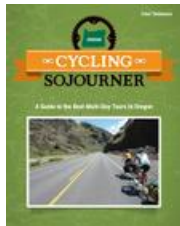




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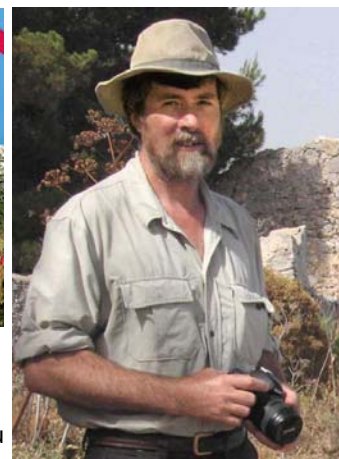
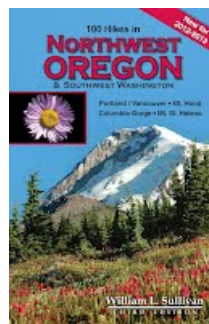
## April 2013 Newsletter

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Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Elle Thalheimer will give a slide show presentation on **Cycling Sojourner: A Guide to the Best Multi-Day Tours in Oregon**. If you have ever wanted to take a biking trip but were intimidated by the details, Elle makes it easy. Her book is compact in size, ideal for putting in a handle bar bag and yet filled with information. All levels of cyclist, from beginner to hardened veteran, will find the book easy to follow and useful. You see the world a little different going at the pace of a bike, open to feeling the wind on your face and smelling the lilacs blooming rather than boxed up in a car, isolated from the environment. There is satisfaction too in knowing that you reached your destination via peddle power. Elle gives you the information needed to plan and enjoy an excellent adventure. She highlights several multi day trips: the Willamette Valley, Oregon Coast, Cascade Classic (right here in Central Oregon), Crater Lake, True West (Mitchell to John Day), Hells Canyon, Elkhorn, and the Steens. Elle offers advice on gear, places to stay, and interesting side trips to add to your biking vacation. She will make you want to start pedaling!

Sunday April 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM William Sullivan will give a presentation on **100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington**. If you are in the mood to start hiking a little earlier, this is your book. There are great hikes in the lower elevation that you can enjoy while we still have snow on the trails. One of my favorite is the Eagle Creek Hike in the Columbia Gorge, be sure to keep your canine companion on a leash because of drop offs along the trail. There are hikes in and near Portland, if you plan a trip to the big city save time for a hike. Ramona Falls in the Mt. Hood area with its lace like curtain of water is another of my favorites. Sullivan has hiked every major trail in Oregon. This 5<sup>th</sup> generation Oregonian knows the state thoroughly, his hiking guides are well researched and reliable. Sullivan has a keen appreciation for the history, geography, flora and fauna as well as the jaw dropping beauty of Oregon's scenery. We always look forward to one of his slide shows because they are not only gorgeous, they inspire us to get outdoors and start walking. Sullivan includes information on campgrounds, cabin rentals, and the wildflowers you may encounter along the trail. Color pictures show the spectacular beauty awaiting you on the trail. William Sullivan's popular hiking guides include the following: **100 Hikes in the Central Oregon Cascades, 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, 100 Hikes/Travel Guide Oregon Coast & Coast Range, 100 Hikes/Travel Guide Eastern Oregon, Oregon's Favorites: Trails and Tales, Atlas of Oregon Wilderness, Hiking Oregon's History. Trails of Crater Lake and Oregon Caves, Oregon Trips and Trails, and Oregon Map and Travel Guide**. Whew! Sullivan definitely knows Oregon! In addition to his popular guides, he has works of nonfiction; **Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters, Listening for Coyote, and Cabin Fever**. Sullivan is also adept at writing entertaining and interesting works of fiction. He has written a mystery, **The Case of Einstein's Violin**, an Oregon historical fiction, **A Deeper Wild**, an entertaining and fascinating mystery about one of the Northwest's most infamous characters, **The Case of D.B. Cooper's Parachute**, and a historical fiction on a Viking Queen, **The Ship In The Hill**. William Sullivan will return in September during our Month of Norway to give a slide show presentation and lead a book club discussion on **The Ship In The Hill**. We always look forward to Sullivan's events; he is a witty, entertaining speaker, has spectacular slides and puts on a good show.



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### Upcoming Author Appearances

- Sat. May 4th 2013 at 5:00 PM **One Glorious Ambition : The Compassionate Crusade of Dorothea Dix, A Novel** by Jane Kirkpatrick
- Sunday May 5th 2013 at 11:30 Jane Kirkpatrick's Newberry Habitat for Humanity Walk, Tickets cost \$10.00.
- Sat. May 11th 2013 at 5:00 a Double Event! **Love Water Memory** by Jennie Shortridge & **The Lost Art of Mixing** by Erica Bauermeister
- Saturday May 18th 2013 at 5:00 PM **Cascade Summer: My Adventure on Oregon's Pacific Crest Trail** by Bob Welch
- Saturday May 25th 2013 at 5:00 PM by **The Barbed Crown** by William Dietrich
- Saturday June 1st 2013 at 5:00 PM **The Missing Italian Girl: A Mystery in Paris** by Barbara Corrado Pope
- Saturday June 15h 2013 at 5:00 PM **Sleight of Hand** by Phillip Margolin
- Friday July 19th at 5:30 A Serpents Tooth by Craig Johnson**
- Saturday August 3rd 2013 at 5:30 **A Harriet Truman/Loose Threads Mystery** by Arlene Sachitano
- Saturday August 31, 2013 at 5:00 PM **Breaking Chains** by Greg Nokes
- Saturday September 14th 2013 at 5:00 PM **The Ship In The Hill** by William Sullivan

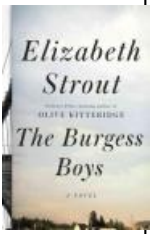
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## Staff Recommendations, New Releases.

Nancy Nelson recommends.

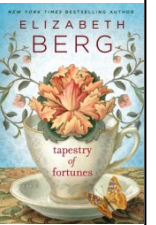
**The Burgess Boys**, by Elizabeth Strout tells of a family whose future is forever altered by an accident that occurred when the children were very young. The father left his three children in the car. One of the children disengaged the gears, the dad was killed. The younger of the two boys thinks it was his fault. He carries the guilt with him throughout his life, though he was only 4 years old at the time. As adults, Jim, the eldest brother becomes a very successful renowned lawyer. His much kinder more sensitive younger brother Bob works as an attorney for Legal Aid in New York City. The younger sister, Susan, Bob's twin, remains in Shirley Falls, Maine, the town where they grew up. One day the brothers receive an urgent call from Susan. She tells them that her son Zach is in trouble for throwing a pig's head into the local mosque. The immigrant Somalis who worship there are incensed and want the culprit punished. No one is hurt, but the authorities want to treat the case like a hate crime. The real story is about how the siblings react, how they respond to one another as well as to the situation at hand. Zach is extremely lonely and isolated, especially since his father has left the family. His mother Susan is unaware of his sadness, as she is also isolated and alone. Jim demeans Bob in nearly every conversation the two have. Susan and Bob respond to Jim as though he is incapable of error. Though this may sound like a very sad story, it is so very much more than that. Surprisingly, as events unfold, the reader is offered hope. Strout tells the family story with sensitivity and compassion, letting the reader see that things are not always as they may seem. Lovely, lovely book!



**Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline. The story begins with 91 year old Vivian introducing herself as someone who believes in ghosts from her past. Her parents emigrated with her from Ireland to New York City when she was a little girl. In 1929 she becomes an orphan. The reader is then introduced to 17 year old Molly, also an orphan. The year is 2011. Molly is in danger of going from a foster care home to juvenile detention. Vivian offers her a chance to complete her court-ordered hours of community service by helping the older lady clean out her attic. The story shifts back in time to Vivian's childhood. She, with hundreds of other orphans is shipped across the country to the Midwest in pursuit of people wanting to take on a child. This is a story of two people who have been disappointed repeatedly, left on the outside of relationships, abused, neglected, ignored, growing up learning to mistrust, and to adapt in order to fit in. This is thus described: "And so your personality is shaped. You know too much, and this knowledge makes you wary. You grow fearful and mistrustful. The expression of emotion does not come naturally, so you learn to fake it. To pretend. To display empathy you don't actually feel. And so it is that you learn how to pass, if you're lucky to look like everyone else, even though you're broken inside." So, yes this is a story of loss and extreme hardship, but it is also a story with a promise of love and hope, a very worthwhile, well written story.

Lori Gascon recommends.

**Tapestry of Fortunes** by Elizabeth Berg. The power of friendship can transcend life and death in this warm, uplifting novel surrounding four women who, in becoming friends, take a trip together which changes each of their lives. Cecelia Ross, "Cece", is a motivational speaker, traveling to various cities encouraging women to "affirm your innermost beliefs: bring them into the light." "You can help create not only your history, but your destiny". Her inspiring presentations have helped women leave abusive relationships, start their "dream job", and fulfill needs & wants that have long gone unfulfilled. But Cece herself does not live by her beliefs. She is working constantly, traveling weekly, and expecting there will always be time to take that dream vacation, with best friend Penny. Now Cece is struggling to move on, as Penny has recently passed away. She trusts in her tarot cards, and although the "communication" with Penny helps console her, life is just not the same without her best friend. Along comes a postcard from Dennis, her one true love, lost due to Cece's unwillingness to start an adventure. Maybe now is the time to actually do something for herself, and start living what she preaches. Cece makes the decision to write back to Dennis, sell her home, and start over. This decision brings into her life three older women who also have issues (who doesn't?):

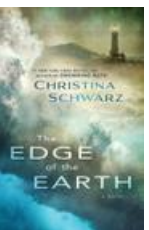


Lise is an elegant, successful doctor, with a twenty-year-old daughter; their relationship has been troubled since the divorce. Renie has a short spiky temperament, (a lot like her hair), and works for a newspaper answering an advice column with gutsy answers. She does not care for yoga – people are judged for their ability to "act like a heron" - why would anyone want to do that? She has a secret she has been hiding for many years.

Joni is a widowed blonde, an amazing cook with a stressful job as the sous-chef at a very exclusive restaurant. She is afraid of seat belts, looking for love, and will unknowingly find inspiration to make a life-changing decision.

Along the way the ladies will all experience closure with the ordeals in their lives by way of a fun road trip – for women only! Road-side pie shops, tattoo parlors, cooking stores, truck-stop breakfasts, cigarettes that don't have *tobacco* in them, lying outside looking up at the stars, and meeting some amazing people are just some of the highlights of this fun adventure. You will be tempted to plan your own fun road trip, to see what you can find along the way. I enjoyed it!

Deon recommends



**The Edge of the Earth** by Christina Schwarz. Trudy had a sheltered and loving childhood in Wisconsin, her life planned out from an early age. She would finish college then marry her childhood sweetheart Ernst. As the date for graduation nears she feels stifled, longing for something different makes her vulnerable to Ernst's cousin Oskar. She abandons her pre-ordained, safe life for adventure with Oskar. Trudy is hopelessly young, sheltered and naïve. Life with Oskar will be different than her placid childhood, but perhaps not in the way she imagined. They move across country to work as the assistant lighthouse keeper in remote Point Lucia. The landscape is wild, untamable, and forbidding, the lighthouse perched on a rock above the turbulent sea with mountains to the back cutting them off from everyone. In this lonely place Trudy comes of age. Haunting and beautifully told, it is the story of a woman living a very different sort of life set in the rugged beauty of the Big Sur coastline. Historic fiction at its best.

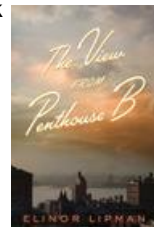
**The Movement of Stars** by Amy Brill. Hannah Gardner Price was inspired by the very real Maria Mitchell, the first professional female astronomer in America. In 1845 a woman within the Nantucket Quaker community is expected to marry and mind her manners. Hannah wants more, she watches the night sky where a billion stars shine, dreaming of discovering a comet and winning a prestigious prize from the King of Denmark. When she tutors Isaac, a dark-skinned whaler, befriend her pupil, she scandalizes the tight knit community. I liked this woman and admired her struggle to achieve a life true to her needs and talents, refusing to buckle in to the demands of society. If you enjoy historical fiction, this is a fascinating story.



## Staff Recommendations for books Recently Released.

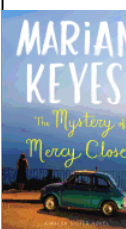
### Deon Recommends.

**The View From Penthouse B** by Elinor Lipman. Plan on slowing down near the last page because you will not want this book to end; it is one of those guilty pleasures that make you feel good. Two sisters face cataclysmic events; Gwen-Laura's husband died in his sleep, Margot's marriage ended in divorce after a dramatic and very public, not to mention illegal, betrayal. The women agree to share Margot's penthouse apartment, pooling their resources, after Margot loses her savings in Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme. Margot spends time blogging about living on a budget and the perfidy of Madoff. Gwen-Laura tries to figure out what her life will be without Edwin. To reduce expenses, they take in a roommate, Anthony, a gay financier currently unemployed but a whiz at baking cupcakes. Lipman allows the sisters to grow and blossom, she peppers the story with interesting and endearing characters, and she liberally seasons with humor.



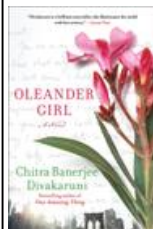
**The Humanity Project** by Jean Thompson has a way of getting to the heart of the characters, flawed people trying to do their best in a world not always kind. Here she shifts perspective from individuals, linked through proximity or circumstance. Linnea survives a shooting at her high school; she is left feeling guilty and tarnished by her enmity to one of the victims. She is sent to live with her father, Art, a man unprepared for and confused by the challenges in raising a troubled teenager on his own. Art lives next door to Christie, a nurse for an eccentric wealthy woman, Mrs. Forster, running a charity, **The Humanity Project**. Connor, Mrs. Forster's handyman, lives with his single Dad, Sean, an out of work regular guy facing the loss of his home. Each of these characters faces challenges trying to survive as best they can. Gently touched with humor, the story gives a human perspective to issues of the day while entertaining.

**Life After Life** by Jill McCorkle. Joanna hit rock bottom then turned her life around with a new calling. She would bear witness to the lives, sorrows, and dignities of the dying. She keeps company with the older folk as a hospice worker at Pine Haven Estates, a retirement center in bucolic, small town Fulton North Carolina. Sadie, a retired school teacher, has a gentle nature and knows most of the people in this small town, taught many of them 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Stanley, a retired lawyer, is faking dementia, trying to elude the grasp of his emotionally needy son by living at Pine Haven. Ben spent his youth putting on magic shows with Joanna as his assistant, now the magic has faded; he is married to a hard woman, and his daughter Abby, would rather spend time with the Pine Haven residents than kids her age. CJ, tattooed and pierced, is trying to be a good single mom, trying to make ends meet running the beauty shop for the residents, but the going is hard and the pitfalls plentiful. These characters are joined by others in this heartwarming novel that celebrates the possibilities of life.



**The Mystery of Mercy Close** by Marian Keyes showcases the author's talent for writing light amusing novels that contain within weightier subjects deftly handled. On the one hand this is an amusing tale about a dysfunctional PI hired by a former boyfriend to find the missing fourth member of a famous nineties boys band set to do a big comeback concert. On the other hand this is the story of a young woman battling depression, trying to survive an unforgiving economic collapse while working in the financially precarious field of private detection, and suffering the ignominy of resorting to moving back in with her parents after losing her dream apartment. There are all the requisite high jinx attendant on association with popular musicians and ex-boyfriends. Mercy's sisters are quick to help out when called; the bond of the women is strong. Funny it is, but it will make you think too. A splendid combination.

**Palisades Park** by Alan Brennert is an entertaining and enlightening story. Brennert showed talent for blending the stories of individuals with a broader look at what was happening in the world around them in both **Moloka'i** and **Honolulu**. He brings that focus to **Palisades Park**, a legendary New Jersey amusement park. The action starts in 1922 when Eddie has a halcyon day at the park with his family, the last good day of his childhood. The story continues to the park's dismantling in 1974. Eddie goes to work in the park in 1930, marries Adele and has two fine children. His daughter, Toni, grows up swimming like a fish in the big salt water pool, becoming a death defying high diver. As the years parade past, the Great Depression, WWII, the Civil Rights Movement, and Viet Nam all impact the character's lives. Brennert's blending of the life of this park with the life of the characters against a backdrop of world events makes the story entertaining and very interesting. In the afterward, Brennert talks about some of the real characters he used in the book, the aspect of Toni's amazing high dives was fascinating.



**Oleander Girl** by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni. On the eve of her wedding Korobi Roy's beloved grandfather dies of a heart attack. Orphaned at birth, Korobi Roy was devoted to the grandfather who raised her. The young woman was always curious about her mother, but her grandfather forbade discussion of his daughter, the subject too painful. Korobi Roy's grandmother bowed to his wishes. His death unleashes secrets that shake the young woman's belief in everything and send her from India to America on a quest to discover her roots. It is a quest that will change her life in major and formidable ways. This is a powerful novel; you will cheer for Korobi Roy. I enjoyed it immensely.

**Once Upon A Flock** by Lauren Scheuer. I enjoyed this light hearted memoir of Lauren Scheuer's backyard flock. Keeping chickens is in vogue at the moment and Lauren throws herself into providing them with a distinctive and luxurious coop, it helps that she has a penchant for both design and power tools. The family dog is a bit confused as to his role with the chirping birds in his yard. Peace is negotiated and he becomes their protector, even refusing to play with his former dog pals in the backyard where the chickens forage for tasty grubs. The chickens do their part to make the story interesting too; they each have very independent personalities. If you are in the mood for something light this is an amusing story.



**Mr. Wilkinson's Vegetables** by Matt Wilkinson is one of those sumptuous cookbooks full of pictures that will make your mouth water! I like the way segments are focused on one vegetable from his garden at a time, it inspires you to grab a hoe and start planting. Actually, it makes you hungry for all those tasty sounding meals. Baked Fennel with Bread Crumbs and Herbs, Foil Roasted Beets with Ricotta and Mint, Nettle and Crab Ravioli with Swiss Chard and Glasswort all look and sound absolutely delicious. The book is crammed full of tasty recipes, some with meat some without. All make fresh home grown vegetables a center point of the meal.

## April 2013 Book Clubs.

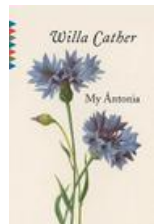


April 1<sup>st</sup> the Fiction Book Club discusses this year's Deschutes County Library's Novel Idea selection **The Snow Child** by Eowyn Ivey. The writing is haunting and beautiful; it updates a Russian fairytale to 1920's Alaska. Mabel and Jack have tried to come to terms with being childless. They left their boisterous family behind on the east coast for the quiet loneliness of remote Alaska. Creating a farm out of this unforgiving land is a tough job for the young; it is hard, weary going for middle aged Mabel and Jack. Grasping for a moment of joy out of the first snowfall of the year, they build a snow girl in the yard. The next morning the snow is gone, but a blond girl, like a snow sprite, is glimpsed near the trees. They come to love the young girl as their own child, but you know fairy tales are not without danger.

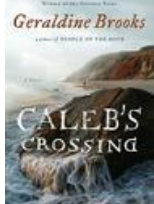
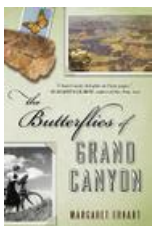
April 8<sup>th</sup> the Mystery Book Club discusses the second book in Laurie King's excellent series featuring Sherlock Holmes and Mary Russell, **A Monstrous Regiment of Women**. Set in 1921, Mary has graduated from Oxford and is grappling with a number of issues; her growing affection for Sherlock Holmes, the suffragette movement, and her involvement with Margery Childe's Temple of God. When a member of the inner circle is murdered, Mary turns for help to her mentor, Sherlock Holmes.



April 23<sup>rd</sup> is World Book Night. It started in 2011 in the United Kingdom and Ireland. In 2012 it spread to the United States and Germany with about 80,000 volunteer givers passing out 2 1/5 million books to encourage a passion for the written word. The date is special for me as it celebrates my favorite author; it is the anniversary of the death of Miguel de Cervantes (also of William Shakespeare). In the Catalan region of Spain, Cervantes death is remembered by giving a book and a flower to a loved one. Reading changes lives, it allows the reader to live a different experience through the pages of the book, expanding empathy and understanding, inspiring and comforting. Look for World Book Night Givers around Central Oregon on April 23<sup>rd</sup> as they search for people to inspire a love of reading by giving a book. The staff at Sunriver Books & Music have volunteered as givers. Our Classics Book Club is celebrating World Book Night by discussing one of the giver choices, **My Antonia** by Willa Cather. April 15<sup>th</sup> the Classics Book Club celebrates the coming of April 23<sup>rd</sup>'s World Book Night by preparing with a discussion of one of the giver selections, **My Antonia** by Willa Cather. Set in Nebraska, the story revolves around the hardships existence of immigrant farmers in the vast Midwestern plains. Jim Burden, our narrator, is an orphan sent to live on his grandparent's farm when he encounters Antonia, the spirited daughter of immigrant farmers. The story follows their trials and tribulations. It is a celebration of the fire and spirit that settled this land through hard work and struggle.



April 22<sup>nd</sup> the Nonfiction Book Club discusses **The Great Divergence: America's Growing Inequality Crises and What We Can Do About It** by Timothy Noah. The gap between the top 1% of Americans and the rest of the country has widened dramatically over the past 3 decades. Noah identifies some of the factors that have been heading the country on a one way trip toward disaster; an educational system that is not keeping up with world competition or readying young people to compete in the job market, changes in government policies, the diminishment of the labor movement, and an increase in the imbalance of trade particularly with the US purchasing cheap goods from countries with very low wages. CEO's in America earn about 200 times as much as their average employee, while 30 years ago they were satisfied with earning about 42 times as much. Noah examines these factors offering suggestions for creating a more fiscally sound, fair economy.



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

May 13th 2013 **Butterflies of the Grand Canyon** by Margaret Erhart [Mystery Book Club](#)

May 20th 2013 **Caleb's Crossing** by Geraldine Brooks [Fiction Book Club](#)

May 27 **The Exploration of the Colorado River And Its Canyons** by John Wesley Powell [Travel Essay](#)

June 3rd, 2013 **A Study In Scarlet** by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle [Mystery Book Club](#) [A Month Of SW USA](#)

June 10th 2013 **Doc** by Mary Doia Russell [Fiction Book Club](#) [A Month Of SW USA](#)

June 17th 2013 **Fire On The Mountain** by Edward Abbey [Classics Book Club](#) [A Month Of SW USA](#)

June 24th 2013 **Desert Solitaire** by Edward Abbey [Travel Essay Book Club](#) [A Month Of SW USA](#)

July 8th 2013 **The Yard** by Alex Grecian [Mystery Book Club](#)

July 15th 2013 **A Lady Cyclist's Guide To Kashgar** by Suzanne Joinson [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

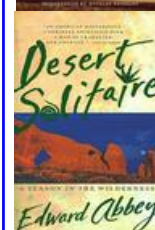
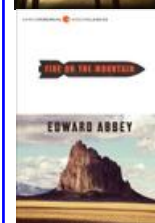
July 22nd 2013 **Drift** by Rachel Maddow [Fiction Book Club](#)

August 5th 2013 **The Invisible Ones** by Stef Penny [Mystery Book Club](#)

August 12th 2013 **Beautiful Ruins** by Jess Walter [Fiction Book Club](#)

August 19th 2013 **What It Is Like To Go To War** by Karl Marlantes [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

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