



Sunriver Books & Music

June 2019 Newsletter

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***The Walt Longmire saga continues.
Craig Johnson returns Saturday Sep-
tember 21 for Land of Wolves.
Space is limited.
Procure your ticket early to attend!***

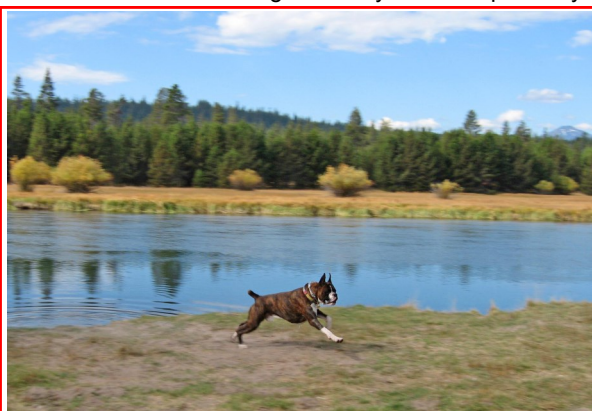
It started with the "Outlaw Tour". In the early days Craig Johnson would tour the west on his motorcycle, talking with readers in Independent Bookstores. The series garnered awards, became New York Times Bestsellers and International Best Sellers. Hollywood filmed the Longmire series and Craig Johnson's tour was full of airplane rides to distant places, big cities, and prestigious bookstores. Craig is a loyal man, he never forgot those stores and communities that eagerly welcomed Walt Longmire to their affections. He continues to visit Sunriver for great events. We are grateful for his loyalty and friendship. Reading the Walt Longmire series is like visiting friends, finding out what they have been up to (in Vic's case usually quite a lot) and reveling in their adventures.



Land of Wolves releases September 17. We are happy to preorder for you.

This is a ticketed event requiring purchase of *Land of Wolves* to receive a ticket.

Craig and Judy Johnson photo by Brooke Snavely, Craig Johnson and our Flashman photo by Dan Feer.



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.

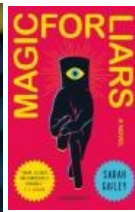
While we are alerting dog owners to local dangers, the wonderful local veterinarian Dr. Wendy Merideth of Sunriver Veterinary Clinic 541-593-8128 has alerted us to the danger of mushrooms. Every year dogs ingest poisonous mushrooms, sometimes fatally, always requiring prompt medical attention.

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, happy with the 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 other animals can lead to a deadly encounter for the beloved family dog. Be especially careful traveling with people unfamiliar with animals and small children. They may not realize the danger that open door poses to the canine 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 and the Village Bar and Grill welcome dogs on their decks. 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!



Saturday June 8 at 5:00 PM we have the pleasure of presenting Sarah Gailey for her entertaining novel, ***Magic for Liars***. Sarah is an engaging speaker with an irresistible sense of fun.

Magic for Liars is a kinky novel combining an amusing take on noir mystery and weird magic. Ivy Gamble, a tough as nails detective, is a little down on her luck, having trouble making ends meet when she is offered a new case. Unfortunately, the case involves her sister. Tabitha was born with the gift of magic, she went off to a school for similarly gifted young proteges. Ivy was not thus endowed, she went to regular school, and did without the little extra zing magic added to her sister's life. Tabitha became a teacher at The Osborne Academy of Young Mages, the same school she attended as a child. Now there has been a suspicious death at the school, the headmistress is willing to pay Ivy a substantial fee for solving the mystery. And off we go!

Saturday Jun 15, at 5:00 PM Julian Smith presents ***Aloha Rodeo***, a fascinating blend of history, adventure and wild west.

1793 the HMS Discovery sailed into Hawaii under the command of Captain George Vancouver. Great Britain was determined to extend its influence to the Hawaiian Islands. They decided the way to do this was to give the islander's cattle. These were not happy cattle; they had spent a long time in cramped quarters enduring a sea going voyage they must have found horrific. Captain Vancouver's first attempt at landing 10 Longhorn's did not succeed, the poor cattle were practically starved, they died. His second try succeeded and the cattle took to heart encouragement to multiply. Admonished by the Brits not to harm the cattle, they got on with the business of procreation and by 1830 the island of Hawaii had approximately 20,000 cattle laying waste to the environment and threatening the populace (remember these were Longhorns, not the most docile of cattle). Something had to be done, the answer was cowboys.

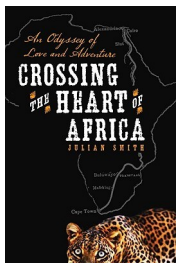
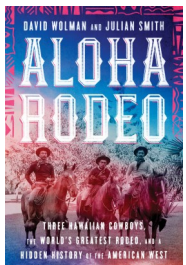
The Parker Ranch in Hawaii is famous, in ***Aloha Rodeo***, you learn its roots. Cowboy culture in Hawaii had a few challenges the mainland cowboys might avoid, like lava flows. It was a dangerous life, for the men and the cattle.

Meanwhile back on the mainland by 1898 Cheyenne Wyoming had fallen on hard times. The population had dropped from 10,000 to about 1,500 hardy souls. Something had to be done to rejuvenate the town and bring in some tourists to keep the merchants and hotels in business. Thus was born Cheyenne Frontier Days and the beginnings of rodeo. Buffalo Bill Cody's Wild West Show provided the opening act. It was a grand success.

By 1908 Cheyenne's Frontier Days rodeo was internationally famous, the premier rodeo of its age. Three Hawaiian cowboys were entered; Ikua Purdy, Jack Low, and Archie Ka'au. At first the Wyoming crowd assumed their boys would have an easy win, but the Hawaiians were game, it was soon clear this was going to be a real competition. Want to know who won? Read this fascinating, colorful, book full of history and grand characters from the past!

Julian Smith also wrote ***Crossing the Heart of Africa***, a combination of memoir, history, and travel adventure.

In ***Crossing the Heart of Africa***, Julian retraces the 1898 journey Ewart Grogan made in a bid to win the hand of fair Gertrude. Love, adventure, and gorgeous scenery all come together in this rousing good story.



Is the name Ewart Grogan known to you? It was not a name familiar to me. We should know this name, right along with Burton, Stanley, and Livingston. Grogan was a man who lived life big. An adventurer, a soldier, a swashbuckler, a spy, a romantic, a mountain climber, and a man hugely important in the early days of Kenya. In 1898 he set out to make a journey no one had heretofore attempted, to go overland in Africa crossing from Cape Town to Cairo. Grogan had fallen for Gertrude, an heiress of immense wealth. Her step-father, Coleman, saw fortune hunter writ large all over Grogan. He couldn't have been more wrong. Grogan proposed a quest to prove his worth and win his lady. Coleman was swayed, after all the chances of Grogan surviving such a trip were not high.

The book does an excellent job of moving between time periods, from Smith's journey to Grogan's trek. Grogan won his lady love, they settled in Nairobi Kenya where they rubbed shoulders with Elspeth Huxley, Beryl Markham, and Karen Blixen. Grogan lived into his 90's, a vigorous man always up to something. Gertrude was his companion until her death during WWII.



Saturday June 22 at 5:00 PM Erica Bauermeister presents her latest novel, ***The Scent Keeper***. Lovely, lyrical prose has always been the hallmark of Bauermeister's writing. She crafts beautiful sentences that lead into rich stories. Emmeline lives

with her father, all alone, on an island surrounded by sea, with a dangerous passage of violent water leading into the one calm lagoon. It is the only home Emmeline has known, her father her sole companion until she is granted for a pet a sweet natured goat. Although it is a solitary existence, it is not lonely, it is a sensory delight. Her father has built walls of drawers in their little cabin that hold individual jars containing scent papers evoking far flung places. He tells her stories of an intrepid scent collector and teaches her to fully engage in the scents on their island. Reveling in the sensory- wonders of her island abode, she walks the trails smelling the rich forest and being fully engaged with her surroundings. Her father has taught her to notice the real world. She lives cocooned in this idyllic existence until tragedies strike, leaving Emmeline wracked with guilt over her role. Once out in the world, she is confronted with a million things that are routine but totally unknown to her, like plumbing, appliances, vehicles. All new to Emmeline. As she grows into a young woman, she begins to seek the secrets of her identity that will lead her to ultimately discover what led her father to flee with his baby to an island retreat surrounded by angry water.

All of Erica Bauermeister's novels are a delight to read. Each taking the reader into a new world.

The School of Essential Ingredients is set in a cooking class Lillian teaches in her restaurant. As each class becomes absorbed in creating nurturing food, we learn about the

student's lives and how they are changed by the confidence they gain. Each student is transformed and enriched in a deeply personal way. Their stories mingle with the dishes Lillian teaches them to create, and the food sounds delicious. The characters are likeable and the setting quite charming. If you enjoy cooking you will be inspired!

The Lost Art of Mixing continues the characters from ***The School of Essential Ingredients***. Lillian's restaurant is the common thread that brings the characters together. Isabelle is sinking into dementia; her housemate Chloe, a sous chef at Lillian's restaurant, keeps things on even keel for the moment but Isabel's daughter worries about the near future. Finnegan showed up one day out of the blue, took a job as a dishwasher at the restaurant and yearns for a closer relationship with Chloe. Al, Lillian's accountant, is in a loveless marriage, his wife's disappointment and anger are moving from simmer to boil at a frothy pace. Lillian's relationship with Tom is taking a few unexpected turns on the bumpy road to love. All their stories converge and coalesce into a novel that will leave the reader feeling good.

Joy for Beginners is a book of second chances. . Kate's victory over the Emperor of Maladies is being celebrated with an intimate dinner party for six of her closest friends. Her daughter put a brochure for rafting the Colorado River through the Grand Canyon in the kitchen. Kate's friends encourage her to go, as a grand celebration of her renewed health. She agrees provided each of her guests allows her to choose a challenge for them too. Each woman faces a challenge that ultimately enriches their lives; this is a heartwarming, life affirming story.

Sign up to attend these events by emailing sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com calling 541-593-2525 or stopping by Sunriver Books & Music. There will be refreshments and drawings for prizes. Craig Johnson's event requires the pre-purchase of ***Land of Wolves*** for a ticket. The June events are all free.

Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday July 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***US Forest Service Ranger Stations of the West*** by Les Joslin

Saturday July 20, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***The Mirror Pond Murders*** by Ted Haynes

Saturday July 27, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***Don't Skip Out On Me*** by Willy Vlautin

Saturday August 3, 2019 at 5:30 PM ***The Twelve Quilts of Christmas*** by Arlene Sachitano

Saturday August 24, 2019 ***I Am A Stranger Here Myself*** by Debra Gwartney

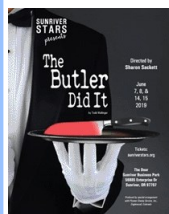
Saturday August 31, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***One More River to Cross*** by Jane Kirkpatrick

Saturday September 21, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***Land of Wolves*** by Craig Johnson. This is a ticketed event to be held at Three Rivers School.

Saturday September 28,, 2019 at 5:00 PM ***The Ship in the Sand*** by Bill Sullivan

Join us to enjoy fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Many Author readings are free with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. **The September 21, 2019 event for Craig Johnson's latest in the Longmire series requires the purchase of a book to receive a ticket to attend.** Sign up to attend tevents by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or stopping by Sunriver Books & Music. Space may be limited for some events. Check sunriverbooks.com for changes or additions to the schedule.

Sunriver Stars Community Theater Announces Spring Play



“The Butler Did It”-written by Todd Wallinger, is a comedy murder mystery set in the 1930s at Bournsley Manor England. New director Sharon Sackett describes it; “this play is about a family of aristocracy that is planning a dinner party for a famous English mystery writer Edwina Correy(Lynette Confer) who has just written a highly successful mystery. Colonel Nigel Covington (Dave Johnson), ‘sickly’ wife Lady Miranda Covington (Sara Kreps) , and ‘prickly’ daughter Katherine (Kat)(Kellie Timson) live in the manor house along with Jenkins(Gary Sosinski) the ‘very proper’ butler, and Sarah Jane(Iva Lent) the cockney maid. Trevor Barstow(Ben Ives) a neighbor, lives next door and has ‘eyes’ for Kat. Father Timothy(Dan Pegram) is the friendly and somewhat ‘slow’ vicar. The last person in the house is the ‘pleasantly demented’ Gram(Susan Evans Inman), the mother of Lady Miranda.”

Sackett goes on to explain that when one of the party gets murdered in the kitchen with a knife (shades of Clue), Edwina Correy the mystery writer determines to solve the murder herself. The play employs “tongue in cheek” humor that is sometimes very subtle, which requires the actors to portray their character to its full potential. We are so very excited to introduce four new actors to our SSCT stage.

This show will be the last show in the 2018-19 SSCT season, and looks to be a great success. Come see if the butler really did it. Food and beverages will be available for purchase before the show, at intermission, and after the show.

Dates of performance are June 7, 8, 14 at 7:00 p.m and June 15 at 2:00 p.m. All performances will be at The Door (56885 Enterprise Rd. in the business park). Get your tickets early at our website www.sunriverstars.org and Like us on Facebook. Questions? - call Sharon at 541-593-4489



Rich Stonehouse's private guitar collection.

For years Rich has collected guitars. Now he is ready to sell a few and as we are Sunriver Books & Music, it seemed appropriate to announce it here. The guitars will be sold at Sunriver Books & Music by appointment with Rich. Contact him or leave a message at 541-593-2525.



1991 Gibson ES 165 Herb Ellis \$1,600.

Archtop electric, single cutaway 16" width, 31/2 " deep, top and back laminated maple, zig zap trapeze tail piece. Tulip grove tuners, single 490 R humbucker pickup. Single volume and tone controls.

This guitar is in excellent condition, no checking of the finish, some minor strum marks on the pickguard. Includes original hardshell case. Made in Nashville, Tennessee



2007 D'Angelico Excel EXS-1DH \$800.

Arch top, electric, single cutaway 16" width, 3" depth, spruce top, maple back/sides, maple neck, ebony fingerboard, 24 3/4 " scale length, adjustable rosewood bridge, dual Kent Armstrong pickups, 2 volume 2 tone controls, Grover imperial tuners.

Excellent Condition, minor strum marks on pickguard. Includes original hardshell case. Made in Korea.

Prices firm, no trades, cash only, local sales only, all sales final.

Sold by appointment only with Richard Stonehouse at Sunriver Books & Music 541-593-2525.

Rich has several other guitars, amps, and musical equipment available.

The loft at Sunriver Books & Music.

A visitor recently commented they did not realize there were books upstairs in our loft area. We understand the loft area can be overlooked, so we wanted to share in the newsletter what is up in the loft. The travel section, among other sections, have been in the loft since we opened in 2005. Below are a few pictures.



Planning a trip? We have guide books for all over the world! Pictured on left. If we do not have your destination in stock, we are happy to order for you.

Pictured on right is the travel memoir, essay, adventure section. I enjoy reading travel memoir about places I want to go or to remember a prior trip. ***Bella Tus-cany*** by Frances Mayes traveled with me to Italy where I found places to explore among the pages.



Colin Fletcher's ***The Man Who Walked Through Time*** is the perfect book to read before visiting the Grand Canyon. I have read it several times, took it with me to the Grand Canyon, and felt the insignificance of man contemplating the ages in the canyon wall.

Travel adventure is fun to read too! ***Emerald Mile*** by Kevin Fedarko takes the reader on a crazy wild ride on through the Grand Canyon on the Colorado River. Dangerous and exciting.



At the top of the stairs is the Young Adult section. It is an open, airy part of the store with railings that allow a view down to the main floor.

There is a wide variety of topics in Young Adult fiction, we encourage our adult readers to explore this section too. ***The Absolutely True Diary of a Part Time Indian*** by Sherman Alexie was a selection our Fiction Book Club enjoyed discussing. ***The Cruelty*** by Scott Bergstrom is a fast paced thriller that kept me turning pages. Fans of Elizabeth George's mystery series featuring Inspector Lynley, will discover she also has a thrilling series set in the



Pacific Northwest with a bit of a paranormal aspect. There is much to read and enjoy in the Young Adult Section!



The Consignment Area features self published books by local (and semi-local) authors. Many of your friends and neighbors undertake the artistic endeavor of writing a book.

This is the only section of Sunriver Books & Music that is not curated, the section has a wide variety of subjects. It is a pleasant location, with a window and a cozy setting. Browse to discover subjects that may be of interest to you.

There are two lofts at Sunriver Books & Music. The other side is saved as a Community space. Uses not inconsistent with the bookstore setting are welcome to reserve the space. It has been used for games, book clubs, meetings. This space is provided by the management of Sunriver Village for the community's use. If you wish to reserve the space, see Deon at Sunriver Books & Music 541-593-2525 to ascertain if your proposed use is compatible (for instance, book clubs are compatible, tuba practice is not) and if the date you need is available.

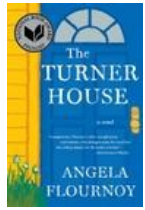
If you have not been up to our loft yet, we hope you check out the loft space at Sunriver Books & Music.

A Month of Michigan

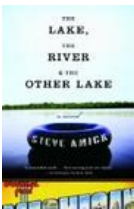
Every year we focus for the month of June on a region, state, or city in the USA. As a lead up to the 4th of July it is a good time to celebrate the diversity, varied landscape, and regional cultural differences that make the USA such a special place. The USA is a vast country with a rich history of cultural diversity. From north to south, east to west, our landscape and customs change dramatically. Each part of our country is unique, made so by the rich variety of people and the grandeur of the land. This year we focus on Michigan.



The Marsh King's Daughter by Karen Dionne. Helena Pelletier lives in the country, the way she likes it, with her husband Stephan, two young daughters Mari and Iris, and dog, Rambo. She makes jams to sell to the local stores and Stephan is an artist. This is the life she wants to live. As the book opens, that life is going to implode. Helena is living a secret life; she changed her name when she came of age and has never shared her real past with her husband. Her daughters do not know they have a grandfather, Jacob Holbrook, in the prison driving distance away. Helena Pelletier is the ***Marsh King's Daughter***. In the news we read stories, horrible stories, about young girls taken from their families and kept by men, confined, for many years. The young girls give birth and raise children, once rescued their stories are told. But what of the children? The product of the years with their kidnapper? Helena's mother was abducted in her teens, taken to a shack with no electricity, running water, or modern conveniences in the remote marshes of Michigan's Upper Peninsula, surrounded by swamp. She gave birth to a daughter; her only company her kidnapper and his child. Helena loved her father, was his shadow, learning to live in the wild, and he trained her in his ways. They were rescued in Helena's early teens, and Jacob Holcomb was dubbed the Marsh King. As the story opens, the Marsh King has escaped from prison, killed two men in the process, and disappeared into the Seney National Wildlife Preserve. He is armed and dangerous. The police will not be able to catch this man who is so adept at moving through the wilderness, he is in lands he finds comforting. Helena understands there is only one person who can stop her father, the daughter he trained, who grew up in the wilderness of the marsh. ***The Marsh King's Daughter*** goes back into the wilderness for a deadly confrontation, realizing the stakes are high and that the secrets she kept may have fractured the family she loves.



The Turner House by Angela Flournoy. The recession hit the East Side of Detroit hard, property values plummeted. Viola had refinanced her home after the death of her husband, but by 2008 when she moved in with her son, Cha-Cha, the house was worth a fraction of the mortgage. The neighborhood is rough, the garage was stolen right off the property, the siding sold for scrap. Viola has 13 children, they will have to figure out the disposition of the family home, it will be their problem. But first they have to deal with the secrets this family has been keeping and boy howdy are there secrets. Every closet is fully occupied by a skeleton. History of the family and the city blend together for a rich story full of detail on life in Detroit through the decades. And then there is the ghost. Cha-Cha first encountered the ghost as a child living at home, his father assured him there are no ghosts. A novel that is both entertaining and moving, detailing the lives of people without money, facing the challenges of living with few means while trying to find a solution to their problems.



The Lake, The River and The Other Lakes by Steve Amick is a rollicking story set in Wenesheken along the shores of Lake Meenigeesis near Lake Michigan on Michigan's Gold Coast. The character of the community changed rapidly as it morphed from a home to Ojibwe Native Americans, Vietnam Vets, and regular folk to a resort for those with money to spend. Quickly real estate prices soared along with the size of houses. McMansions replaced modest dwellings, often obliterating the view of the neighbors resulting in some rather inventive feuds. Roger Drinkwater served his country in Vietnam as a Navy Seal, he has held onto his little cottage, and wants to enjoy peace and quiet. The weekenders and summer people do not share Roger's fondness for quiet, they buzz around the lake on jet skis sounding like a squadron of large angry mosquitoes. The safety of swimmers, completely disregarded. Someone has been vandalizing the jet skis, the Sheriff's favorite suspect is Roger (big surprise) viewing him as dangerous to the community. Deputy Janey Stuska is conflicted, she is not disputing the Sheriff's belief in Roger's guilt with regard to the jet skis, but she thinks he may be overstating the issue. Roger is a fine figure of a man with roots in the community, so maybe that should be balanced in the equation with damaged jetskis. Either way, Roger's jet ski war is amusing. And there are dozens of other interesting characters in this quirky neighborhood. Great fun to read.

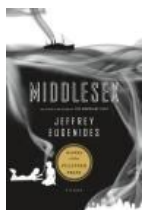


The Feast of Love by Charles Baxter takes a cue from Shakespeare's ***Midsummer Night's Dream*** in sexy vignettes set in Ann Arbor Michigan creatively celebrating love. Baxter inserts himself into the story, as he goes rambling in the night where he encounters a dog walking neighbor. Bradley, the nighttime dog walker, owns the local coffee shop, Jitters, and shows spectacular bad judgement in marrying the wrong woman, first with dog-phobic Kathryn, then a tough as nails attorney, Diana. His tale mixes with others as Baxter swirls stories of friends, neighbors, and people grappling with the desire for meaningful connection into a feast of many flavors. Generously sprinkled with Baxter's comic touch.

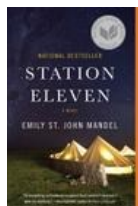


Song of Solomon by Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison is a haunting, powerful book. Milkman was born in 1931 from the unhappy union of Macon Dead and his wife Ruth. It was not a particularly advantageous time in America to be born black and not an auspicious family to be born into. Milkman grows up not knowing much about his roots, he is a northerner, living by the great lakes in Michigan. His Dad is consumed with making money, watching his investment properties. His Mom is eaten up with loneliness and longing. As a young man, he is embroiled along with his best friend, Guitar, in a plot to aid a secret society of avengers, The Seven Days. In order to further this goal, he betrays his free-spirited, bootlegging Aunt Pilate. Milkman will need to walk the paths of his ancestors to discover a man can fly.

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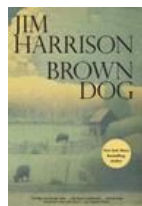


Middlesex by Jeffery Eugenides, winner of the Pulitzer Prize, is a daring book that asks why label people or put them in boxes, why can't we all just be. Calliope Stephanides, born in 1960, is the hoped for daughter of Milton and Stephanie. But then again, is she? The book opens with the assertion that Calliope will be born again as a boy, Cal, in 1974. A hermaphrodite, Calliope-Cal is a bit of both. This amazing book takes the reader on a journey as it travels back in time to Cal's grandfather and grandmother, Lefty and Desdemona, in Greece where the war with Turkey obliterates Smyrna sending them fleeing to America, where they settle in Detroit's Greek neighborhood. Their son, Milton, will succeed in business, moving the family to Grosse Pointe. Eugenides mixes in rich historic detail, from the Greek-Turkey war to race riots in Detroit, Vietnam, Watergate and a gallery of other significant moments. Interesting characters make the book a treat to read. Nature versus nurture is contemplated as a doctor studies Calliope-Cal and advises the confused parents on what to do with their child. Cal is one of those unforgettable characters you will be glad to have encountered; likeable, kind, intelligent.

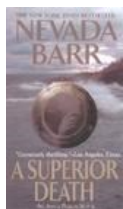


Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel is a dystopian novel following a band of actors and musicians. The Georgia Flu eliminated 99% of humanity. In the future, the streets are cracked and pitted, things advanced civilization used routinely like cell phones no longer function. Mandel moves the action from before the pandemic to twenty years after. Arthur Leander is playing in *King Lear* when he has a heart attack and dies on stage the night the world changes. Jeevan Chaudary, a paramedic, is attending the play and attempts to save the actor. Kristin is only 8 when the pandemic hits, twenty years later she is part of the Traveling Symphony as they journey around the Great Lakes area in Michigan and Toronto putting on plays in the few remaining settlements. At one of their gigs, they come to the notice of a cult like leader, the Prophet, who means them harm.

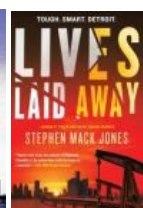
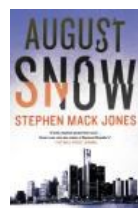
When they leave he follows. The troupe has heard of a place of safety in what used to be Chicago, it is their intention to reach that destination before the Prophet overtakes them. Throughout the story there are connections to Arthur Leander, we learn his early life before the world changed, and then the connections to the band of survivors. The style and delivery of this novel is different from many dystopian stories, there is a liveliness and hope to it.



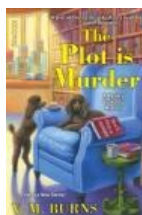
Brown Dog by Jim Harrison is a series of novellas about a half Chippewa Indian, **Brown Dog**, residing in Michigan's Upper Peninsula with a tendency to find trouble. Written with perfect comic timing and an appreciation for the tragic, the stories follow **Brown Dog** as he discovers a body in Lake Superior, tries to stop anthropologists from digging up a Native American site, adopts a special needs child, and works odd jobs to survive. He is quite fond of women and drink (the book does not shy away from sexual content). Women love him and cops find him difficult. He gets himself into the most outlandish of fixes (much to the reader's enjoyment). Harrison is writing about a land he knows well with enthusiasm, humor, and pathos.



Nevada Barr writes a mystery series set in National Parks featuring Park Ranger Anna Pigeon. In **Superior Death** Anna is posted to Isle Royale off the coast of Michigan as boat patrol ranger in Lake Superior, territory Nevada Barr is familiar with as it is a position she once held and the story line is based loosely on her experiences. An underwater murder puts Anna into the icy depths as she tries to unravel what happened and catch a killer. The deep water diving and frigid waters make for a tense situation. In **Winter Study** Anna returns to Isle Royale as part of a team studying wolves and moose. Taking place in winter, Isle Royale is cold, and isolated. Members of the team start dying in peculiar ways. Bob Mennechinn from Homeland Security is hanging about, his intentions do not seem friendly. Barr writes beautifully of the wilderness, combining a good mystery with an intimate take on the National Parks.



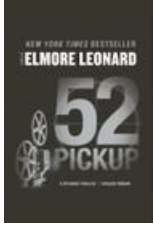
August Snow by Stephen Mack Jones. Octavio August Snow grew up in Detroit's Mexicantown with his Hispanic mother and Black father. It was a great beginning for a boy; loving parents who encouraged him to live a good life, have strong values, appreciate literature and art, and to be kind. He followed in his father's footsteps becoming a cop. Treated unfairly after uncovering corruption at the highest levels, he was awarded \$12 million in compensation. His ideal of protecting and serving crushed, August shut the house he inherited from his parents and spent a year traveling the world. Now he is back in his neighborhood but times have changed since his childhood. The economy has not been good to Mexicantown, houses stand empty and derelict, foreclosed on by the banks, drug dealers prowl the streets. August remodels his childhood home, then realizing that he has more money than one man needs, he starts on the rest of the neighborhood. Buying ruined houses and giving them a second chance, remodeling and selling, bringing vitality back to the block, to his part of the neighborhood. Involved in these good hearted activities he is summoned by Eleanor Paget, a scion of Detroit banking living in Grosse Pointe. She wants him to investigate possibly illegal actions at her bank. He turns her down and shortly thereafter she is killed. Bothered that he refused to help, August starts investigating. The trail will take him dangerous places, to black ops and dangerous men. The second in the series, **Lives Laid Away**, has August involved in solving the murder of a Hispanic woman dressed as Marie Antoinette found in the Detroit River. When he discovers her identity, he finds connections with ICE and the disappearance of other young women.



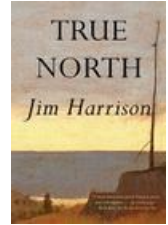
The Plot is Murder by V.M. Burns. Samantha Washington, a widow, aspiring novelist, and former school teacher, lives above her mystery book shop with her two French Poodles Oreo and Snickers. Owning a bookstore is the culmination of a dream. As the story opens, Samantha, with the help of her family, is involved in getting ready for the grand opening. Things do not go smoothly, a man she admits hating is murdered in the small rear yard leaving her as prime suspect in the mind of the clumsy cop. Her grandmother steps in to help solve the crime. Oddly enough Samantha's grandmother was the cop's school teacher years ago. I was a bit troubled by the grandmother's use of derogatory nicknames for her former student, it just doesn't seem like the way a good teacher would treat a students. That aside this is a light, enjoyable mystery. While the main story progresses, the reader is also reading the story Samantha is writing, two mysteries in one book and a bookstore setting, what fun.

June 2019 Book Clubs

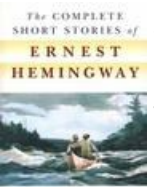
Book clubs are fun! A great way to read a wide variety of books and discuss them with a lively group of readers. Every June the Book Club selections are themed to a location in the USA as a lead up to the 4th of July. Our country has a rich diversity of regional cultures and landscapes, in June we celebrate the variety and beauty of the USA, this year's selection is Michigan. Book Clubs meet at 6 P.M. on Mondays. Everyone is welcome.



Mystery book Club meets June 10 to discuss ***Fifty-Two Pickup*** by Elmore Leonard. When the Book Clubs decided on Michigan for the theme in June, the mystery had to be Elmore Leonard! A hometown Detroit boy who made good. He was awarded the Grand Master Award by the Mystery Writers of America, an Edgar Award, a Peabody Award, a National Book Award, and the F. Scott Fitzgerald Literary Award. 17 of his novels have been made into movies, including ***Fifty-Two Pickup***. Harry Mitchell worked the line for 12 long years in Detroit, a bit of a boffin he came up with a design that set him on the road to independence. Now, years later, guys work on Mitch's line, manufacturing parts for the auto industry. He is sitting pretty, a gorgeous wife, Barbara, and two grown kids. But he is a middle-aged man, who wines and dines his customers. When he meets Cini in a bar, he feels a rapport with the young woman, that deepens into an affair. Not a decision destined to end well. Arriving at the condo he provides Cini, he finds his mistress gone and 3 blackmailers awaiting his arrival. They have film and other proofs of his involvement with Cini, they want big money to keep quiet. Did they ever pick the wrong guy! Mitch, a former fighter pilot, is not someone to toy with, he takes the Bezos approach, letting them do their worst. Their worst turns out to be murder.



June 17 Fiction Book Club discusses ***True North*** by Jim Harrison set in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. David Burkett comes from a long line of men who made their considerable wealth by raping the land, logging off thousands of acres leaving behind a moonscape of stumps. Unfortunately, they didn't stop at denuding the land, David's father likes young girls, just arriving at their teens. Appalled by the way the family fortune was amassed and distraught over his father's evil ways, David sets as his life's work the task of recording and disclosing the way his family ruined the land. David is an avowed outdoorsman, he loves to hike, paddle, and fish. Fly-fishing is an absolute passion. But the cloud of his family's actions, the way his easy life came to be, and what they did to the places he loves, hangs like a shadow over him. He has difficulty trying to achieve a lasting, loving relationship with a woman. The female he gets along best with is his dog, Carla, his constant companion. Cynthia, David's younger sister, solved any angst over her family's misdeeds by turning her back on their society completely. She married the Native American gardener's son, (a move certain to upset her parents) and made a good life for herself without the trappings of wealth. The story opens with David's father suffering a brutal death, then goes through David's life until the reader understands how that demise came about. By turns funny and tragic, it is a story suffused with the landscape of the Upper Peninsula.



June 24 the Classics Book Club concludes our Month of Michigan with a discussion of a few stories from Ernest Hemingway's ***The Complete Short Stories of Ernest Hemingway***. Winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Hemingway is a giant of American Literature. ***Two Hearted River*** is set in the Upper Peninsula region of Michigan. Nick Adams is returning from war, he gets off the train near Seney, finding the town burned out, he continues on his way with his pack, establishing a camp above the river, spending his days fishing. In this way, Nick is experiencing the feelings from being at war and the sense of dislocation in returning. In 1919 Hemingway spent time in the area with three friends on a fishing trip. ***Indian Camp*** has young Nick accompanying his father, Dr. Adams, to help a Native American woman with a difficult birth. The story concerns a rite of passage for Nick, a young frightened boy who is made part of something terrible in the adult world. It also deals with racism and male attitudes of the time.

Up in Michigan concerns a young inexperienced girl, Liz Coates, working at country café who develops a crush on the local blacksmith, Jim Gilmore. ***The Three Day Blow*** is set in a cabin on a rainy day where Nick and his friend Bill converse and drink. The men speak of the breakup of Nick's relationship with Marjorie, who comes from an unsuitable family.



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

Everyone is welcome, light refreshments are served.

July

July 8, ***American by Day*** by Derek Miller [Mystery Book Club](#)

July 22, ***Circling the Sun*** by Paula McLain [Fiction Book Club](#)

July 29, ***Common Good*** by Robert Reich [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

August

August 5, ***Almost Sisters*** by Joshlyn Jackson [Fiction Book Club](#)

August 26 ***Greeks Bearing Gifts*** by Phillip Kerr [Mystery Book Club](#)

September

September 16, ***The President is Missing*** by President Bill Clinton and James Patterson [Mystery Book Club](#)

September 30, ***1984*** by George Orwell [Fiction & Classics Book Club Banned Book Selection](#)

October

Month of Botswana

A Carrion Death by Michael Stanley [Mystery Book Club](#) [Month of Botswana](#)

White Dog Fell From the Sky by Elinor Morse [Fiction Book Club](#) [Month of Botswana](#)

November

Born a Crime by Trevor Noah [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

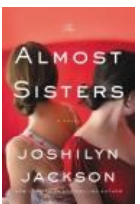
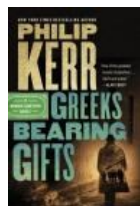
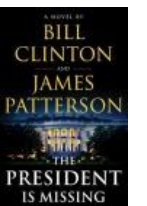
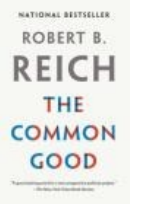
A Rising Man by Abir Mukherjee [Mystery Book Club](#)

Warlight by Michael Ondaatje [Fiction Book Club](#)

December

A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain [Fiction & Classics Book Club](#)

The Word is Murder by Anthony Horowitz [Mystery Book Club](#)



If you are involved in a club or gathering that would enjoy using space in Sunriver Village, please remember the Village owners have kindly provided space in the loft area above Sunriver Books & Music. The space is available for uses compatible with the bookstore during Sunriver Books & Music's hours of operation. Using the space is free. To reserve the space for your group contact Deon at Sunriver Books & Music. Sunriver Village is an ideal place to meet. After concluding the day's agenda enjoy a meal at one of the Village restaurants and browse in the many shops.