

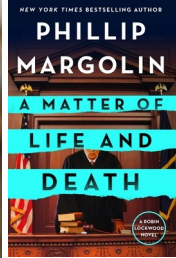
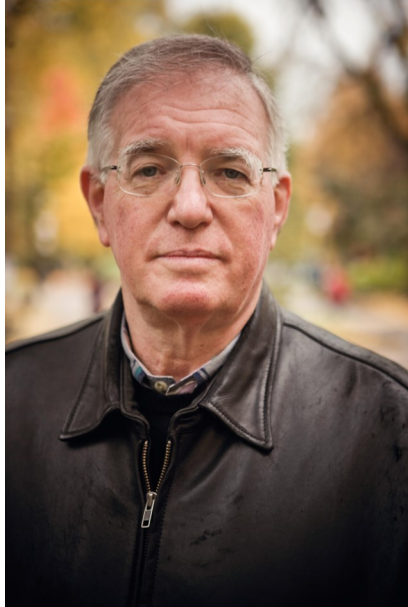


# Sunriver Books & Music

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Newsletter

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Saturday July 17 at 5:00 PM Phil Margolin will present, ***A Matter of Life and Death***, the latest in his New York Times bestselling Robin Lockwood series set in Portland Oregon. It is great to have an author who presents his female characters as strong, courageous, and intelligent. Robin is a bad woman to cross and a good advocate to have in your corner.

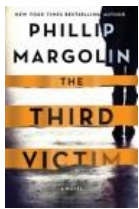
Phil Margolin gave our last in person author event in 2020 and this is our first in person event in 2021, since Covid-19 made in person events difficult. We are grateful to Phil Margolin in so many ways. Sunriver Books & Music will be closed during the presentation. Audience members must be vaccinated. Purchase of ***A Matter of Life and Death*** is required to receive a ticket for admittance to the event. Space will be limited to 25. We thank you for your understanding as we resume in person events cautiously.

Phil Margolin brings rich life experiences to his writing. He grew up in New York, fell under the spell of Perry Mason, deciding that was what he wanted to do with his life. In 1970 he served in the Peace Corps in Liberia, Africa. To make his way through law school, Phil taught junior high school in the South Bronx. He achieved his goal, becoming a criminal defense lawyer, representing defendants in death penalty cases and appearing before the US Supreme Court. When Phil Margolin writes a legal thriller, he has a lifetime of experience to get it just right!

***A Matter of Life and Death*** has all of the surprise twists we expect in any book by Phil Margolin. Robin Lockwood is tough as nails, and she needs to be, in her latest case defending a boxer who has all the evidence stacked against him! The DA has a wheelbarrow full of evidence, all pointing to her client's guilt. But Robin believes Joe Lattimore when he says he didn't kill Judge Anthony Carasco's wife. Joe

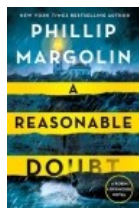
Lattimore was homeless and living rough with his wife and child when he was recruited for a job that would put a roof over their heads. Taking that job is the first step down a slippery slope into a living nightmare that might just conclude with the death penalty.

Robin teams up with Amanda Jaffe, a dream team of defense lawyers. Can they find a way to prove Joe's innocence despite the mountain of evidence against him? Read it and find out, this legal thriller will keep you turning pages. Margolin uses the Portland settings beautifully. I thoroughly enjoyed this latest in the Robin Lockwood series, especially with Amanda Jaffee included too!



Robin Lockwood was introduced in ***The Third Victim***. Whisper Lake is a small community in rural Oregon where the population swells in summer with the owners of vacation cabins. Winter it is deserted and quiet. Caleb White is shocked when a woman stumbles out of the woods in front of his vehicle, disheveled, blood caked, mud covered, and incoherent. He takes the woman to his cousin, a local cop. Meredith Fenner was held in a remote cabin and repeatedly tortured. She bonds with Detective Harry White, relying on assurance she is safe now. Meredith was abducted in Portland; a powerful attorney, the owner of the cabin, is the prime suspect. The case against Alex Mason is convincing; Meredith identified his cabin, there is physical evidence inside, and the man's wife attests he is sexually sadistic. He can afford the best, he knows Regina Barrister is as good as it gets.

Robin Lockwood will be helping with the defense. Robin was clerking for Oregon Supreme Court Judge Stanley Cloud when she was offered the job, it was an easy choice. Regina is her hero, a role model for the younger woman. At times watching Regina, Robin feels fortunate to be learning from the best, but then there will be odd things, erratic behavior that makes her nervous. There are devious twists that will keep you guessing to the very last page, a masterful puzzle. However the heart of this story is the bravery of a woman at the top of her game realizing something is not right in her thought process. Margolin shows these two incredibly strong women, Regina and Robin, one at the pinnacle of a career she loves, the other just getting started and filled with bright promise facing difficult issues with grace, ***Perfect Alibi*** is second in the series. It is out July Mystery Book Club selection featured on the last page.



***A Reasonable Doubt*** has mystery, magic, and a complicated puzzle. Robert Chesterfield is a master magician with a posh British accent, but not a nice guy. He was charged with killing two people, he walked because he hired the best, attorney Regina Barrister. Known as the sorceress for her brilliance as a defense attorney, Regina effortlessly left the prosecutor in tatters, her client cleared of the crime.

Robin Lockwood, Regina's protégé, is contacted by Chesterfield because he may need a criminal attorney on retainer in the near future. Robin isn't thrilled with the client, but she has a lifelong fascination with magic, so she accepts. Invited to his palatial home on the Oregon Coast for a special showing of his new illusion, the Chamber of Death, Robin is present when the magic goes awry and the magician disappears. His timing is good, he leaves behind a string of debtors, including a mobster who takes running out on a debt as a sign of disrespect.

Years later, the Portland papers announce the debut of Robert Chesterfield's Chamber of Death at the Imperial Theater. The illusion again ends differently than anticipated. This time Robert Chesterfield is not going to escape, murdered in front of a full theater of people with no one the wiser as to who put an end to the magician. In the audience are a plethora of Chesterfield's enemies, and the two defense attorneys.

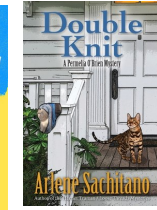
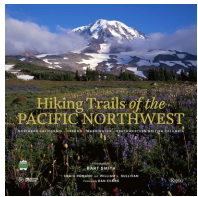
A magician killed in front of a crowd with no one aware of the crime or able to identify the killer! What a great mystery! Phil Margolin writes great legal thrillers! He also gives interesting presentations. Join us for a fun evening.



## Great News!

Saturday  
August 14 at  
5 PM via  
Zoom we are  
delighted to  
have Jane  
Kirkpatrick,  
Craig  
Johnson, and  
David Heska  
Wanbli  
Weiden in “A

**Conversation on Writing Native**. These three talented authors will discuss the role of Native Americans in literature. Jane Kirkpatrick, author of many notable historic fictions, came up with the idea of a conversation with other authors on the topic, immediately thinking of Craig Johnson whose Longmire series introduced Henry Standing Bear. Craig Johnson, thought right away of including David Heska Wanbli Weiden, author of *Winter Counts*. Register to attend at [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com) We will have a longer description of the event in our August newsletter. There is much to say. Jane and Craig have books releasing in September (ready for pre-order now), David's book goes to paperback July 6.



Video's of prior events are linked to at [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com) we hope you enjoy them!

Craig Johnson, along with Katee Sackhoff and Lou Diamond Phillips, gave presentation on the latest in the Longmire series, *Next to Last Stand*. It includes a video of a chapter of the book being read at the site of the Battle of the Little Bighorn, it was quite moving.

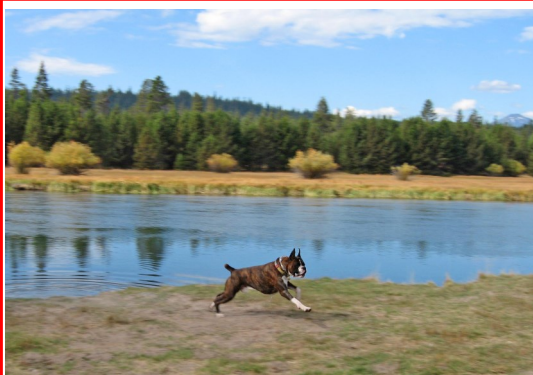
Photographer Bart Smith joined hiking guide authors William Sullivan and Craig Romano for a gorgeous photography book, *Hiking Trails of the Pacific Northwest*, featuring spectacular hikes in the region.

Dana Haynes' *Sirocco* is the second in his highly propulsive thriller series, if you read Lee Child's Jack Reacher series, and would like the bad guys taken down by a seriously deadly woman, this is right up your alley!

Marie Bostwick's event for *The Restoration of Celia Fairchild* should be up shortly, technical difficulties are being fixed. Check at [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com)

Arlene Sachitano debuted *Double Knit*, a new cozy mystery series set in Portland, Oregon with likeable characters and a cool cat.

Paul Howarth's event for *Dust Off the Bones*, a powerful historic fiction set in Australia, will be added to the list after his June 26 presentation.



## Flashman July 2, 2002- January 31, 2015

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

While we are alerting dog owners to local dangers, Dr. Wendy Merideth of Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 541-593-8128 has alerted us to the danger of mushrooms. Every year dogs ingest poisonous mushrooms, sometimes fatally, always requiring prompt medical attention. In the Deschutes National Forest be cautious of leg hold traps that can grievously injure a pet, or a person. In Sunriver, avoid gopher traps on the golf courses.

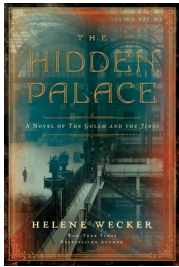
Dogs in Sunriver must either be on a leash or under firm voice control, this keeps them from unhappy interactions with resident's cats and other small animals (such as the local porcupines which can cause an emergency vet visit).

Caution is necessary with doors too! Dogs love the out of doors! They arrive in Sunriver all happy, excited about forest and meadows. A veritable paradise to explore! So an open door is like an invitation to a party. If they escape without notice, they can be gone in an instant, by the time they are missed, it can be too late. Sunriver is surrounded by forest, many animals live here. Coyote, bobcat, deer, and others can lead to a deadly encounter for the beloved family dog or cat. Be especially careful traveling with people unfamiliar with animals. Small children may not understand the importance of keeping the animals inside. They may not realize the danger that open door poses to the canine or feline family member. If you are traveling with a cat, escaping to the outside is even more dangerous making doorway vigilance tremendously important.

Sunriver is a great place for dogs, they love it here! We welcome them with treats at Sunriver Books & Music. Some of the restaurants such as the Sunriver Brewing Company, Café Sintra and the Village Bar and Grill welcome dogs on their decks. There is much to do and enjoy for the canine member of the family. Have a happy time, just be aware of dangers, so we can all do our best to protect our pets. It makes us sad to post flyers about missing pets. Sunriver really is a great place for dogs. Flashman loved all the places to go, he is pictured here along the Deschutes River having a grand run. He lived happily in Sunriver for years. Your pet can enjoy their vacation too!

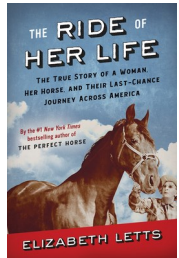


### Staff Recommendations, New Releases.



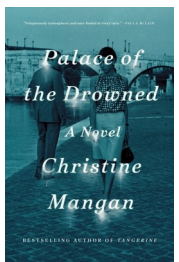
**The Hidden Palace** by Helene Wecker. **The Golem and the Jinni** was such fun to read that I began **The Hidden Palace** with trepidation, fearing it would not be able to match it. I am happy to report that it is indeed another great story! **The Golem and the Jinni** are just as vivid and endearing in the new book, it is a treat to revisit them! They are learning how to navigate life among humans, and how to respect the bond that binds them to each other.

**The Ride of Her Life** by Elizabeth Letts. Annie Wilknes was 63 and sick in 1954 when she embarked on the journey of a lifetime. Annie lived with her uncle Waldo on the family farm, a remote property in Maine. It was winter and bitter cold, killing cold. Waldo was 85 with poor eyesight, he couldn't make it to the barn to feed the animals because he couldn't see with the glare off the snow. Annie, sick as she was, kept trudging out to care for the stock, until she couldn't.



Thankfully some neighbors came to the rescue, fed the stock and got Annie to the hospital where a doctor told her she had at most a couple years before TB finished killing her. The illness got so bad Annie left the door open at night so her dog, Depeche Toi, would not be locked in to starve if she perished before morning.

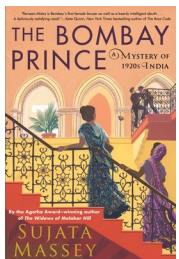
After Waldo died and she lost the farm, Annie decided if she was going to go out so soon, she was going out big, she would have an adventure. She set out to cross the USA. On horseback. Along the way there was tragedy and triumph. Some people helped and some people steered her wrong. Even Art Linkletter extended a helping hand. It was a grand adventure. Traveling with animals is traveling in good company.



**Palace of the Drowned** by Christine Mangan. Venice, with all its beauty, mist rising off the canals, and endless alleys, is the perfect setting for this eerie, atmospheric tale of an author who goes badly off the rails. Frankie's debut novel was lauded, a success. Since then it has been a slow slide downhill. Each successive book garnering fewer sales, less regard. Her fourth book received a vicious review. Frankie reads all the reviews avidly, is not able to put the hurtful remarks aside, but dwells on them. Fortified by a stiff drink she attends a soiree and continues drinking. Still obsessed about the review, she easily takes offense, and goes seriously out of control in front of a reporter.

Her wealthy friend realizes Frankie needs to get away from London, needs to be out of the glare of public recognition, and loans her the use of a spacious palazzo in Venice to lie low for a while. Walking to the market she is greeted by a young woman, Gilly, claiming to be the daughter of an acquaintance. Gilly is an admirer of Frankie's work, eager to spend time with her. Yet, there is something about Gilly's story that just doesn't ring true to Frankie.

It is 1966, as the two women dance around the truth, the flood waters in Venice rise. The moody setting, Frankie's angst about her career spiraling out of control, Gilly's mystery, and the rising water all keep the reader guessing and enthralled. Gorgeously written.



**The Bombay Prince** by Sujata Massey. The Prince of Wales visited India in 1921, far from impressing the populace with the grandeur of the British Raj and calming the growing clamor for independence, it incited riots that threw the country into chaos. Massey's series featuring the first woman lawyer in Bombay, Perveen Mistry, is rich in history and should appeal to both readers of historic fiction and mystery, it does both well.

Shortly before the Prince's arrival Parveen is consulted by Freny, a young college student, passionately in favor of independence who does not want to take part in viewing the parade when the Prince arrives. However, she is concerned that boycotting the parade might lead to her expulsion from college, the college principal has decreed that everyone must attend. Parveen is impressed by the young woman. When Freny dies a violent and suspicious death, Parveen cannot stand idly by.



**Legends of the North Cascades** by Jonathan Evison. Dave Cartwright was a high school football legend, the best player in his coach's long career. But Dave was too small for the big time, the college offers didn't come. He joined the Marine Corp, married his high school sweetheart, and spent three tours of duty in Iraq, tours that fundamentally changed him. Out of the Marine Corp, he is unsettled, hates his job, and his marriage is falling apart. The one bright spot in his life is his 7 year old daughter, Bella. When tragedy strikes, Dave takes Bella away from a society he no longer finds admirable, to live a more authentic life. He discovered a sheltered cave to call home, high up in the jagged mountains of the Pacific Northwest, miles away from the trailhead.

Once there, Bella starts to experience another world, she retreats into the lives of a mother and son in the harsh, unforgiving era of the ice age. The two stories play out in the grandeur of the wilderness of the Pacific Northwest.

### Covid-19 Protocols & 4th of July.

There was hope that Oregon would hit 70% vaccinated by now, but as I type this there is still a ways to go. So for the time being, we will have a doorperson, require masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing. We are not able to extend to summer hours until Oregon hits 70% vaccinated and the Governor lifts restrictions. Once that happens, we will hopefully go back to a more normal situation.

That said, we are moving ahead with an in person author event, Phil Margolin will be here July 17 for **A Matter of Life and Death**. Purchase the book to receive a ticket, vaccination is required. In person Book Club meetings for vaccinated Book Club members will also resume.

At the moment, we do not know if Sunriver Books & Music will be open on 4th of July. If restrictions have been lifted, we will be open 11:30-5 on the 4th. If not Sunriver Books & Music will close on the holiday. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Unless you work in health care or emergency services, getting vaccinated is a personal choice. We respect that choice. However, collectively it is a choice that impacts others and increases the risk of the virus mutating into something more dangerous. If you do not have a deeply held opposition to the vaccine, please consider being vaccinated.

## July 2021 Book Clubs

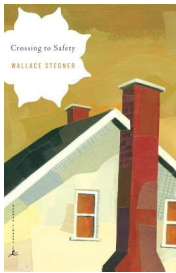
July should bring a return to in person Book Club meetings for vaccinated Book Club members, we are optimistic. If all goes according to plan, we will resume meeting in Sunriver Books & Music. During this past year, we have been enjoying Zoom Book Club meetings too. We plan to continue with the Zoom meetings. It has been great to get together with a group of readers ranging from Carmel to Seattle. They are such a loyal and fun group. Both our in person and Zoom Book Clubs are made enjoyable by the people, I am looking forward to reuniting with our in-person group and beyond delighted to continue with the Zoom members. Book Clubs will continue to meet on Mondays at 6 PM with the weeks alternating between the in person and Zoom meeting. Perhaps in future, with technological advancement, they will combine. For now, it will be double fun.



Mystery Book Club will discuss ***The Perfect Alibi*** by Phil Margolin with an in-person meeting on July 5 the Zoom meeting to follow on July 12.

A well-regarded attorney is brutally murdered, when suspicion falls on his equally popular partner, Robin Lockwood is called to defend. A young woman from a background lacking in financial wealth is raped by a popular athlete, on his way to a brilliant career, from one of Portland's wealthiest neighborhoods. Robin is hired to represent the woman in a civil suit for damages.

Margolin's years as a successful lawyer, arguing death penalty cases before the Supreme Court, is evident as he takes the reader inside the busy office of a highly capable attorney. With quick, sharp sentences he moves the cases along, Robin delving relentlessly for the path best suited to meet the needs of her clients while adhering to a strict moral code. Fascinating. Lots of fast paced action, multiple murders, and DNA results that are contradictory in the extreme. Margolin has a gripping thriller that also touches on such serious topics as reliance on forensic evidence, the difference in the way societal classes are treated and bullying. And, oh boy, does he ever have the twists and surprises! Great reading.



Fiction and Classics Book Clubs combine to discuss ***Crossing to Safety*** by Wallace Stegner. The in-person discussion will be July 19 and the Zoom discussion July 26.

Wallace Stegner was a giant in American literature, inspiring others through the gift of his writing and in the classroom as he taught at Stanford. He accumulated an impressive number of awards including the Pulitzer Prize for ***Angle of Repose***, one of our earlier Book Club selections, and the National Book award for ***The Spectator Bird***.

***Crossing to Safety*** spans decades in a day, from 1937 to 1972 when two couples reunite in Vermont. Larry and Sally Morgan are westerners from hardscrabble beginnings. In their youth they form an unlikely friendship with Sid and Charity Lang, easterners with a moneyed background. Charity, a formidable woman who dominates Sid, is dying. She has organized a farewell get together at the Lang family home in Vermont. The story is fueled by Larry's reminiscences as he examines the goals of his youth and the accomplishments of a full life.

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

Everyone is welcome, Meetings are held via Zoom and in person (vaccination required) Mondays at 6 PM.  
**Times and dates are tentative due to current situation.**

#### August

8-2 in person & 8-9 Zoom ***Mr. Churchill's Secretary*** by Susan Elia MacNeal **Mystery Book Club**  
8-16 in person & 8-23 Zoom ***The Night Watchman*** by Louise Erdrich **Fiction Book Club**

#### September

9-6 in person & 9-13 Zoom ***Gallows View*** by Peter Robinson **Mystery Book Club**  
9-20 in person & 9-27 Zoom ***Prayer For Owen Meany*** by John Irving **Fiction Book Club Banned Book**

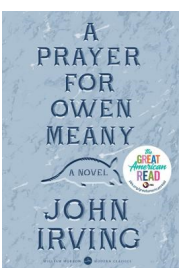
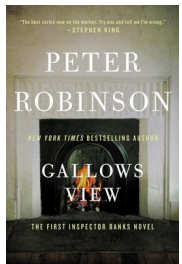
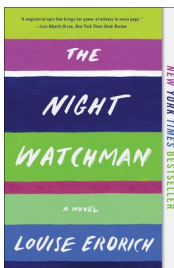
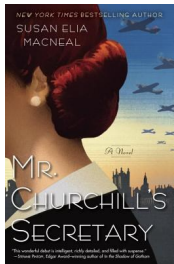
#### October

***The Power of the Dog*** by Don Winslow **Mystery Book Club Themed Month for Mexico.**  
***American Dirt*** by Jeannine Cummins **Fiction Book Club Themed Month for books set in Mexico.**

#### November

***Thursday Murder Club*** by Richard Osman **Mystery Book Club**  
***Nomadland*** by Jessica Bruder **Non-Fiction Book Club**  
***Fresh Water For Flowers*** by Valerie Perrin **Fiction Book Club**

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