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Author Events!
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Jim Lynch
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Saturday July 7th
 at 5:00 PM Jim Lynch gives a presentation on **Truth Like The Sun**.

Lynch showed he has the magic with his brilliant first book, **The Highest Tide**, a heartwarming coming of age story set in Olympia Washington about a boy most at home on the water in his kayak. His second book, **Border Songs**, about a rather, large, unusual border patrol agent with a penchant for bird watching, tackled timely issues with the changing nature of community and borders. I enjoyed them both and highly recommend them. Now Jim Lynch has given us something truly wonderful; **Truth Like The Sun** is magnificent. Seattle is one of the world's most beautiful cities and **Truth Like The Sun** reads like a love song to the spectacular, jaw dropping beauty, the vitality, the over the top outrageous glory of the place.

The 1962 World's Fair put the spotlight on Seattle, a city so overwhelmed by staggering natural beauty it dazzles no matter which direction you look. Roger is in love with this glorious city, the World's Fair is his creation. He hangs out with Elvis, greets Prince Phillip, and chats up LBJ. Roger is an idea man, a promoter, bursting with dreams for his city and the energy to make them come true. Fast forward to 2001 and Roger is still in love with his city, but he knows it could be so much more! He is tired of being behind the scenes, being the power behind the throne; he steps out front and center in a run for mayor. Helen is hired by the Seattle PI, the Pulitzer fuels her daydreams. Taking down charismatic Roger just might be her ticket to the big time. You cannot stay active in city politics and back room deals for forty years and stay clean. Roger's closets have to house a few skeletons and Helen intends to find them, in whatever sorry form available. Lynch has written this entertaining and thought provoking book like a celebration of a city. Seattle truly is that beautiful with white capped mountains in every direction you look, lots of blue water bedazzled by diamonds in the sun, and seductively lush green gardens that bloom in a riot of color come spring. Roger is a pretty cool guy, hang out with him at the fair for a while and revisit the past, it is closer than you think.

Saturday July 14th at 5:00 PM Heather Barbieri gives a presentation on **The Cottage At Glass Beach**. Just in time for summer reading, this story has something for everyone; a mystery, a legend, a love story, and a family drama. Nora's early childhood was a time of wonder on idyllic Burke Island with her family. It all came to a sudden end at five when her enigmatic mother disappeared and her father took her home to Boston. Nora is married now, the mother of daughters and the perfect wife to her politician husband, the youngest Attorney General in the history of Massachusetts. It all comes crashing down in a public scandal when her adulterous husband is caught cheating. Spotlighted in the glare of a media feeding frenzy, heartbroken, humiliated and angry Nora packs up her daughters and heads to the small cottage on remote Burke Island off the coast of Maine where her aunt still resides. Here Nora confronts the past and the present. The island was settled by Irish immigrants, they brought with them strange and wonderful folklore. Could the stories hold reality? Myth and family drama blend for a great summer read.



Barbieri's earlier book, **The Lace Makers of Glenmara**, also tells the story of a woman fleeing one life for another, in this case heading to the home of her forebears, Ireland, where she becomes involved with the local lace making society.

Author events are free and great fun. Refreshments will be served and there will be drawings for door prizes. Call 541-593-2525, e-mail sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or stop by Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend



.Saturday July 21st at 5:00 PM Pauls Toutonghi will be with us for a presentation on **Evel Knievel Days**. It is always a pleasure to read a novel by an author willing to take risks, see the world a different way, and share the joy. This book has

such life and humanity, the characters are delightfully quirky, well meaning, but flawed and striving. Koshi Saqr descended on his mother's side from the Copper Kings, his great-great-grandfather the rapacious William Andrews Clark, was a man who knew a thing or two about pulling wealth out of the ground of Butte Montana. Koshi's Dad deserted the family, returning to Egypt leaving behind his wife, infant son, and a mountain of gambling debts. Routine is big in Koshi's life, he is a bit obsessive, wanting everything in its proper place and following its proper routine. This can

lead to interesting conflicts in a world that seldom agrees to stay under control and a city that celebrates the exploits of a daredevil motorcycle rider. Koshi works in the museum located in his great-great grandfather's mansion. His Mom isn't just marching to the beat of a different drummer; she has a whole other band. The very ground that made her ancestors wealthy is poisoning her; the copper gave her an illness that manifests in very odd behavior. **Evel Knievel Days** are in full swing when events spin out of control for Koshi. His closest childhood friend announces she is marrying her boyfriend, dashing Koshi's hopes. A strange man shows up, visits Koshi's Mom and leaves. The stranger is dear old Dad; he didn't even contact his son. It is high time Koshi finds out about the other half of his ancestry; he hops a jet plane to Egypt in pursuit of his father. There he will find a whole new family, answers to who he might be, and the foibles of being human. Amusing, endearing, and entertaining, Koshi is on a journey to resolve his heritage and come to terms with its legacy. I loved the way Toutonghi wrote with humor and an original style, telling a lively entertaining story about a family that refuses to fit into a box.

Pauls' earlier book, **Red Weather**, is a coming of age story set in Milwaukee focusing on a neighborhood of eastern European immigrants. The story is set 1989, a time of huge change for eastern Europe as communism imploded. Yuri's new girlfriend comes from a socialist family, his parents, Latvian immigrants, are devastated when their son embraces communism.

Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday August 4th at 5:30 PM **The Quilt Before The Storm** by Arlene Sachitano

Saturday August 11th at 5:30 PM **Emerald Storm** by William Dietrich

Saturday August 25th 5:00 PM **The Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving** by Jonathan Evison

Saturday October 20th 2012 at 5:00 PM **The Case of DB Cooper's Parachute** by William Sullivan

Saturday May 4th 2013 at 5:00 Jane Kirkpatrick

Saturday May 5th 2013 at 11:30 AM Jane Kirkpatrick's Newberry Habitat for Humanity Walk

Join us to enjoy these fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Author readings are free with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. Call or e-mail Sunriver Books & Music to attend and be entered in the prize drawings.

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July begins a new quarter of the **Book of the Month Club** subscription (formerly known as **Carole's Surprise**). A subscription brings a surprise book from Sunriver Books & Music every month. In the past we have featured **Day After Night** by Anita Diamant, **Sweet Thursday** by John Steinbeck, and **Out Stealing Horses** by Per Petterson. Subscriptions are available in the following formats. The third quarter of 2012 (3 months) for \$45.00 picked up in the store or \$51.00 mailed in the US, the next six months of 2012 (July-Dec.) for \$90.94 picked up in the store or \$102.94 mailed in the US or for the whole year of 2012 for \$181.87 picked up in the store or \$205.87 mailed in the US. Every month brings a surprise book, let us select something intriguing for you. It can be great fun to open your mailbox and find a surprise book!

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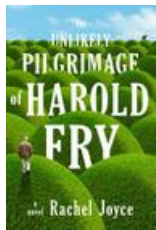
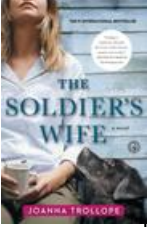
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Staff Recommendations.

Nancy Nelson Recommends.

The Soldier's Wife by Joanna Trollope. When looking from a distance at soldiers coming home from a war where violence was commonplace, one might think that domestic life would be an easy transition. In Joanna Trollope's book "The Soldier's Wife" it becomes clear that such is not usually so. Dan Riley is a soldier of the British army. Upon his return to his wife Alexa and their 3 children, he has trouble assuming the role of husband and father. He is first and foremost a major responsible for the wellbeing of his men. He cannot see or hear the needs of his wife, or of his children. As time progresses, problems grow. They must all figure out how to cope. Dan tries to protect his wife from knowing any of the horrors he encountered in Afghanistan. His wife feels shut out. She cannot keep his attention enough to listen to her needs. Will they learn to talk to each other? What kinds of compromises will they each make in order to cope, or will they be able to compromise? The book gives the reader a much closer look at one military family and the kinds of problems that might come from a military life. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book, and feel that the story was well told.



The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce. Harold is retired and lives with his wife Maureen in a small town in the southern part of England. The story, "**The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry**" begins with Harold receiving a letter from a former co-worker of 20 years past, Queenie Hennessy. He is moved and distraught on learning that she is dying of cancer. She wanted to say goodbye and to let him know how grateful she was for the kindness he showed her so long ago. He writes her back, takes a walk to mail his letter, and feeling that his letter is inadequate, continues to walk. As he walks further he encounters a young woman who inspires him, leads him to believe that he can make a difference in Queenie's life. Maybe he can save her, at least for a little while longer. With that thought in mind, and wearing yachting shoes and a light cotton jacket, no cell phone or provisions, Harold makes the decision to walk the rest of the 500 or so miles to Berwick on Tweed. He calls his wife, Maureen, and tells her that he is going to save Queenie. She is shocked, disdainful, and completely certain he will change his mind. He continues to walk, and meets many strangers in the process. In hearing their stories, he discovers bits and pieces of himself. The reader is privileged to share in his life's discoveries. It becomes the unraveling of Harold Fry's life, the joys and woes of his past, and his unfinished business. This also becomes another kind of journey for his wife, Maureen, as she is forced to take a better look at herself, putting her relationship with Harold into a much different perspective. This is perhaps the most intimate story I can recall reading. I was moved beyond my ability to express.

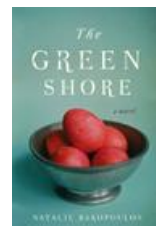
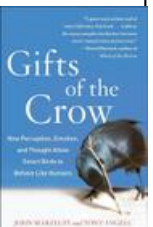
Deon Recommends.

Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter is absolutely brilliant. Pasquale Tursi has taken over his late father's dream of turning their sleepy little inn into a tourist destination for Americans. Nestled at the edge of the Cinque Terre, his village is tiny, remote, and difficult to reach. His farfetched dreams seem to be coming true when a beautiful blond movie actress arrives. It is 1962 and two Titans are setting the world aflame with their passion while portraying another pair of doomed lovers, Anthony and Cleopatra. Pasquale's blond might douse the flames of Burton and Taylor's red hot love affair. Fast forward to present day Hollywood where a young screenwriter is trying to pitch a storyline to legendary producer Michael Deane's beautiful assistant. But Deane's past is about to catch up with him as Pasquale travels from Italy to Hollywood in search of the blond actress who changed everything so long ago. Jess Walter is pitch perfect in this beguiling story that spans decades and continents. He uses his settings brilliantly, from Italy to Scotland to Seattle to Sandpoint Idaho. The characters are well developed, often surprising, and always entertaining. Great writing marries a lively story in this beautiful book. Jess Walter's talent is High Octane



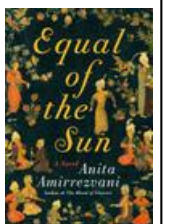
Jasmine Nights by Julia Gregson will please reader's of historical fiction. Swirl together a hot romance, WWII, spies, a singing troupe touring the exotic Middle East and the result is a very entertaining story. Saba, a half Welsh half Turkish singer with talent to burn, is making sparks with a flyboy. She looks like an ideal spy to the Brits, but doing her bit for the war effort is not only dangerous it dooms her romance. If you enjoy historical fiction, this page turner set in WWII with a strong female lead will keep your interest and make you want to know how Saba's fortunes resolve.

Gifts of the Crow by John Marzluff and Tony Angell. Crows are fascinating creatures! They have strong bonds with their mates, can figure out complex problems, and are gifted with a robust curiosity. Marzluff and Angel successfully combine solid research into an entertaining book. I especially enjoyed the chapters on frolic and insight. If you have an interest in the natural world, you should put this one on your reading list.



The Green Shore by Natalie Bakopoulos. On a moonlit night in April of 1967 Sophie was a young carefree woman just coming of age attending a party at her boyfriend's house. It was a night that would not only change Sophie's life irrevocably, it would also change Greece. Soldiers storm the party, there is shooting, and screaming amid the chaos of frightened running people. Nick's quick thinking saves them, but instead of hiding with Nick, Sophie is desperate to return to her family, to make sure they are alright. From this night forward Greece would be under the control of a brutal military dictatorship. How would a family cope and survive under the oppressive rule? This is a moving exploration of a family; their loyalty, love, and the risks they are willing to take to resist.

Equal of the Sun by Anita Amirrezvani is set in Persia during the 16th century and is rife with intrigue and danger. The Shah died without a successor, his daughter and protégé Princess Pari Khan Kanoom maneuvers to secure a position of power in a man's world. She is aided by the eunuch, Javaher; a man who loves the princess more than life. Based on real figures from history, it is the story of a woman who took risks and made a mark on history. The sumptuous royal court of Persia is vividly portrayed.



Staff Recommendations!
Deon recommends.

Istanbul Passage by Joseph Kanon. A labyrinth of plot twists, an incredible setting, and brilliant writing make this post WWII story a winner. Istanbul has the glamor and intrigue of sitting at the gate between West and East. It is a city full of dark alleys, black water sparkling in the city lights at night, and colorful mosques; a visually dazzling place. Leon's wife helped shepherd Jews fleeing the Nazis through the city on their way to Palestine. It was dangerous, dismal work that left her catatonic in an expensive care facility. Leon started with delivering packages to do his bit, as an American businessman he had the perfect cover for going from place to place. Then the packages became people and the game was something more. With the war over his handler in the US Embassy wants him to deliver one more man; it should have been easy and relatively safe. Instead, the night explodes in violence and leaves Leon with dangerous human cargo and no backup. Now he has to figure his way through the maze of disinformation and double cross.



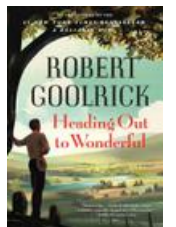
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn. Diabolically devious plotting and engaging writing will keep you guessing. Amy disappears on her 5th wedding anniversary, leaving her handsome husband with his slow southern charm to face the suspicions of police and media. Amy was a beautiful woman, bright and charming. She hated the move from New York to Missouri but times are tough and Nick insisted on returning to his small hometown to help his sister with their ailing parents. Now lovely Amy is gone and the story Nick tells just does not ring true. Can this handsome southern gentleman be a wife killer? Gillian Flynn is a master at taking the reader down unexpected lanes!

Tell The Wolves I'm Home by Carol Rifka Brunt is a lovely coming of age story told through the perspective of 14 year old June. A shy girl with a rich imagination, she adores her Uncle Finn. On Sundays June travels with her mother and older sister Grace to Finn's apartment where their talented uncle works on painting his nieces as he waits for AIDS to claim his life. June's mother has never come to terms with her brother being gay or his illness. In her rigidity and disapproval, she has denied her daughters any contact with or knowledge of her brother's life partner, Toby. After the funeral, Toby contacts June, beginning a journey for the teen to greater understanding of her mother, herself, and her talented uncle. As this family comes to terms with the grief of losing a loved one, they also grow closer.



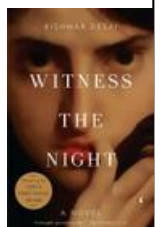
A Lady Cyclist's Guide to Kashgar by Suzanne Joinson. Evangeline and her sister Lizzie are on their way to the Silk Road and Kashgar as lady missionaries under the supervision of Millicent, a zealous woman intent on converting the locals. Evangeline has brought along her bicycle, a novelty in 1923. While Lizzie is a true believer, Evangeline is more interested in seeing the world. Soon the women run afoul of local custom and law. In current day Frieda is confused by a letter informing her she is the sole heir of a stranger. She has one week to clean out the mystery person's flat. Aided by Tayeb, a homeless refugee, she delves into the accumulation of a lifetime looking for a connection. This lively story has strong female characters; it is an interesting look at the sometimes volatile intersection of differing cultures

Heading Out To Wonderful by Robert Goolrick (author of **A Reliable Wife**). Love isn't always the answer and sometimes it is downright dangerous. Charlie Beale has been traveling since his return from WWII, going about the country looking for a place that would inspire and quiet him, a place to settle. He thinks he has found it in the lovely, verdant valley around Brownsburg Virginia, a small, sleepy town. Charlie finds employment quickly and becomes fond of his boss's young son, Sam. Boaty Glass is a bloated, crude, wealthy man. Not able to find a bride in the normal fashion, he bought himself one. Drove around the back wood hollers until a pretty girl caught his eye, and then paid her Daddy cash money. Sylvan Glass is young, barely a woman, she spends her days at the movies dreaming. Charlie Beale sees Sylvan for the first time and loses all reason; he ignites something hot and dangerous in Sylvan. Their passion becomes a conflagration that destroys, marking young Sam forevermore.



A Small Fortune by Rosie Dastgir. Harris was living the good life in Southeast England married to an Englishwoman but his circumstances changed with his divorce. Now he lives near his Pakistani relatives in the north, in a town he dislikes and a house that will never feel like home. His relatives convinced him to buy a small shop, an endeavor that does not suit at all. Harris is a devout Muslim, when he comes into a small fortune from his divorce settlement he feels he must share his wealth. Before he knows quite what to do, he has promised funds to too many relatives then given the lot to the least worthy. Now he has to sort out how to resolve relations with his disappointed family. Harris is impulsive but good hearted. This is a humorous, entertaining exploration of family, obligations, and choices. .

Witness the Night by Kishwar Desai. In a remote village in northern India a young girl, beaten and tied to a bed, is found in a smoldering house with the murdered bodies of thirteen relatives. The local police want quick closure and believe they have their culprit; it would be so easy to convict the young girl. Simran, a social worker, doubts the girl is to blame. She left the same village for Delhi years ago, now she comes back to interview the girl and seek the truth. Desai's gives a powerful indictment of the outrages committed against women while also telling a tightly plotted, intricate mystery. Simran is an unflinching, tough, intuitive protagonist. Outstanding writing and a compelling story make this a winner.



Staff Recommendations!

Deon recommends.



The Chaperone by Laura Moriarty blends fiction with historical fact. Moriarty spins a tale that takes in the many changing mores of the last century and makes it fun reading to boot. Cora Carlisle agrees to chaperone 15 year old Louise Brooks from Wichita Kansas to New York where she will attend the Denishawn dance academy. Young Louise is a handful but she has talent to burn, she is on a trajectory that will make her a star. Cora has her own secrets and reasons for agreeing to accompany the headstrong Louise. Cora is a likeable protagonist, she grows with her challenges and finds a way to make a life that is unconventional but fits. The blending of the real story of silent film star Louise Brooks with the quiet life of her chaperone is well done.

Birds of Paradise by Diana Abu-Jaber is now available in paperback. The writing is sublime. Miami heat, the pulsing neon lights color the night sky, and a young girl carries her secrets creating the drama of a family torn asunder. Felice is a beautiful child, with the face of Elizabeth Taylor. She overshadowed her less showy brother, Stanley. Avis adores her daughter. Life was going pretty well for Avis, she is married to Brian, a caring but distracted man, she has a thriving business creating amazing pastries that challenge her creatively, and children she loves. And then Felice leaves, running off into those hot Miami nights as a vulnerable thirteen year old child, taking all the magic away. Avis, Brian and Stanley are left in the wreckage of their lives to try coping with the absence of Felice. As her 18th birthday approaches Felice's presence seems to haunt her family while the young girl tries to grapple with the secrets she bears and the choices that set her adrift on the streets of Miami.

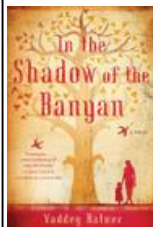


Gold by Chris Cleave (author of *Little Bee*) is a timely and entertaining novel, with the Olympics set to open in London; this story will enrich your experience and capture your imagination. What is it like to be an Olympian? To sacrifice everything to stand on that podium with your nation's anthem playing in the background? Zoe and Kate are intense, determined, talented 19 year old cyclists who meet in training. Both women dreamed of Olympic Gold since childhood, both are consumed, obsessed with standing at the pinnacle of that podium. Zoe has drive to burn; she will sacrifice everything to win. On the verge of realizing her dream, Kate gives up her chance at Olympic Gold to stay home with baby Sophie while Jack goes off to compete in Greece. Now 8 years later it is Kate's chance at Olympic Gold as she tries for London but Sophie may need her again. Sophie is battling a reoccurrence of leukemia, a disease that almost claimed her at three. There are so many great things about this book! Reading it I was reminded of Lance Armstrong and his battles with illness to go on and become a legend in cycling. The way the two women each face the desires and pressures of competing for Olympic Gold is insightful, giving a real feeling to the determination required to compete at this level. Jack is not hampered by being a father; he goes off to compete in Greece while Kate stays home to take care of their infant daughter. ***Gold*** really shows a woman's sacrifice and commitment to be a contender. It is a winner.

The Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker is an imaginative book that will entertain as it makes you stop and think. Julia's family is enjoying a normal weekend morning; Julia's friend Hanna spent the night, her Dad was reading the newspaper, and Mom went to the grocery store. Everything perfectly normal, but then it wasn't normal at all anymore. Her Mom races home to turn on the news reports that the earth's rotation has slowed, extending the day by 56 minutes. No one knows what this will mean, but it sounds like trouble. The earth keeps slowing; the days and nights get longer. People pack up and leave helter skelter looking for safety but you really cannot run away from this; anyplace you go will still be on planet earth. As the days and nights grow ever longer, everything changes. Julia is a marvelous young narrator, fresh and innocent. Seeing the event begin through the perspective of an eleven year old who matures as the ramifications become more serious works well for the story.



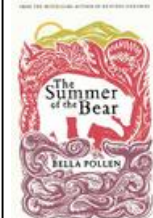
In The Shadow of the Banyan Tree by Vaddey Batner is told through the perspective of 7 year old Raami, the story begins by introducing a Cambodia rich with fragrant flowers, a lush beautiful place. Raami lives on a sumptuous estate, her father a minor prince and respected poet. The family is lovely, attractive and affectionate. If not for the brace on her leg from childhood polio Raami's young life seems charmed. But it is 1975 in Cambodia and young Raami's life is far from charmed, it will become a living nightmare. Khmer Rouge overtake the country, emptying the city, forcing people from their homes, driving them into the countryside. To be educated is dangerous, to be a prince, even a minor prince, is deadly. Yet in this bleak and frightening time, there are moments of grace. Raami's story is very similar to the experiences of the author as she survived the killing fields of Cambodia. She tells not only of the horror of the Khmer Rouge, but also the beauty of her country, and the kindness of its people.



The Eighty Dollar Champion by Elizabeth Letts is one of those amazing stories about winning against all odds. America loves underdogs, stories that go against the odds. And you couldn't get much longer odds than a plow-horse headed for the knackers yard and a cash strapped Dutchman winning the National Horse Show in Madison Square Garden. But win they did, inspiring the nation with the Cinderella story of a horse who escaped the butcher and learned how to fly. This is one for the heart!



The Summer of the Bear by Bella Pollen is now available in paperback. Endearingly quirky, sad, funny, and quite wonderful, this is the story of a family who mourn the death of their father and husband. Dad was a career diplomat posted to Bonn, but the British government needs the diplomat's house for the new chap so the family will have to move. And move they do, all the way to a remote Scottish island. This is also the story of a bear who got lost and spent several weeks of freedom and hunger on the same island. Told from the perspective of each family member, the story meanders onto unexpected lanes and ends up being quite a wild ride. Exuberant, heartwarming, thought provoking and a lot of fun!



Staff Recommendations

Deon recommends .



Killed at the Whim of a Hat by Colin Cotterill is now available in paperback. Witty, endearing, and way too quirky for words, Cotterill's new series is delightful! Jimm Juree left behind her promising career as a journalist in the big city to follow her rather odd but loveable family into the hinterland of Southern Thailand. She is morosely bemoaning the loss of her career when two skeletons are found inside a Volkswagen buried in a farmer's field. Jimm is back in the game with a juicy scoop on a murder investigation. The ink is barely dry on her story when an Abbott is murdered in a remote temple. Pretty soon the whole family is helping her solve crimes. At the beginning of each chapter we have examples of a former president's confusion over the English language, they add a bit of comedy.

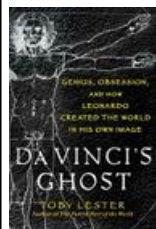
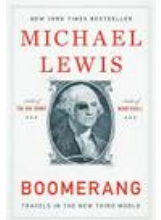
The Girl in the Blue Beret by Bobbie Ann Mason is set to release in paperback this July. Inspired by the WWII experiences of her father in law, Barney Rawlings, Mason has crafted a touching story of the sacrifice, hardship, and bravery of the resistance. Marshall feels adrift as he retires from his career as a commercial pilot; he resents getting the boot at sixty. He doesn't feel over the hill yet, there is still plenty life in him and he is fit for a challenge. Unmoored in his big house all alone, a widower whose children are grown with lives of their own, he finds himself dwelling on the past. Marshall re-visits the site in Belgium where his plane crashed and his crew was given shelter by members of the resistance. Reawakening memories move Marshall to begin a quest to find those brave souls who helped move the aviators to safety. This is a heartwarming story of courage and compassion.



Winters in Bloom by Lisa Tucker is a heartwarming story about family, fear, and secrets. Michael is not just the apple of his parents eye, he is the star in their galaxy, their greatest treasure. They are happier than they ever thought possible and that scares them. Something might go wrong. Kyra and David are obsessive about keeping Michael safe. If he sneezes he will be off to the doctors. School is just too dangerous, after trying several pre-schools they decide home schooling is the only safe option. This kid is protected, or should we say way over protected. Realizing they might be slightly out of control (more like obsessively in control) they are starting to let Michael have a few minutes outside in the yard. Their worst fears are realized when someone snatches the child. Kyra and David thought they could escape the past, now it is time to reveal their secrets and face their demons. Michael is certain his ex-wife has Michael. Kyra fears her family. They feared their happiness would shatter and their worst nightmare has come true. Michael is an adorable kid, and David and Kyra mean well. The characters are vulnerable, interesting, and flawed.

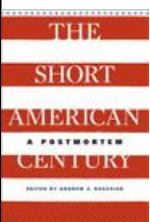
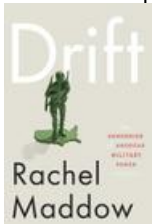
Rich Recommends.

Boomerang by Michael Lewis. Following his fascinating and thorough book on the economic crisis of 2007-2008, ***The Big Short***, Lewis sets his sights on how the global economic collapse affected Europe and other parts of the world. Writing in the style of a travel writer, Lewis visits and tries to explain how the worst offending countries got into their particular financial mess and what national traits led them in their own unique way to obligate their national banks and governments to repay staggering amounts of debt that in no way could they afford. While making fun of each country and their economic circumstances, Lewis is a master of simplifying a complex subject making for a readable and informative story.



Da Vinci's Ghost by Toby Lester. Lester writes of Leonardo Da Vinci's passion to draw a physical embodiment of the perfect man. The drawing Vitruvian Man was derived from the Roman architect Vitruvius who described the ideal human form as "one who could fit inside a circle (the divine) and one that could fit inside a square (earthy and secular)." Using the ideal human body as a way to express universal design, which properties made both the human body and the universe perfect. Architects could then use these principles to design perfect buildings. It wasn't until the 15th century that Da Vinci gave physical form to the Vitruvian ideal of man. Lester weaves a tale spanning a century that includes many notable characters, including Caesar Augustus, book hunter Bracciolini, Brunelleschi and Da Vinci himself. Da Vinci's philosophical studies into the nature of man came at a pivotal time, between the Middle Ages and the dawning of the Renaissance. What a fascinating time to be in when all of the arts, sciences and philosophical arts were coming together, which Da Vinci embodied in his Vitruvian Man.

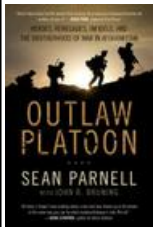
Drift by Rachel Maddow. Many people would expect Maddow's new book to be a liberal screed attacking the US Military. This book is anything but a biased polemic. Maddow has given a balanced, well written look at how easy it has become for the United States to enter into war and to experience the heartache of people who died in wars that did not need to be fought. Maddow gives an account of how the civilian and military establishment has sought to expand the use and size of our war making capacity, mostly for purely political and ideological ends. By overriding the will of the public and a lack of congressional will to stand up to presidents, the result has been perpetual war. Maddow has sounded an alarm that the Founding Fathers warned us against; a standing army is a threat to freedom and the public must demand that the government make it more difficult to go to war unless it is in the country's absolute national interest to do so. This is a balanced look at a critical threat to America. If you would like to read more on the topic, ***Washington Rules*** by Andrew Bacevitch and ***What It Is Like to Go To War*** by Karl Marlantis are also excellent. The books are not taking sides as either liberal or conservative, but pointing out that we should be careful with the lives of our service people.



Short American Century by Andrew Bacevitch. In 1941 Henry Luce, the influential publisher of Life magazine, wrote that the "The American Century" had arrived and it would usher in the global preeminence of American culture, political power, and military might. Andrew Bacevitch has assembled a rich and varied collection of viewpoints from a diverse group of academics, political theorists and cultural historians. Bacevitch believes that the American Century as envisioned by Luce is at an end, foreshortened into a premature demise by strategic miscalculation, military misadventures, and economic decline. What was the significance of this preeminence and what led to its decline? Bacevitch and the other authors answer these questions in an interesting and illuminating way. With protracted wars, economic uncertainty and questions about America's place in the world order, it is critical that we understand how we got where we are and more importantly where we are headed. This important volume brilliantly answers these questions.

Staff Recommendations.
Rich Recommends.

The Lost Kingdom by Julia Flynn Siler is a fascinating story of one of America's most shameful historical events; of political intrigue, heartbreaking loss of dignity among the Hawaiian royalty and greed and duplicity by the sugar barons and missionaries. The ancient Polynesians came to the archipelago, their culture undisturbed for hundreds of years until their isolation came to an end by the arrival of Captain Cook. The Hawaiian Islands then became a major pawn in the battle for the strategic and valuable lands the islands represented. As the sugar barons relentlessly subsumed the land for their own greed, the proud Hawaiian people gradually lost everything they had. The story centers on Liliuokalani, the last queen of Hawaii. Determined to bring back power to the monarchy, she was overwhelmed by the march of US Marines that took over her palace, thus ending her long line of royal lineage with a sad figurehead as well as ending the island's independence. This was also the beginning of the rise of US imperialism throughout the world as America began to fulfill its manifest destiny to the detriment of native Hawaiians.



Outlaw Platoon by Sean Parnell. As a new Army Airborne Ranger Lieutenant starting his first command assignment in Afghanistan, Parnell was determined to prove himself in combat – measure up or fail- there are no second chances. This gripping narrative showing the emotional and sensory aspect of combat is very readable and compelling. As Parnell and his platoon embarked on a mission of destroying enemy insurgents along the Afghan – Pakistani border, they encountered a force of well-armed disciplined and fanatic fighting men. Suffering a casualty rate of 80% over 16 months, a rate not seen since Gettysburg, Parnell describes the savagery of the combat between the warring parties. Parnell writes of the special bond between platoon mates that gets them through combat together. Parnell also writes of the extreme distrust and negative views towards both Afghans and Pakistani troops meant to be allies in the fighting. This well written combat experience will give the lay person a glimpse into what happens to young men thrown into battle as they are severely tested to see if survival or worst is in

store for them

Book Club for Teens and Tweens.

This summer Sunriver Books and Music offers book clubs for pre-teens and teens on Sundays at 4:00 PM led by Carol Foisset. We hope some of the of the selections below appeal to you.

Tweens June 24th **The Fences Between Us: The Diary of Piper Davis** (from the Dear America series) by Kirby Larson

Teens July 8th **City of Beasts** by Isabel Allende

Tweens July 15th **Seaglass Summer** by Anjali Banerjee

Tweens July 22nd **Skeleton Key** by Anthony Horowitz

Teens July 29th **Awaken** by Katie Kacvinsky

Tweens August 5th **Nest For Celeste** by Henry Cole

Tweens August 12th **Scat** by Carl Hiaasen

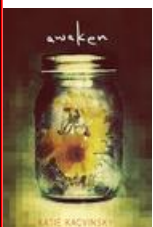
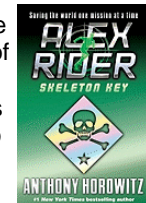
Teens August 19th **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie

On July 8 the Teen Book Club will discuss **City of the Beasts** by Isabel Allende. In this eco-fantasy book Alexander Cold travels to South America with his eccentric grandmother who is a reporter for International Geographic. She is in search of the legendary Yeti of the Amazon known as the Beast. On the expedition Alex befriends, Nadia, the daughter of the Brazilian guide. Together they discover their totems during one of the tribal ceremonies. Alex also has visions of his mother who has cancer and was the reason why he was sent to stay with his grandmother while she was in the hospital to receive treatment. This book is full of adventure and has detailed descriptions of the tropical forest that serves as a backdrop for the story.



July 15 the Tween Book Club will be discussing **Sea Glass Summer** by Anjai Banerjee This charming story introduces us to Poppy Ray who is visiting her uncle on Nisqually Island for a month while her parents are out of the country. Poppy is an animal lover even though she has never had a pet, and her uncle is a veterinarian, could there be a better match? However, Poppy soon finds out that there is more to caring for animals than she realized. As she faces new challenges and encounters the heartache and joys of caring for injured animals Poppy's confidence grows and she develops into a more mature and independent young girl.

July 22 the Tween Book Club will discuss **Skeleton Key** by Anthony Horowitz. In this high action thriller England's MI6 teenage spy, Alex Rider, is asked to help out the CIA in a mission on Skeleton Key. What teenager wouldn't want to spend two weeks of fun and sun on an island with a little adventure thrown in? As in the previous two Alex Rider books there turns out to be more than a little adventure and the pace of the book steadily increases until the final nail-biting conclusion. Once again, Alex proves to be a quick-witted and fearless teen that manages to get himself out of some precarious situations. It is easy to jump into this series and if you find that you enjoy it, you can back track and read the first two books to get the background on Alex.



On 7/29 the Teen Book Club will discuss **Awaken** by Katie Kacvinsky. Imagine a world where people only communicate through technology and rarely meet face-to-face anymore. This is the dystopian environment that Maddie finds herself in and her own father created the Digital School that isolates all students in their homes learning and communicating digitally. Then Maddie meets Justin who believes that human contact is necessary and she starts to question the life that her father has helped to create. This is a very timely and thought provoking book which should lead to some great discussions!

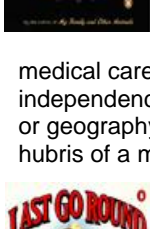
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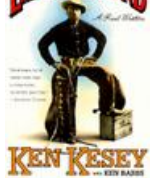
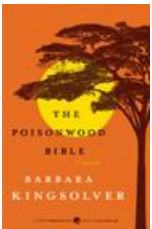
July 2nd the Mystery Book Club discusses *Junkyard Dogs* by Craig Johnson. *Junkyard Dog* is beautifully written, tightly plotted, and funny enough to make me laugh myself witless. The opening scene should leave you breathless. Sheriff Walt Longmire's has trouble on his hands. George Stewart's dump is smack dab up against a multi-million dollar housing development. The developer would prefer his customers gaze stay on the majestic mountains not the smelly dump next door. He wants the dump to go away, big time. Tensions run high. Deputy Santiago is suffering a case of the willies after nearly being filleted in *Another Man's Moccasins*. Walt is afraid he will lose a good deputy. Throw in a version of Romeo and Juliet for the older set and you have a heady brew of mystery, greed and passion. For writing, plot, and the joy of reading, this one cannot be beat. Craig Johnson rocks!



July 9th the Travel Essay Book Club discusses *Menagerie Manor* by Gerald Durrell, OBE. This is the 3rd of his books discussed in Travel Essay Book Club. From an early age Durrell was fascinated with nature. He grew up (although it is amazing he survived childhood) to be a leading conservationist and the founder of a zoo on the Isle of Jersey. His love of the animal kingdom caused all kinds of havoc in family life and in his zoo. Durrell is an amazing man; he brought passion and care to saving endangered species and trying to give zoo animals more dignified and enriched lives. He is not the only family member with literary talent, his brother Lawrence was a celebrated author. Durrell's books are full of observations on natural life, hilarious stories, and are fun to read.



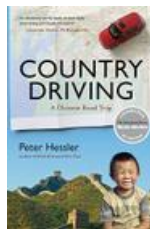
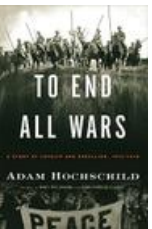
July 16th the Fiction Book Club discusses my favorite book by Barbara Kingsolver, *The Poisonwood Bible*. Kingsolver spent 1963 in the Congo as a child; her physician father was committed to helping people without access to medical care. She sets her novel against the dramatic backdrop of tremendous political unrest as the Belgium Congo struggled for independence. A missionary takes his family from the American South to the Congo in 1959: they are ill prepared for the culture or geography of Africa. The story is told through the viewpoints of the four daughters and mother, but at its heart it examines the hubris of a man bent on converting an unwilling indigenous people to his hardline beliefs. The family arrives in Africa with a set of preconceived notions about the people and country that are soon challenged by reality. Kingsolver captures the voice of the women as their lives change and their consciousness expands. It is a funny, wise, sad, wonderful story.



June 23rd the Classics Book Club discusses *Last Go Round* by Ken Kesey. The Pendleton Roundup is the setting for the last of Ken Kesey's novels. He spins an entertaining yarn populated with many famous western characters, like Buffalo Bill Cody, around the real episode of a 1911 competition between George Fletcher, an African American cowboy, Jackson Sundown, a Nez Pierce bronco buster, and John Spain, a southerner. It is an entertaining novel focusing on a bit of Oregon history.



July 30th the Non Fiction Book Club discusses *To End All Wars* by Adam Hochschild. To most people, the reasoning behind the hostilities in WWI is hard to understand. The human carnage is well documented and the causes of the hostilities are still being debated today. What Hochschild brings to the narrative is the large, vociferous and passionate anti-war contingent in Britain who braved ridicule, condemnation, and in some instances death by firing squad. The author concentrates on the divergent loyalties that each exhibited. The dilemma faced by peace activists is one common to dissenters then and now; how do you oppose a war because of your unshakeable conviction that it is wrong, without seeming to undermine the husbands, fathers, and brothers of your fellow citizens whose lives are in danger? Hochschild paints a vivid picture of what lay ahead after the end of hostilities. Britain's aristocratic class was confident that the war would be ended by cavalry—men on horseback wielding lances, but that belief was ended by an industrialized war, clip loaded rifles, machine guns, airplanes, tanks, and mustard gas. The war didn't serve anything but set the stage for a great political unknown which lay ahead, but led inevitably to warfare that was more mechanized, ever more deadly and more impersonal. The antiwar sentiments and unchecked nationalizing during wars since then have ebbed and flowed but Britain in the first World War was the largest and most sustained example of each side's passion in what it believed clashing against each other to such a large degree.



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

August 6th 2012 *The Informationist* by Taylor Stevens [Mystery Book Club](#)

August 13th 2012 *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht [Fiction Book Club](#)

August 20th 2012 *War & Peace* by Leo Tolstoy [Classics Book Club](#)

August 27th 2012 *Country Driving* by Peter Hessler [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

Sept. 3rd 2012 *Forty Words For Sorrow* by Giles Blunt [Mystery Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

September 10th 2012 *The Bird Artist* by Howard Norman [Fiction Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

Sept. 17th 2012 *Rowing to Latitude* by Jill Fredston [Travel Essay Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

September 24th 2012 *The Shipping News* by Annie Proulx [Classics Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

October 1st 2012 *Trespasser* by Paul Doiron [Mystery Book Club](#)

October 22nd 2012 *1000 White Women* by Jim Fergus [Fiction Book Club](#)

October 29th 2012 *Dracula* by Bram Stoker [Classics Book Club](#)

November 5th 2012 *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo [Mystery Book Club](#)

November 12th 2012 *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

November 19th 2012 *The Sandalwood Tree* by Elle Newmark [Fiction Book Club](#)

November 26th 2012 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* by Truman Capote [Classics Book Club](#)

December 3rd 2012 *Broken* by Karin Fossum [Mystery Book Club](#)

December 10th 2012 *Joy for Beginners* by Erica Bauermeister [Fiction Book Club](#)

December 17th 2012 *Paris Was Ours* by Penelope Rowlands [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

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