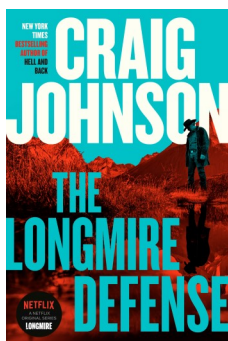




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Craig Johnson Returns!

Saturday September 9

**The New York Times Bestselling
Longmire series
*The Longmire Defense***

Pre-purchase *The Longmire Defense* from Sunriver Books for a ticket to attend the event!

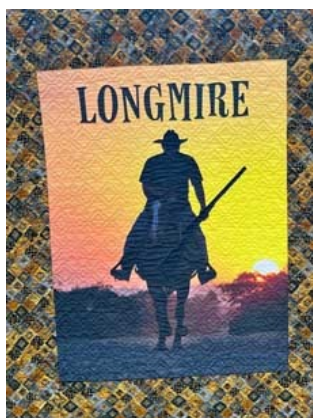
There will be refreshments & drawings for prizes.

For information, email sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com

Photo of Craig Johnson & Flashman by Dan Feer

Craig Johnson has been a good friend to Sunriver Books and we are grateful for his generosity and loyalty. He always puts on a good show!

The Longmire Defense opens with Sheriff Walt Longmire resting comfortably in a hammock, recovering from the action in ***Hell and Back***, surrounded by his daughter, Cady, and granddaughter, Lola. He is snuggled in with his grandchild, then Undersheriff Vic Moretti drives up at her customary speed, inviting him out to do some sheriff things. A woman unfamiliar with the snow-bound state of Wyoming's spring roads, has gotten her car stuck, left the vehicle to find cell reception, and is lost. Walt and Vic have an idea where the woman might logically be, so they head out to find her. As they are searching, Walt discovers evidence of a crime committed half a century ago. A crime that may have involved his grandfather, a man known to be hard but fair. Walt and his grandfather were not pals, more like oil and water. No way, Walt is going to let this rest. And so, the game is afoot.



**In Celebration of The Longmire Series by Craig Johnson
Mountain Meadows Quilters
Quilting Exhibition inspired by The Longmire Series!**

The Mountain Meadows Quilters create works of art. Many Mountain Meadows Quilters are Master Quilters and Award Winners. Every year, the first Saturday of August Sunriver is festooned with their gorgeous quilts for the annual Mountain Meadows Quilt Show. Their creations are special!

This year they are doing something special. The members have thrown their hearts into creating quilts inspired by The Longmire series. We are honored that they have chosen to enthusiastically create quilts that reflect the many novels in The Longmire series!

From July 9 to September 9 the quilts reflecting the Longmire series will be on display at Sunriver Books. On September 9 they will be displayed at Craig Johnson's author event for ***The Longmire Defense***, the latest in the Longmire series.

The quilt pictured was created by Judy Johnson of the Mountain Meadows Quilters.

Saturday July 29 at 5 PM Diana Abu-Jaber presents, ***Fencing with the King***, register early to attend this free event. Space will be limited. There will be refreshments and drawings for prizes. Interesting characters, and long held secrets that lead to dangerous adventure combine with beautiful writing for a fabulous book!

Amani has great parents (Gabe a carpenter and Francesca a school principal), a kind nature, good education, and a responsible career as a professor. Success came early with the publication of her poetry but lately things have fallen apart. Her writing has dried up, her marriage failed, she is drinking way too much and endangering her career.

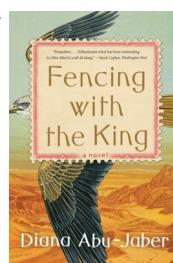
She discovers part of a poem on a slip of old blue paper in one of her father's books, a poem that may have been written by her grandmother. Amani's father doesn't talk much, really not at all, about his mother. The discovery of the poem ignites her yearning to know more about her Jordanian heritage. Serendipitously her father has just received an invitation from her favorite Uncle Hafez to come to Jordan for the King's 60th birthday and put on a fencing match with the King. Heretofore Amani hadn't known her father could fence, much less that he was a favored partner of the King's in his youth. She persuades him to accept launching them both into an exploration of the past, family secrets, and life-threatening adventures.

Diana Abu-Jaber is such a gifted author writing with generosity toward her characters. This is a story filled with complex interesting characters, a Middle Eastern past that feels real, and an open-hearted look at Jordan under King Hussein (who really was a fencing partner with Diana Abu-Jaber's father).

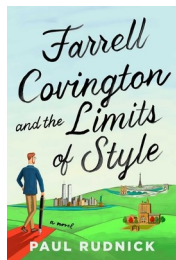
I loved every page! Hidden secrets, family relics, and swashbuckling adventure make this a spectacular story!

Fencing with the King is also our Fiction Book Club's selection for July. Zoom discussion takes place Monday July 24 at 6 PM and in person Monday July 31 at 4:30.

Photo of Diana Abu-Jaber is by Scott David Eason



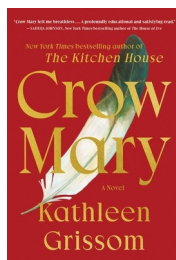
New Releases, Staff Recommendations.



Farrell Covington and the Limits of Style by Paul Rudnick. Farrell Covington is a golden boy, astonishingly handsome, ridiculously wealthy, the son of a powerful family. He is also friendly and kind. Just try to resist all of that! Nate Reminger, a shy Jewish boy, doesn't even try, he succumbs to Farrell's considerable charms feeling amazed to be chosen by such a man. They meet in the library at Yale when both are college students and start a romance that will last lifelong.

From 1970's to current day, they face the AIDS epidemic, the changing attitudes toward being gay, the pressures of family, and the tumultuous political landscape of the US. From Manhattan to LA to Rome, their romance spans continents and decades.

If you want to spend some time with truly nice, clever people, hang out for a while with Farrell and Nate, they will amuse you and make you feel good too!



Crow Mary by Kathleen Grissom. Based on the life of Crow Mary and following the historic record closely, this is the story of a woman who dared to believe in standing up for what was right at a time when justice was in short supply for Native Americans.

She grew up the daughter of a Chief, taught by her grandfather to ride and shoot as well as a boy. She expected to live her life within her tribe, to marry a brave and valiant warrior. But events intervene and Crow Mary lived a different life.

In 1872 the teenage Crow Mary weds Abe Farwell, a white fur trader with a trading post in Saskatchewan Canada and dreams of owning a ranch. When a gang of drunken trappers kill 40 Nakoda and take 5 of the women to repeatedly savage, it is Crow Mary who takes her guns and goes after the kidnapped women. This is a woman time should not forget! She leads a remarkable life, and Grissom tells it with empathy and respect.



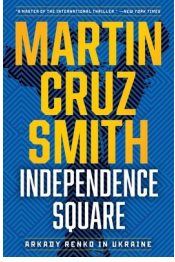
A Disappearance in Fiji by Nilima Rao is the first in a new series.

Akal Singh was a rising star in the Hong Kong Police until something went wrong, and instead of being on the cusp of a brilliant career he was packed off to the backwater of Fiji where the Inspector General wasn't at all keen on taking in Hong Kong's castoff. Nonetheless here he is, his prospects uncertain, doing his best.

Fiji uses indentured Indians to work on the plantations, no one has paid them much attention, not even the official in charge of immigration. The Plantation owners have pretty much had their own way. Things might be changing. A delegation is coming to check on the indentured servants, plans are made to have dinners and such, for everything to go smoothly on the visit, then back to normal, or what passes for normal.

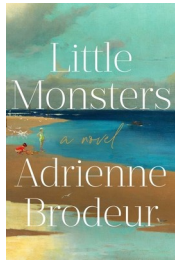
That is, until an Indian woman goes missing and the local Priest is upset, loudly upset. He contacted the police, and not being overly encouraged with their attitude, has printed a piece in the newspaper about the missing woman and his fear she is kidnapped. The Inspector General assigns the case to Akal, with the instructions to just make it go away, go talk to people, politely, don't ruffle any feathers and keep things calm. Of course, that is not going to be how things progress with Akal on the case!

New Releases, Staff Recommendations.



Independence Square by Martin Cruz Smith. Years ago Arkady Renko busted on the scene in Gorky Park, Parkinson's disease has slowed him a bit, but experience still counts. When mobster Fyodor Abakov's daughter Karina goes missing, it is Renko he trusts to find her. Renko's corrupt boss, Prosecutor Zurin, has sidelined him with a desk job, an assignment he loathes. So he agrees to search for the mobster's daughter.

He soon discovers the girl was swimming in dangerous waters, she was criticizing Putin, a world leader uncommonly sensitive to any sort of criticism, and getting more so by the day. There is trouble in the air, in a few short months Russia will invade Ukraine. Elena, Karina's Ukrainian roommate, is also worried about her. The trail leads them to Kyiv and Crimea, where their lives will be in danger and escape uncertain.



Little Monsters by Adrienne Brodeur. Adam Gardner a brilliant man, an oceanographer, realizing he is nearing the end of his career and is desperate for one more major discovery. He is fast approaching 70 and in order to clear his mind, he has stopped taking the medication that kept his bipolar disease in check.

He raised his two children, Abby and Ken, who are each anticipating giving him a special gift on his birthday, although the gifts will be vastly different. Ken is all about the money, and not a terribly nice guy, he is a successful business man who places value firmly on the all-mighty dollar. Abby is an artist, somewhat under Ken's thumb, as he owns the studio she calls home. Into this volatile mix there is a new person, Steph, who has a reason for being around the Gardner's, a secret she may or may not reveal. But then they all have secrets.

This is a lovely book about family populated with interesting characters, and exploring the ways we grow old, solve our ambitions, and connect with each other.

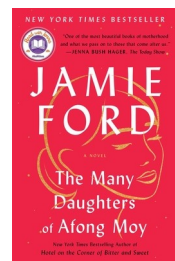


Banyan Moon by Thao Thai. Three generations of women are connected to each other and to an old Florida home sheltered by a giant banyan tree. Ann was always closer to her grandmother, Minh, than her mother, Huong, a situation her mother resents. Ann moved away and built a successful life, with a lovely home and handsome boyfriend.

However, the surface is rarely the whole story, it is what lurks beneath that may count. And in Ann's case, she is about to face some life changing occurrences. First off, she is pregnant, and it is not a planned pregnancy. Then the call comes, informing her that her beloved grandmother has died. It has been a long time since she has seen her grandmother, and now she is gone. Minh left a legacy to her daughter and granddaughter, the gothic old house with the banyan tree. In it Ann will find long buried secrets as she learns more about her grandmother who left war torn Vietnam to immigrate to Florida.

Of course, there is a lot more to the story! This is one of those books you will treasure reading.

Now Available in Paperback.



The Many Daughters of Afong Moy by Jamie Ford. Fiction and history combine, focusing on traumas of one generation impacting the next, down through generations. This ambitious novel, so beautifully written it is hard to put down, ranges from the 1830's to 2086.

The story is anchored by Dorothy in 2045 Seattle, a time when rising sea levels and phenomenal storms make life in the Emerald City far from easy. Dorothy was a teacher and talented poet, honored as Washington's poet laureate, but her career has stalled. Currently between gigs, her home life is not working either. Annabel, her 5-year-old daughter, is the only bright spot left from her relationship with Louis. Dorothy is troubled by dream states that seem like reality, experiencing lives of her ancestors, in other decades or even centuries. They all seems so real to her; the pain of her ancestors leaves her depressed and unable to function. Then Annabel starts to share the dreams, Dorothy is desperate to find some way to cope, to address

the past in a meaningful way. In Seattle a doctor has developed an experimental treatment that allows Dorothy to fully engage with the traumas of her forebearers and ultimately confront the past.

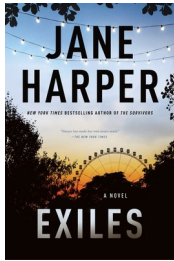
Thus, we step into history, perceived through the experiences of women who faced much hardship. Through Dorothy's attempt to free herself from the trauma of the past, the reader is guided to pivotal points in history and given an intimate view of the experiences shared by women in those times. Grand book, great writing, and a plot that will keep you thinking long after the last page.



Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting by Clare Pooley. Every weekday Iona commutes on the same train to her job writing an advice column for a magazine. She always sits in the same space, placing her small dog on the adjacent seat. Or course many of the people are familiar, as they also usually ride the same train too. But no one speaks, they sit quietly in their own little worlds, cloaked in anonymity. As is the proper way to commute.

Until one day the successful looking bloke, in the expensive looking suit, chokes on a grape. The pretty young woman sitting in the next chair ineffectually pats his back. Iona whaps it harder, while calling for medical assistance. A fit looking young man turns out to be a nurse, he steps in and saves the day.

This one moment of potential tragedy breaks a barrier, lowers their shields of anonymity. Nothing is the same, connections are forged. From then on, when they see each other on the train, they are no longer just strangers, their names are known, they have shared a life-or-death moment. Their identities and worries will be known too. And soon, something wonderful happens as, overseen by Iona, they become a group of people who care. Funny, charming, and heartwarming.



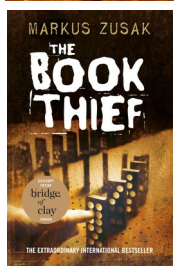
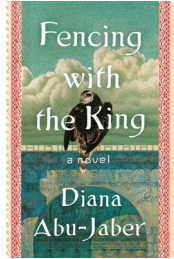
Summer is a wonderful time to enjoy all the sunshine and beauty Central Oregon has to offer. Take a hike, ride your bike, go kayaking, play a game of golf or tennis. Then settle into a comfortable deck chair with a good book. Read one of our Book Club selections and look forward to a lively discussion with other readers. Book Clubs are a great way to meet other passionate readers. I am fond of our Book Club members, they are a great group of people. Everyone is welcome.

Book Clubs meet Mondays at 6 PM via Zoom and at 4:30 PM in person.

Mystery Book Club is discussing **Exiles** by Jane Harper via Zoom Monday July 10 at 6 PM and in person Monday July 17 at 4:30 PM. Aaron Falk, a financial crimes detective from Melbourne introduced in **The Dry**, travels to the Marralee Valley in South Australia for the christening of his godson. He was honored to be asked by Sergeant Greg Raco and his wife Rita to play that role in their son's life. Greg's brother Charlie has a vineyard, Aaron will be staying in the guest house overlooking the vines.

The christening was originally scheduled a year earlier, but tragedy struck the small community. A young mother, Kim Gillespie, had gone missing, leaving her infant daughter in a baby carriage on the fairgrounds. She has not been found. The Raco family had close connections with Kim, they are still reeling and no closer to resolution.

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

Everyone is welcome, Meetings are held in person at 4:30 & via Zoom at 6 PM on Mondays.

August

August 7 via Zoom and August 14 in person, **The Bombay Prince** by Sujata Massey Mystery Book Club

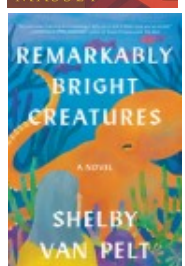
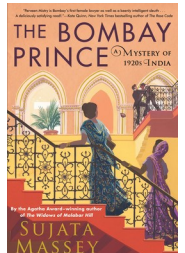
August 21 via Zoom and August 28 in person, **Remarkably Bright Creatures** by Shelby Van Pelt Fiction Book Club

September

Hell and Back by Craig Johnson Mystery Book Club.

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak Fiction Book Club **Banned Book selection.**

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Please remember not to leave your pets in a parked car, temperatures can soar within minutes causing death. If you see a dog in a parked car in Sunriver, please call the Sunriver Police Department 541-593-1014 or 911 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.

Dr. Wendy Merideth of Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 541-593-8128 alerted us to the danger of mushrooms. Every year dogs ingest poisonous mushrooms, sometimes fatally, always requiring prompt medical attention. In the Deschutes National Forest be cautious of leg hold traps that can grievously injure a pet, or a person.

