to do within about an hour of Bend. Scott is focused on fun! His guide is chock full of the best hikes, drives, and attractions like the High Desert Museum and The Sunriver Nature Center. Scott takes great care to make his book the best resource for local and tourist alike. He has just updated ***Bend Overall*** with even more great information on activities in Central Oregon. Now he is going to share his favorite hikes with us in a slide show of the gorgeous scenery in Central Oregon. Did I mention that Scott has a well developed sense of fun? He is bound to put on a good show, reveal his secrets for the best places to hike, and keep us entertained. Scott also has a guide for hiking in the Columbia Gorge titled ***Curious Gorge*** that will take you to some of the best places to enjoy the spectacular scenery.



We are delighted with the authors appearing at Sunriver Books & Music this summer! Sign up to hear them, we will have refreshments and door prizes.

Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday August 7th at 5:00 PM ***Quilt As You Go*** by Arlene Sachitano

Saturday August 14th at 5:00 PM ***Border Songs*** by James Lynch

Saturday August 21st at 5:00 PM ***The Crying Tree*** by Naseem Rakha

Saturday August 28th at 5:00 PM ***Roll Around Heaven*** by Jessica Maxwell

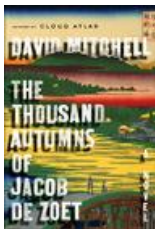
Saturday October 9th at 5:00 PM GARTH STEIN! An event benefiting The Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory. The event will be held at Mavericks. Tickets \$10 each.

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

Book Club meetings are listed on the last page of the newsletter. A more complete listing can be found at sunriverbooks.com.

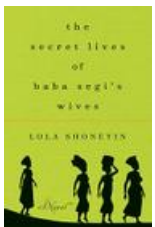
As of this moment Sunriver Village has no designated facilities for indoor events and to the best of our knowledge no plans for such a facility in future. Hence we will not be able to schedule anymore events past October. We are sorry. Events have been a big part of Sunriver Books & Music. Hopefully we will find a solution, but probably not in time for the kind of lineup we would like to bring the community. Please check with us for the location of the listed events as the situation changes. There is one BIG event scheduled for October 9th but it will not be held in Sunriver Village.

Books, Books & More Books, Some excellent July releases!



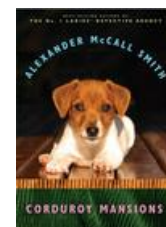
The Thousand Autumns of Jacob De Zoet by David Mitchell is a fascinating historical fiction. Jacob arrives off the shore of Japan to the small island housing the Dutch trading company that will be his home far longer than he anticipates. His curiosity and gift for language allow him to befriend Orito, a young woman who has earned the trust of the governor and been granted the right to study medicine with the foreign doctor. Their stories draw you back to a time that Shogun's ruled. This is a remarkable novel that will surprise and uplift you. The writing is sublime.

This Must Be The Place by Kate Bacculia looks at the choices we make in life, the mistakes that sometimes follow, and the consequences that touch the lives of others. It is a lively page turner. Arthur adored his wife Amy. The world made sense for Arthur with Amy by his side. When she dies in a freak accident, Arthur finds a clue to Amy's past in an unsent postcard from years ago addressed to Mona Jones at the Darby Jones Boarding House in Ruby Falls New York. Arthur grabs Amy's cat, packs a bag, and leaves their Hollywood home heading east to find Mona and connect with Amy's past. Mona's memories of Amy are not all warm and fuzzy. The past and present collide in this delightful story about love, forgiveness, and second chances. Truly a keeper.

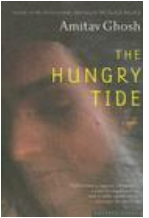
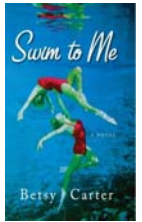


The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives by Lola Shoneyin is an interesting tale indeed. Baba Segi's life has been going quite well. The one cloud on his sunny horizon is his fourth wife's inability to bear him a child. Or maybe he is unaware his sunny little paradise has a few snakes hiding in the apple tree. Could it be his first three wives have secrets to protect? Why are they so cruel to his pretty new wife? Baba Segi has basked in the respect and devotion of his little family but adding a fourth wife may upset the balance in ways he cannot conceive.

Alexander McCall Smith, author of the wildly popular ***Number One Lady's Detective*** series has a new release beginning a new series. ***Corduroy Mansions*** is set in London, populated by eccentrically endearing characters, and featuring one canny canine. Any new McCall Smith book is cause for celebration, but how can anyone resist a vegetarian pooch named Freddie de la Hay?

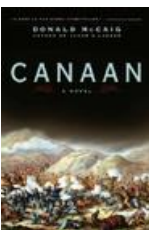


Swim To Me by Betsy Carter pleasantly surprised me; it is a delightful story of understanding and reinvention. Delores Walker grew up in a small Bronx apartment with her parents and baby brother. Her fondest memory is a family vacation to Weeki Wachee Springs in Tampa to watch the mermaids perform. She has loved swimming since her Mom plopped her in the water as a little tyke.. When Dad walks out on the family she takes a bold step, she writes to Weeki Wachee trying for an audition. Weeki Wachee has its own problems, crowds have been coming to see the show since 1947, but by 1973 the glory days are over. Even affording basic repairs is a challenge since Disneyland opened in Orlando luring the crowds inland. Perhaps Weeki Wachee will be reinvented right along with Delores. **Swim to Me** is a funny story about how easy it is to misunderstand, how hard it can be to do the right thing, and the resilience of the human spirit as the characters try to make better lives



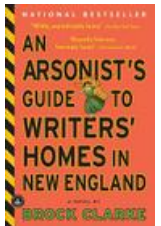
The Hungry Tide by Amitav Ghosh has action aplenty! Tigers, a Hurricane, bandits, lots to keep those pages turning. More tigers live in U.S. zoo than in their native India. A shame! Protecting nature is vital, but what about the people living in poverty that covet the land also. This is an exciting adventure centering on five main characters; a young Seattle woman of Indian heritage researching rare dolphins, an educated Indian business man, a poor fisherman, an idealistic headmaster, and the headmaster's level headed, compassionate wife. It is set in the remote Sundarban Islands, giving a fascinating look at another culture through the perspective of very differing viewpoints. Ghosh writes so well you will feel the heat, see the thick, green jungle and hear the tiger roar. Much safer to hear that roar through the pages of a book from nice a comfortable chair in Sunriver!

The Crowning Glory of Calla Lily Ponder by Rebecca Wells, takes you to Louisiana before the flood. Calla Lily is raised in the small southern town of La Luna, comforted by the bright moonlight on the La Luna river. She has a happy childhood, loving parents, close friends, and a supportive community of good neighbors. Her mother and father run a dance studio and beauty salon. Calla Lily has an intensely close bond with her mother, she is learning to style hair, help others, and find joy in life from her mother. Death finds its way into Calla Lily's warm, loving childhood and claims her dear mother. Her high school sweetheart is intent on making something of himself, he sets off to Stanford promising to write daily. Calla Lily's heart is broken again when those letters fail to appear. She moves onto New Orleans, makes new friends and learns new lessons about life and the capacity of the heart to heal. Rebecca Wells is best known for **Ya Yas in Bloom** also set in Louisiana.



Canaan by Donald McCaig is great historical fiction. Mary Santee has embraced the white man's religion believing it will save her, but she does not find the protection she seeks. Her father has bequeathed to her his dreaming; it will bring her back to her Native heritage. Sergeant Major Radcliff wants to remain a part of the Union Army, but they no longer need black soldiers. Samuel wants desperately to save his plantation, his way of life. Duncan must recover from the physical and emotional scars of war. This ambitious book sweeps from Appomattox to the Battle of the Little Big Horn, galloping through wide swathes of history. McCaig makes history come to life on the page, giving insight into all sides during the time between the Civil War and the Custer boy's tragic mistake.

An Arsonists Guide to the Writer's Homes in New England by Brock Clarke is a quirky, original, odd, devious book, and great fun! Sam's mother, an English teacher, tells him stories about Emily Dickenson and her home, marvelous, malevolent yarns that engage his imagination. As a young man he goes on a tour of the Emily Dickenson home and is hugely disappointed. It is not nearly as sinister or interesting as it was in his mother's stories. The tour guide and group are distracting. Young Sam thinks he may discover the magic of the Emily Dickenson house if he sneaks back after it closes for a better look without the annoying crowds. Breaking into Emily Dickenson's house was a bad idea; he accidentally sets it on fire thus destroying a local landmark along with incinerating the tour guide and her husband who were enjoying an intimate moment in Emily's bed. It seems unfair to Sam when he is convicted of arson and murder, after all the fire was an accident and he didn't even know the tour guide was in the house! Ten years pass. He gets out of prison and determines to make a new start. But the past has a habit of cropping up again and Sam kept too many secrets. Writer's homes are being torched all over New England. People have written to Sam asking him to burn down houses, while all Sam wants is reclaim his life. This is a topsy turvy, seriously quirky, literally fascinating book.



Dog On It by Spencer Quinn is a hoot! A new detective has stepped into the mystery genre, one equipped with a plummy tail and a nose perfect for sniffing out the bad guys. Meet Chet, a canine crime fighter. Bernie is the human half of the team, a divorced father suffering from "cash flow" problems. In their quest to find a missing teenage girl Chet has a passel of adventures, Bernie has his share too.

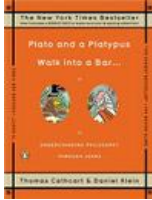
The Shape of Snakes by Minette Walters has twists and turns to keep the pages turning. This is a dark disturbing mystery with a complex challenging plot. Mad Annie suffers from Tourette's Syndrome, her neighbors lack sympathy, they find her verbal outbursts and ticks annoying. Annie's neighbors don't like the color of her skin either. Mrs. Ranelagh finds the poor woman in the gutter, moments from death. She refuses to believe Mad Annie met with an unfortunate accident, when she starts objecting to the racist attitudes of the police and her life becomes perilously unpleasant. The Ranelaghs moves away but she never forgets Annie. Twenty years have passed, it is time for justice.



The Paper Moon by Andrea Cammelleri is set in Sicily and starts with a beautiful woman. Inspector Montalbano is settling in for a quiet day when Michela arrives desperate for help finding her brother Angelo. Montalbano doesn't have a lot of resistance to beautiful women; actually he has next to no resistance to beautiful women. And Michela is easy on the eyes. She has Montalbano escorting her to her brother's apartment in a jiffy. Angelo is definitely dead when they arrive. There are plenty clues to tip Montalbano that Angelo was not a poster boy for good behavior.

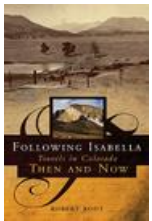
July 2010 Book Clubs

Mystery Book Club starts off the month on July 5th at 6:30 with **The Coroner's Lunch** by Colin Cotterill. It is 1975, the Communist Pathet Lao has taken over Laos and 72 year old Dr. Siri Paiborn, a fighter for the cause, believed he would be allowed a graceful retirement. Instead the French trained doctor is drafted to be the sole coroner for the whole country. This causes him more problems than your average doc, he sees the ghosts of the dead. As a coroner he is going to have lots of visits. Corpses keep showing up, the wife of a party leader who fell dead during lunch, Vietnamese men bobbing up in the lake, and soldiers on a base die unexpectedly too. Plenty to keep the coroner busy figuring out the devious crimes. This is the first book in a well written series; Dr. Siri is an entertaining sleuth.

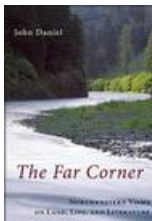


The Non-Fiction Book Club meets July 12th at 6:30 for **Plato and a Platypus Walk Into A Bar** by Thomas Cathcart and Daniel Klien. Summer is with us, it is time for a bit of fun. Tackling some philosophy light should be just the ticket. Using humor the book gives a crash course in philosophical thinking. There should be plenty laughs at this gathering!

July 19th at 6:30 the Fiction Book Club discusses **The Gifted Gabaldon Sisters** by Lorraine Lopez. Fermina, a Pueblo nanny, loves her young charges, four sisters and a brother, ferociously. Their mother gave them each a movie star's name then died when they were very young. Fermina filled the void, promising each sister that she would be given a "special" gift upon Fermina's death. When Fermina dies the girls try to figure out their special gift. The ramifications of the bequest shape their lives in unusual ways.



July 26th at 6:30 the Travel Essay Book Club discusses **Following Isabella** by Robert Root. Isabella Bird was an amazing woman, traveling the world alone and having a slew of adventures. In 1873 she traveled through Colorado. Root moves from Michigan to Colorado and decides to use Isabella's trip as a guide for investigating his new home. Isabella is one of my heroes, she was a woman who took chances and saw an astounding amount of the world. Root could not find a better traveler to emulate.



Non Fiction Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM August 16th 2010 **The Far Corner** by John Daniel

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

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

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

Fiction Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM August 9th 2010 **Alice's Tulips** by Sandra Dallas

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

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

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

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

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

Classics

Monday 6:30 PM August 23rd 2010 **The Brothers Karamozov** by Fyodor Dostoevsky

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

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

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

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

Mystery Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM August 2nd 2010 **Cinnamon Skin** by John D. MacDonald

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

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

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

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

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

Travel Essay Book Club

Monday 6:30 PM August 30th 2010 **The Lost City of Z** by David Grann

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

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

You can comment on book clubs, look up future book clubs, or find more information at Sunriver-books.com. It is our hope to keep to the schedule listed above and on our website, but all events and book club meetings past September are unfortunately subject to change or cancellation. We are sorry.

