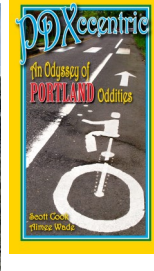
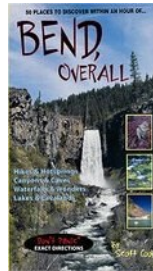
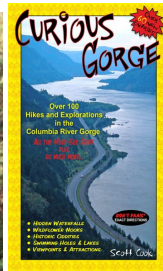




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May 2017 Newsletter

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Hiking season is here! Grab those boots, head to the woods and walk on down the path. Saturday May 6th at 5:00 PM Scott Cook will give a slide show presentation on his excellent guide **Curious Gorge**. Scott has just updated **Curious Gorge** and will have new information to show. While our high country here in Central Oregon is still covered in snow, the Columbia River Gorge offers jaw dropping gorgeous scenery and very hike-able trails. Scott Cook knows how to have a good time; he will show you the best of the Gorge. Some of my all-time favorite hikes are in the Columbia River Gorge. Eagle Creek is a favorite of ours, be sure to keep your canine companion on a leash as the drop offs are steep. There are hikes with amazing vistas in the Columbia Gorge, places it feels like you could see forever!

Scott Cook is also the go to guy for fun things to do out of doors in Central Oregon. **Bend Overall** is a great guide for our area. Scott stays focused on sharing the places that will be the most fun. His guide is chock full of the best hikes, drives, and attractions like the High Desert Museum and The Sunriver Nature Center. Scott takes great care to make his book an excellent resource for local and tourist alike.

In addition, Scott has two travel guides to New Zealand and fun guide about all the quirky wonderful things that make Portland special, **PDXcentric**. Scott is an inventive, fun fellow so expect anything!



Saturday May 27th at 5:00 PM Floyd McKay will give a presentation on **Reporting the Oregon Story**. There was a time when it was believed that government could be a force for good, even during periods when many of the policies of government were vehemently opposed. In 1964 Tom McCall was elected Secretary of State and Bob Straub Treasurer; they were friends and adversaries in the race for Governor. The period covered in the book is 1964 to 1986; the Vietnam era followed by Watergate. Yet political parties could and would pull together to serve the needs of the people who elected them and they accomplished some amazing things during that turbulent era. Considering the state of the nation today, it is good to reflect on the accomplishments of these Oregonians dedicated to protecting their state where needed and improving it possible.

If you enjoy a trip to the beach, your right to walk on the sand was protected in the Beach Bill. By 1960 developers could see the potential profits from owning a "private" beach, with a hotel in Cannon Beach going so far as to fence off their bit of the beach. The Beach Bill put the beach into the hands of the public, so we can all enjoy a stroll on the beach without running into fences or being prevented access. In Oregon, the beach is for everyone to enjoy. Straub was instrumental in stopping a move to relocate Highway 101 across the beaches to make it straighter. In 1970, politicians served the people with the Scenic Waterways initiative. Mark Hatfield, a Republican Governor, joined forces with Democratic Senator Wayne Morse in opposition to the Vietnam War. Throughout this era, activists and politicians engaged with the press to keep the people informed. They may not always agree with each other, and sometimes they would have to suffer defeat with grace. This was an era of accomplishment not acrimony. Who among us would rather see the Oregon beaches in private hands, the public denied access? Who among us is against cleaning up the Willamette, protecting our water? In order to have a legacy that says something positive, that accomplishes important goals, it is necessary to put aside hate and work together.

Floyd McKay spent 32 years in journalism, **Reporting the Oregon Story** first for the *Oregon Statesman* and then KGW-TV out of Portland. In 1990 McKay left the state and turned to a career in academia. Retired in 2004, this book remembers an era when Oregon led the nation as a state of progressive policies that benefited all Oregonians, not just the few. Please join us in remembering an important era in Oregon's history, the value of an independent press, and the power of people working together.

There will be refreshments and door prizes. Sign up to attend the free events by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com or stopping by Sunriver Books & Music

Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday June 3rd 2017 at 5:00 PM ***Murderous Mayhem at Honeychurch Hall*** by Hannah Dennison

Saturday June 17th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***American War*** by Omar El Akkad

Saturday June 24th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***Dragon Springs Road*** by Janie Chang

Saturday July 15th 2017 at 5:00 PM ***The Widow Nash*** by Jamie Harrison

Saturday July 29th at 5:00 PM ***Cold Hearted River*** by Keith McCafferty

Saturday August 5th at 5:30 PM ***Double Wedding Death*** by Arlene Sachitano

Saturday August 12th, 2017 at 5:00 PM ***The Case of the Reborn Bhagwan*** by Bill Sullivan

Friday August 25th, 2017 at 5:30 PM ***Eruption: The Untold Story of Mt. St. Helens*** by Steve Olson

Thursday September 7th 2015 ***The Western Star*** by Craig Johnson

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 sign up to attend 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 PRESS RELEASE

DATE: May 2017

SUNRIVER STARS COMMUNITY THEATER ANNOUNCES UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

“Play It Again, Sam” by Woody Allen, and directed by Sandy Silver will be our 2017 spring performance.

Allan Felix has this thing about Humphrey Bogart -if only he had some of Bogart’s technique. Bookish and insecure with women, Allan’s hero, Bogey comes to the rescue, with a fantastic bevy of beauties played out in hilarious fantasy sequences.

“Hilarious... a cheerful romp. Not only are Mr. Allen’s jokes and their follow ups, asides and twists audaciously brilliant, but he has a great sense of character.” – *The New York Times*

“A funny, likeable comedy that has a surprising amount of wistful appeal.” – *The New York Post*

Sandy, who resides in Bend, has been directing and conducting acting workshops and master classes both nationally and internationally for over 30 years. We are excited to have Sandy bring her expertise to the Sunriver STARS Theater.

Show dates are **Fri. June 2 and Sat. June 3 at 6:30 PM and Sun. June 4 at 2:00 PM (Matinee).**

Following a successful winter performance of “Nana’s Naughty Knickers” at The Door, we will be returning to the SHARC for “Play it Again Sam” since it is a more conducive venue for this show. There will be a no-host bar and snacks available for purchase before the show, and at intermission.

We recommend early ticket purchase online at www.sunriverstars.org as the preferred option. Simply purchase and print. Tickets are also available at the door unless we sell out online.

Mark your calendar now as a reminder of these future STARS events:

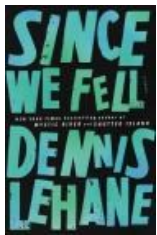
The final show of our 2016-17 season is: **“Hang On The Bell Nellie”** – a melodrama written and directed by Bill Walton of Eugene OR on Aug. 25, 26, 27. Auditions will be June 27 and 28, 2017 in Rm. 208 of Village Properties in the Sunriver Business Park. (6-9 PM)

The first show of our 2017-18 season which begins in Sept. will be a musical version of **“The Secret Garden”** directed by our own Victoria Kristy on Oct. 27, 28, 29. The cast will include both adults and children. Auditions will be held Aug. 30, 2017.

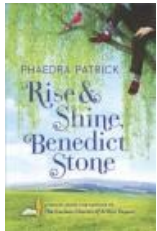
Details regarding these STARS events will follow in subsequent publications.

Visit our website at www.sunriverstars.org and see us on Facebook at Sunriver Stars to keep up on all the latest news, and be sure to tell your friends about us.

New Releases.



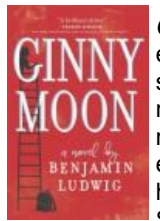
Since We Fell by Dennis Lehane releases May 9. ***Mystic River*** and ***The Given Day*** displayed the scope and talent of Lehane's writing, with ***Since We Fell*** he shows us he can have a lot of fun writing a rip snorting story that starts with a bang and doesn't let up. The story opens with Rachel, a former journalist, shooting her husband, who clearly has done her wrong in some way, wrong enough to anger her into raising that gun. Rachel was quite a rising star as a TV journalist when she had an on air melt down while reporting on the devastation in Haiti. Something happened in that troubled land that left Rachel damaged in a deep way. Out of a job, her career in tatters, she retreated to her home, becoming agoraphobic. While her professional career is in ruins, and she is a virtual shut in, the rest of her life is pretty good. She has a loving relationship with her husband who clearly adores her, that is until he makes her mad enough to shoot him. Then things really get out of hand. Bad men with a predilection toward murder are hunting her, and the police may take a very dim view of the husband shooting episode. Rachel has either gone stark raving mad or has to run for her life or possibly both. Either way this is a wild ride with twists and turns coming fast and furious. I suspect Dennis Lehane had way too much fun writing this one and grateful to him I am, because I had just as much fun reading it.



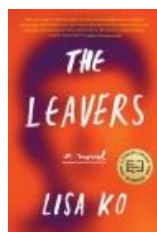
Rise & Shine Benedict Stone by Phaedra Patrick, author of ***The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper***, releases May 16. Benedict Stone met a lovely woman, Estelle, on a hike. They married, planning to have a family but the children never happened. Visits to fertility doctors, stress, and heartache ensued. Estelle was ready to move on; they had a nice life, Benedict ran the jewelry store in their village, Estelle is an artist, and they adored each other. But Benedict just could not let go of his dream, could not resign himself to a life with Estelle unencumbered with children. Food was his comfort, never slim, he grew larger. Finally his obsession with children became too much for Estelle, she moved out. As the story opens, Benedict retreats for sanctuary to the gem tree in his backyard; it is a lovely tree festooned with gem stones brought back from his parent's various journeys. He is desperate to repair his relationship with his wife and unsure how to go about it, so he sits and thinks beneath the cherished tree. What he doesn't realize he needs is something to shake up the status quo and he is just about to get exactly that. Sleeping badly that night he is jolted awake by determined banging on the door, the wet, bedraggled creature standing on his stoop is his niece Gemma from America. Benedict was heretofore unaware of her existence. He had not spoken with his brother Charlie in about two decades. They were tight when they were younger; in fact after the tragic death of their parents Benedict raised Charlie. Now here stands Gemma; a rain soaked teenager, intent on staying with her uncle. Boy howdy does this exasperating, intuitive, bright, volatile young woman shake up the life in a rut her uncle has been living. They unearth the journal of Benedict's father with the description and uses of gem stones, and Gemma gets busy jazzing up the jewelry store, offering advice (wanted or not) and gets her uncle reinvigorated with life. Before they can move on, both Benedict and Gemma will have to confront their secrets and make peace with the past in order to appreciate the present. This feel good story is full of endearing characters and charm. Each chapter opens with a gem stone, starting with White Opal for hope, desire, fidelity. Such fun to read.



Miss Burma by Charmaine Craig. Burma's turbulent history is experienced in this work of fiction based on the author's mother and grandparents. Benny's childhood started in the Jewish section of Rangoon where his father worked at E. Solomon & Sons and his mother worried over her only child, admonishing him to be careful. By 1926, both parents died and 7 year old Benny was shipped off to his Aunts in Calcutta where he was promptly enrolled in boarding school. He returned to Burma in 1938, he would eventually take employment with the British Customs Service and see Khin standing on a jetty jutting into the sea. Almost twenty years later their daughter, Louisa, will win the Miss Burma contest. Khin is a member of the Karen minority, often persecuted by the Burmese, a persecution somewhat kept at bay during British occupation but erupting into full violence once the Burmese are granted control of the country. For her daughter to win such a contest is quite unusual in the Burmese dominated society. The story spans decades with Benny, Khin, and their children suffering the cruelties attendant on societies visited by armed conflict. WWII brings the Japanese, who are aligned with the Burmese and murderous toward the Karen. Then peace should follow, but the British turn their backs on the Karen, leaving the Burmese in power and a period of near genocide against the Karen who fight for autonomy. During these years, Benny and Khin are swept up in events that will alter their futures and those of their children. This is a story of brave people who try to alter a course of unfairness to their people, paying dearly for their idealism.

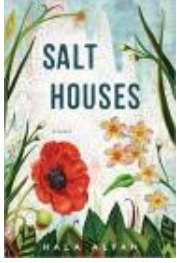


Ginny Moon by Benjamin Ludwig is an exceptional debut : funny, heartbreaking, and ultimately fulfilling. Ginny Moon escaped an abusive home to land in the kind of forever home children escaping bad situations need. So why does she resist settling in? Her mother was an abusive cat fancier who spent her meager funds on drugs and her time indulging in bad choices in men. It wasn't just a neglectful home, it was dangerous. Five years ago, she was rescued in a raid. Yet Ginny, now 14, is determined to make contact with her mother, insistent on making her way back to that grim apartment. Ginny is autistic, she experiences the world a little different, making it hard to communicate fully with the responsible adults who are trying to do their best for her. She has routines that need to be followed for her day to go well, like eating precisely the same breakfast, that sort of thing. She gets upset if the routine alters. Her forever father and mother are caring people who really try hard to help Ginny. When her forever mother gets pregnant things grow tense. With the baby's arrival, Ginny's willingness to put the family at risk in order to reach her unstable birth mother may ruin her relationship with her forever parents, it may force them to make a hard choice about the word forever. Trust in Ginny's flawed but good intentions, the author will do his best to leave the reader feeling good. The story has twists and turns that surprise. Benjamin Ludwig adopted an autistic child, now grown without the highjinks indulged in by Ginny. He writes with an emotional bond and understanding, giving Ginny a quirky, entertaining, clever voice. This is a book to love!



The Leavers by Lisa Ko. Deming Guo is eleven years old when his mother, Polly, an undocumented Chinese woman goes missing. They lived in the Bronx with his mother's boyfriend Leon, the boyfriend's sister Vivian, and the sister's son, Michael. Polly worked in a nail salon and seemingly just disappeared. When his mother does not return, Deming is given up to child protective services, eventually adopted by a well to do American couple who live in quiet, very white, Ridgeborough, New York. They promptly changed his name to Daniel, a more American moniker. It was quite a change for the Chinese child, missing his mother, feeling both abandoned and worried about what might have happened to her. Alternating chapters are told from Daniel's perspective and from Polly's where we learn her fate. The story takes the reader from New York to China, as Daniel struggles to understand his present and his past. This is a very timely novel with subject matter relevant to what is happening in this country today.

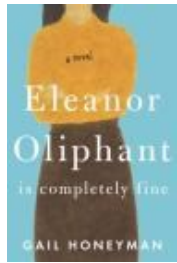
New Releases.



Salt Houses by Hala Alyan presents three generations of a Palestinian family facing the changing fortunes caused by war in this luminous novel. Salma and Hussam lived in Jaffa in a villa atop a hill, with a view to the sea, surrounded by orange groves. Israeli soldiers came with their tanks, smashing the orange trees, reducing their groves to a pulpy mess. They fled to Nablus where they had family. Salma reads the tea leaves for her daughter Alia on the eve of her child's wedding. Alia was only 3 when the family left Jaffa. She is marrying Atef, a friend of her brother Mustafa's since childhood. It is a glorious occasion, the three are tight, great friends to one another, basking in their closeness. This joy will be short lived; the Six Day War will come. Alia will find shelter in the home of her sister Widad in Kuwait. When Saddam Hussein invades, their peace will be shattered again and the next generation, Alia's children, will face the displacement of war. This beautifully written story follows the progression of the family to Paris, Boston, Jordan, and Beirut. Fully developed characters, an intimacy with the land and culture, and a gripping family saga are rendered with care and respect. Great story.



Round Midnight by Laura McBride. Las Vegas from the early days after WWII to current day is a present character in this novel about the lives of four women. June is a wild child; she celebrates the victory in Europe by diving off a New Jersey bridge. Brash and beautiful, she craves excitement. Marrying Walter Kohn wasn't the way to achieve that goal. Las Vegas offered a quick divorce, and then it offered home. She married Del; they built up the El Capitan hotel and casino together. Spotting Eddie Knox and signing the sexy singer from Alabama to headline in their Midnight Room helped put the El Capitan on the map. Del, June, and Eddie hung out together, enjoyed each other's company. But Eddie was black; June didn't fully understand the dangers in a friendship between blacks and whites in that tension filled era. Honorata's uncle more or less sold her as a mail order bride to Jimbo Wohlmann from Chicago. Honorata had gotten into trouble at the behest of her childhood sweetheart back in the Philippines. She was lonely and intimidated by the large American who promised her uncle to marry her. The first thing he did was change her name, telling her she would be Rita from now on. Jimbo liked to gamble, was well known, to the staff at the El Capitan. When Honorata wins a jackpot, a whole world of options opens up for her. Coral was born with a talent to sing and caramel colored skin. She left Las Vegas for a while, making her way as a singer, but came home to teach school and be near family. In Las Vegas she could afford to buy a home, something she could not aspire to in California, and she was near her family; mother, sisters, brothers, nieces, nephews. They meant a lot to Coral. It is that desire for roots that will run through Coral's story. Engracia made her way to the US without benefit of papers, she works cleaning house where she will meet Honorata and run head on into trouble. Not that Engracia is unfamiliar with adversity; her heart is broken in profound ways. Their stories blend in a satisfying tale of community, the strength of women, and hope.



Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman releases May 9. Eleanor leads a well ordered life, she works Monday through Friday in the accounting department of a graphics design company, drinks vodka alone all weekend, avoids conversation with her co-workers, and leads a solitary life punctuated by creepy calls every Wednesday from her mother. Things in this well ordered, albeit rather joyless, existence begin to slip when Eleanor becomes infatuated with a singer leading her to purchase her first laptop computer so she can research him in the comfort of her solitary home. When Raymond, a guy in the IT department at work, helps her rescue Sammy, an elderly man who takes a tumble on the sidewalk, Eleanor's world starts to expand. Raymond will open a doorway into Eleanor's isolated and damaged heart, making her think that maybe she is entitled to a little more from life. And one of the bigger steps in getting there will be facing the demons from the past. Amusing, heart-warming, and all together quirky.

Available in Paperback.



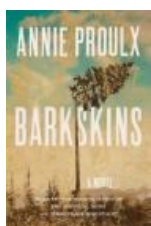
A Certain Age by Beatriz Williams. The Trial of the Century packs the courtroom as the fabulously wealthy are on display in a murder trial. The Patent King is accused of murdering his wife! Theresa Marshall married well, bore her husband sons, and reached a certain age with her beauty intact. All the accoutrements of great wealth are there; the residence on Fifth Avenue, the home on Long Island, the cars, the jewels and the clothes. What has never been there is fidelity in her marriage, the price of that life of ease was not making waves over her husband's mistress. At a gathering she meets Captain Octavian Rofrano, a WWI flying ace. While she is still a fine looking woman in her forties, the intense young Captain is two decades her junior. Their affair deepens into a dangerous affection. Things change in major ways when Therese's brother sets his cap on wedding Sophie, the youngest daughter of the Patent King. Theresa prevails on Octavian to check out the family, putting him in contact with the beautiful young woman. As Octavian delves into their background the secrets uncovered put the Patent King on trial for his life. A little mystery, a little romance, and a glimpse of the lifestyle enjoyed by the fabulously wealthy. There is also a great scene with Man O' War racing, flying down the track on those powerful long legs. I couldn't resist a story that included Man O' War racing! A nice summer read.



The Girls in the Garden by Lisa Jewell. Pip's circumstances have altered dramatically. She writes letters to her father, a man no longer part of the family dynamic. Pip, her sister Grace, and her mother Clare recently moved into an apartment backing onto a private park, ringed by the homes and apartments accorded its use. Moving day the other denizens of the private enclave watch as the sisters and mother take possession of their new home, curious about the new family. As the story opens, Clare, imbibes too much at a neighborhood party and is helped home by twelve year old Pip. Time passes, the night grows late, and still thirteen year old Grace does not come home. Pip is torn between leaving her mother and going in search of her sister. When she does set out, her search will end in the park's rose garden where a bloody Grace lies unconscious. In this private, quiet, park where children play and the neighbors know each other, who would harm a child? Soon it is apparent this peaceful enclave holds shocking secrets that go back decades.



LaRose by Louise Erdrich. The power of Erdrich's storytelling is breathtaking. Two families live next door to each other, their 5 year old sons, Dusty and LaRose, are best friends. The wives Emmaline and Nola, are half-sisters. The Iron family follows traditional ways on the Rez, the Ravich's less so, eschewing the ancient for the modern. Landreaux Iron is a skilled hunter; he has been watching a deer in the North Dakota woods bordering his property. When he shoots it is not the deer who falls, but his neighbor's son. Devastated by his actions, Landreaux retreats to the sweat lodge to contemplate what should happen in the wake of this tragedy. Following an old Ojibwe tradition, he gives his son, LaRose to his neighbor. Peter Ravich is troubled by this gesture, but he can see it helps his wife Nola and his daughter Maggie cope. Nola is not really coping with her loss at all, she has dark thoughts of suicide, and clings to the child, LaRose. This is a fascinating examination into what it would be like to choose such a drastic atonement, for it will affect everyone not just Landreaux. How can LaRose, at only 5 years, bear the burden of Nola's intense grief and need? How can Emmaline cope with the separation from her child? Eventually LaRose is allowed to visit back and forth, to maintain contact with his original family. Throw into the mix another tribal member who stirs the pot with false stories about Landreaux, stories that may rekindle violence. There is also a gripping historical element to the story. LaRose is a name that has been in the family for generations and carries with it power. Flashbacks to earlier days and the first LaRose give an intense look at the ancestors of this family. At its heart, this is a story about two families cleft by tragedy, united by redemption.

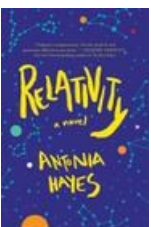


Barkskins by Annie Proulx is a grand epic beginning in 1693 when Rene Sol and Charles Duquet travel from France to Canada, known then as New France, to work as wood cutters for Monsieur Trepagny for three years in return for land of their own when their period of service concludes. Trepagny is a brutish man; Charles soon escapes while Rene stays to fulfill his obligation. From this beginning the story follows the fortunes of their descendants and their affects upon the land. Rene marries a native woman; his children will know the harsh realities wrought by the multitude of settlers arriving in the new world. Duquet becomes a fur trader then founds a timber company. The story is told through the lives of their descendants, who will travel the world, Western expansion, the harsh lives forced upon tribes as settlers take over their traditional lands, the cutting of forests, are all encompassed in this engrossing story. Proulx's characters are so vivid! A fascinating story that encompasses three centuries of change while telling an intimate story of two families entwined in unknown ways.



Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman. Lu Brant revered her father Andrew Jackson Brant and older brother A.J. They lived in an historic home on Wilde Lake surrounded by the split level residences of Columbia, Maryland; a planned development meant to be a safe place to raise children in an atmosphere that welcomed diversity and encouraged independent thought. Of course that was the intention, not necessarily the reality. In 1980 Andrew Jackson Brant was State's Attorney for Howard County, a brilliant, well respected man. A.J. spent graduation night partying with his friends, a popular young man; it was to be a night involving relatively harmless fun. Instead, one young man would die; another would be grievously injured, all within the bounds of Columbia, a safe place. A. J. was cleared of any wrongdoing in the death of Ben Flood, it was ruled self-defense, A. J. lauded for saving the life of his friend. Choices made in youth can change the whole trajectory of a life, sometimes staying with you forever. By 2015

A. J. has made his fortune and Lu, following in her father's footsteps, is State's Attorney for Howard County. Her father is legendary; she intends to live up to his legacy. Her first case as head attorney will be the trial of a homeless man for the brutal murder of a woman alone in her apartment. The questions raised will lead her toward dark secrets. Not pursuing a question if you do not want the answer is good advice, but sometimes comes too late. Times change, the societal norms of twenty or thirty years ago are very different than today. Great characters, interesting questions about how we view life, and what is the role of justice make this a sure winner.



Relativity by Antonia Hayes. Claire was a gifted ballerina on the cusp of a brilliant career when she embraced motherhood and moved from the footlights to the office. Ethan is an unusual child, brilliant but socially outcast. School is torment for him, while he enjoys learning (thrives on physics, math, and astronomy), he is bullied by the other kids. Claire and Ethan live in Sidney, Australia. As the story opens they are in Jubilee Park in the middle of the night to watch a meteor shower, the two have a strong, loving relationship. Still Ethan is curious about his father, Claire won't say much, so he knows little about the man other than the few facts gleaned from his birth certificate. Mark lives on the other side of Australia, trying to forget the past. Circumstances will converge, a call for Mark to return to his father's side, an emergency involving Ethan, and they will have to face the tragedy that tore their family wide apart when Ethan was a babe. Life can change in a heartbeat; one action you wish you could take back will alter the rest of your days. Hayes wrote in all three voices, Claire, Ethan and Mark, giving the reader all perspectives. Likeable characters and a plot that makes you reflect, this is a good book club choice.



Britt-Marie Was Here by Fredrik Backman. Britt-Marie, like Backman's earlier character in **A Man Called Ove**, cannot stand untidiness, believes there is a right way and a wrong way to do things and by heavens, she is going to do things the right way. This causes one's outlook to be a mite rigid. Britt-Marie has been a home maker for many years, serving her husband's every whim. Now she finds herself alone, needing employment, and worrying about dying with no one to notice. While her husband loved soccer, Britt-Marie had not the slightest interest in sports of any kind. Thus it is strange when she finds herself employed as caretaker of a community recreation building in small hamlet in the back of beyond where she is commandeered to be the coach for a youth soccer team. Britt-Marie's first impressions of her fellow denizens in the rough around the edges environment are not favorable. However she comes to see below the surface, in those around her and in herself, and her world ex-

pands. This is a lovely book! It asks big questions. What if you spend your youth doing what you thought was most important only to find in maturity that it all falls apart? Can you find happiness and fulfillment? Can you step out of your comfort zone to challenge yourself with choices that are personally enriching? Can an uptight matron who devoted her life to her husband be taught joy by a group of soccer playing teenagers? Lots of fun reading! And it stimulates thought!



The Language of Secrets by Ausma Zehanat Khan. Detective Esa Khattak is in charge of Canada's Community Policing section in Toronto and living on a knife edge. His comrades are not always comfortable with his Muslim heritage, and some of his fellow Muslims view him as a traitor for his occupation. The fallout from his last big case involving the death of Christopher Drayton is still being dealt with; Esa is operating under a cloud of suspicion with the Department of Justice. Maritaine Killiam, a superintendent with Royal Canadian Mounted Police summons him to her office to break the news of a death. Moshain Dar was murdered in a remote part of Algonquin Park where he had been undercover with a group of Islamic terrorists for INSET, Canada's federal intelligence agency. Esa is shocked; Moshain was his close friend until their relationship ruptured over Moshain's view that Esa was a traitor to his people because of his job. What would Moshain be doing with INSET! It seems both absurd and unreal, this death of his friend in such a fashion. INSET's operation is ongoing; Moshain's father is a noted personality. Killiam wants Esa to investigate the murder without disrupting INSET's operation while keeping Moshain's father under control. It is of utmost importance that INSET's investigation of the terrorist cell not be disrupted. His task becomes even more complicated when he discovers a link to one of his sisters. Detective Rachel Getty goes undercover in the mosque for Esa, posing as a potential convert. Esa will face tremendous challenges as he attempts catch a killer and keep his family safe. This is a great series! Esa is a thoughtful, kind man. Rachel is a determined, likeable woman with a passion for hockey. They make an interesting team and characters you want to read about again! I was heartened by this look inside the Muslim community, showing most people living just lives as well as those few so damaged by unsolvable world events they turn to terrorist acts.



The Immortals by Jordanna Max Brodsky. Selene has been living in Manhattan a long, long time. Try back to the days Native Americans were in charge. Selene is only one of her names, she is also known as Artemis or Diana. These days she wanders Manhattan with her dog, helping women who are beaten or attacked by men, often their boyfriends. Over the centuries her powers have so diminished, she is almost undone by a thug who likes abusing women. I did say almost, it doesn't end too well for him. Walking along the Hudson with her dog one night she discovers the mutilated body of a woman and is filled with a righteous anger. She feels keenly her promise to protect the innocent. The cops are in way over their heads, the string of murders is linked to a cult. Selene finds an ally in classics professor Theo Schultz, she also starts questioning that long ago vow of celibacy made to Zeus. Selene has stayed away from the other Gods, they are far too dangerous, but this case will require their help. Blending a modern day mystery with a tale of Greek Gods, most entertaining.



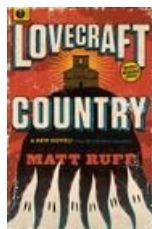
Jane Steele by Lindsay Faye. **Jane Eyre** never had this much fun! Lindsay Faye's rollicking homage to Charlotte Bronte's famous novel gives us likable characters who are a lot more able to take matters into their own hands. **Jane Steele's** father dies before she is old enough to know the man, her mother adores her but Jane's life is blighted by her aunt who hates both mother and daughter and by her cousin who torments the young girl. Jane's mum is French and beautiful, an unforgivable combination from her dumpy aunt's perspective. Jane's father was rich, very. It is confusing to the young girl that she occupies a small cottage on the edge of the estate with her mother while the disagreeable aunt lives in splendor in the manor house. Things get even worse; Jane is orphaned and put under her aunt's control. Before she is sent to an austere boarding school there is another tragedy, of sorts. Taking a clue from Bronte, Faye's Jane states plainly, "*Reader I murdered him*", slightly different from Bronte's married but more effective in the circumstances. This is young Jane's first murder, more will follow as her situation changes and she tries to keep her pretty neck out of the hangman's noose. When she has grown into quite a beautiful young woman, she learns that her aunt has died and the estate has gone to Mr. Charles Thornfield who is seeking a governess for his ward. Intrigued, Jane applies. As a child, her mother told her the estate would be hers. Now she wants to find out if she truly is an heiress while staying incognito. She is in for more adventure, Charles is quite a handful, good looking to boot, and his butler, Sardar Singh, has a presence that belies more than the position of a servant. Charles was reared in India, he returned to England with his ward when he learned of his inheritance. Everyone has secrets, and Faye has a brilliantly good time revealing them to the reader. I would be delighted if the characters return in future books, reading about them is sheer joy.



Green Island by Shawna Yang Ryan. Chiang Kai-shek may be seen as a hero in the west for his fight against Mao and communist China but this story will blow that image away exposing him as a bullying despot. Taiwan struggled under Japanese occupation, then the Americans came soon followed by the troops of Chiang Kai-shek fleeing their defeat in mainland China. The Taiwanese were pushed aside as the mainland Chinese took over. In 1947 a riot ensues when a widow selling cigarettes by the side of the road is accosted and beaten by the Monopoly Agents. The Taiwanese widow does not speak enough Mandarin to understand her attackers, the crowd that gathers is enraged and soon enough things get out of control. Dr. Tsai is at his home office when the violence erupts, he has two children and this very day his wife will give birth to his third child, a daughter. Before the midwife can be summoned, a man wounded by soldiers in the melee is brought to Dr. Tsai's surgery. As the riots continue, retaliation rises, and martial law keeps everyone home. Dr. Tsai will deliver his own child. Within days he will be rounded up, like many others, tortured and sent to an island prison where he will spend a decade while his family goes on without him, never knowing his fate. By the time he gets out, his family will have moved (having lost their home soon after he was taken away), and he will be entirely unknown to the daughter he delivered. He comes back to them a different man, broken in many ways. Eventually his daughter will come to America, living in Berkeley California, the home of the free. Or is it really? For a Taiwanese immigrant, even granted US citizenship, there is always the fear, often the reality, of a loved one incarcerated or worse, if they do not do the bidding of the Taiwanese government (really the Chinese government of Taiwan). This is a grand story of a family's drama and also a vivid look at Taiwan, a fascinating place where cultures collide.



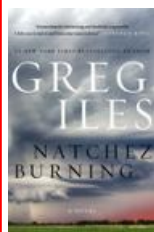
The Translation of Love by Lynne Kutsukake. Aya Shimamura's family was ripped from their Vancouver, British Columbia home to be interred in the mountains during WWII. Inadequate housing in the bitter cold and isolation take a harsh toll. Aya's mother does not survive. The men have been removed from their families and put to work by the Canadian Government; Aya's father does not even know his wife perished. When WWII is over the families are not permitted to return to their homes, they will not be permitted west of the Rocky Mountains. They are given the choice of either moving to Eastern Canada or being deported to Japan. Aya's father chooses Japan. He has lost everything; the wife he loved, the house he struggled so hard to purchase, his livelihood. Why stay in a country where he is hated? The transition is hard for 13 year old Aya. She does not speak Japanese well, they will be quite poor, and she has no friends. On Aya's first day of school, Fumi is tasked with mentoring her, an obligation she fails. Fumi finds Aya an annoyance; until she realizes she needs Aya's help. Fumi has not heard from her big sister in a long time, she worries that something may have happened. General MacArthur is in charge of the US occupation of Japan, there is a rumor that he will help people in trouble but Fumi's English is not good. Aya, on the other hand, speaks English better than Japanese. A friendship begins as the two girls hope to discover the whereabouts of Fumi's sister. This fascinating book gives an interesting account of life in Japan under MacArthur, while also telling a touching story of a lonely young girl and her father.



Lovecraft Country by Matt Ruff. Combining fantasy with a sharp look at the 1950's Jim Crow world this tome is fun to read while also revealing a darker reality. What would it be like to be African-American in the 1950's? Even in the north. It would mean you could not be served in most restaurants, hotel doors would be closed to you, and even if you were a decorated war veteran, like the main character Atticus Turner, you could still be pulled over and harassed (or worse) by any cop with an attitude sitting along a highway. Atticus and his father, Montrose, have a prickly relationship. The two battled over just about everything, from Montrose's obsession with his dead wife's background to Atticus' reading material. Like many young men, Atticus likes Science Fiction, especially the dark work of H. P. Lovecraft, an obscure author who died in penury in 1937. Montrose points out men of color are not treated well in those stories, why pay someone to insult you? Why spend time with the writings of racists? Nonetheless Atticus likes the stories. So father and son are estranged when Atticus receives a letter from Montrose claiming he had discovered the ancestral roots of Atticus' mother. By the time Atticus reaches Chicago (using the Safe Negro Travel Guide published by his uncle George), his father is gone missing. Clues lead Atticus to believe his father is at the mansion of Samuel Braithwaite in New England. Accompanied by his uncle George and a childhood friend, Letitia, Atticus heads out to find his father. Getting there is not easy, there are racist cops and strange spirits right out of the stories Atticus and George are fond of reading. Bizarrely, they are expected when they arrive. But all is not well at the Braithwaite mansion, Montrose is held in chains, and a secret cult is itching to use Atticus in some strange ritual. Blending several genres, Matt Ruff created memorable and likeable characters, with a good story to tell.

Natchez Mississippi Trilogy by Greg Iles

The Mystery Book Club has been reading the trilogy by Greg Iles set in Natchez Mississippi for the last couple years. The trilogy concludes with the newly released **Mississippi Blood**, the Mystery Book Club selection for this May. At the end of the year, our Book Clubs vote on their favorite selections from the year's reading. **Natchez Burning** was voted #1 for 2015 and **Bone Tree** was voted #1 for 2016. The trilogy centers on a violent offshoot of the Klu Klux Klan called the Double Eagles in the stories, they are based on a real group called the Silver Dollars. Reporter Henry Sexton is based on Stanley Nelson, a journalist for the Clarion who has worked tirelessly to expose the crimes of this group, he was short listed for the Pulitzer Prize for his reporting. Join us in reading this excellent trilogy, starting with **Natchez Burning**.

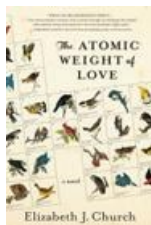


Natchez Burning by Greg Iles, reviewed by Nancy Nelson. "**Natchez Burning**" is a book that weaves the present with the past. Dr. Thomas Cage has treated most of the residents and is highly regarded by both the black and white populations of Natchez, Mississippi. Now, however, he is accused of murdering the black nurse who once worked for him. The current events of his life are riddled with secrets. In the years between 1964 and 1968 people were openly fighting for the rights of blacks all over the south. A group within the Ku Klux Klan formed their own secret society with the aim of curtailing this quest for equality, and worse. As Thomas tries to protect his own secrets himself and his family, the secret atrocities of the past are bubbling to the surface. Potential witnesses begin to disappear as the real author of the worst corruption in Natchez comes closer to exposure. This was a thrilling mystery that I could not put down clear to the finish.



The Bone Tree by Greg Iles, the second novel of the Natchez Burning trilogy, is reviewed by Deon. Penn who is the mayor of Natchez is trying desperately to prove his father's innocence. Dr. Cage has been silent and on the run, hiding from the law and from the very nasty group called Double Eagles as well. In part II, **The Bone Tree**, Dr. Cage is still hiding from everyone. Though he would like to turn himself in and have his case handled through the courts, he knows that he cannot do that and expect to live. The Double Eagles are similar to the mafia in that their people are everywhere. The FBI has reason to believe that this group is at least in part responsible for the death of President Kennedy as well as many civil rights workers of the 1960s. John Kaiser, who is leading the ongoing FBI investigation also believes that Dr. Cage may have been a part of that conspiracy. The Double Eagles want him dead because he knows way too much. Tom Cage has lived his life caring for people. He has treated most of the population of Natchez, Mississippi. Thus there are quite a few people who highly regard him, and some who would risk their lives to protect him. As the story continues, we see the nature of the Double Eagles, and the hold they have on virtually everyone. This is a dangerous cat and mouse "game" in which some will die, some will miraculously and courageously live, and secrets will come pouring out like the pestilence from Pandora's box. **The Bone Tree** is a page turner of the first order.

Book Club hours have changed, Book Club now begins at 6:00 PM on Mondays.



May 8 the Fiction Book Club discusses ***The Atomic Weight of Love*** by Elizabeth J. Church. Everyone should read this lovely novel! It asks the big questions. What do we truly want in life? What do you do if the path you choose is false? In the remains of your days can life be meaningful? Meridian Wallace is uber smart and ambitious. From childhood she has been attracted to birds and science, determined to get a PHD and become an ornithologist. While in college she falls for her physics professor, Alden Whetstone. She sees herself finishing her degree and joining Alden in a marriage of partnership, full of scientific discussions, sharing their passions for their work and each other. Not going to happen. In the 1940's Alden's expertise is needed in Los Alamos, New Mexico where the scientists are cooking up a new kind of bomb and the women are expected to subordinate their desires to supporting the work of the men. What started out as putting off studying for her PHD for a year and being a housewife while Alden works in top secret for the government, stretches out becoming her role in life. Meeting a Vietnam vet jolts Meridian into questioning the choices she has made. Lots of history takes place between the 1940's and 2011, the book reflects the changes in society. While weighty questions are asked, this story also entertains! Meridian's observation of crows is fascinating; bird watchers will find much to love. She also goes riding through beautiful country, hikes, has friendships and partakes of the sorts of things that make up a life. I cannot say enough good things about this brilliant story, only urge everyone to read it!



May 29 the Mystery Book Club discusses ***Mississippi Blood*** by Greg Iles. Mayor Penn Cage is trying to keep the surviving members of the Double Eagles, a sadistic offshoot of the KKK (inspired by a real group), from killing his family members. His father, respected doctor Tom Cage, is going on trial for the murder of his former nurse, Viola Turner, who came back to Natchez Mississippi to die. Viola and Tom have a history together, when she was his nurse they had a passionate affair resulting in the birth of a son kept secret. Penn is dealing with all of this while suffering grief from the violent death of someone close to him and trying to help his young daughter cope with the mayhem and violence surrounding them. It would be safe to say the Mayor has a lot on his mind. None of the dangers facing him are made any easier by his father's insistence on not telling Penn what really happened with Viola or disclosing the secrets of the past that brought him so closely in the orbit of the Double Eagles. Tom Page seems to be determined to keep his secrets. All the notoriety has attracted the attention of Serenity, a gorgeous black author and former soldier, who arrives in town with the intention of writing about Dr. Tom Cage. Penn and Serenity will join forces to discover the truth and defeat the Double Eagles. Greg Iles delivers lots of action with a historic perspective in this conclusion to the trilogy started with ***Natchez Burning***.

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

Please note, hours for Book Club have changed, book club begins at 6:00 PM.

Please note there have been some changes in the summer schedule to avoid conflicting times with other Sunriver activities.

Everyone is welcome, light refreshments are served.

June 12, 2017 ***Death Comes To The Archbishop*** by Willa Cather [Classics Book Club](#) Themed Month New Mexico

June 19, 2017 ***Biting the Moon*** by Martha Grimes [Mystery Book Club](#) Themed Month New Mexico

June 26 ***The Wives of Los Alamos*** by Tarashea Nesbit [Fiction Book Club](#) Themed Month New Mexico

July 10, 2017 ***Passenger*** by Lisa Lutz [Mystery Book Club](#)

July 17, 2017 ***Little Wolves*** by Thomas Maltman [Fiction Book Club](#)

July 31, 2017 ***Immortal Irishman*** by Tim Egan [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

August 7, 2017 ***Jade Dragon Mountain*** by Elsa Hart [Mystery Book Club](#)

August 14, 2017 ***For Whom the Bell Tolls*** by Ernest Hemingway [Classics and Fiction Book Clubs](#)

September 11, 2017 ***I'm Traveling Alone*** by Samuel Bjork [Mystery Book Club](#)

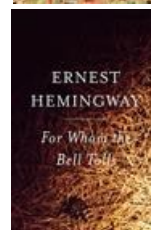
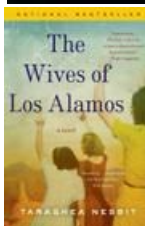
September 18, 2017 ***All the King's Men*** by Robert Penn Warren [Classics and Fiction Book Clubs](#) **Banned Book Selection**

October ***Secret Place*** by Tana French [Mystery Book Club](#) Themed Month Ireland

October ***Troubles*** by J.G. Farrell [Classics Book Club](#) Themed Month Ireland

October Nora Webster by Colm Toibin [Fiction Book Club](#) Themed Month Ireland

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