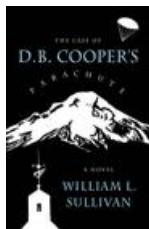
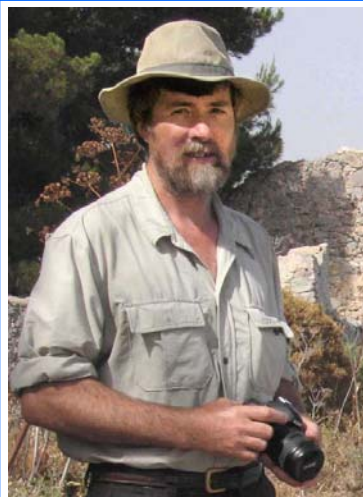




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October 20th at 5:00 PM William Sullivan will give a presentation on his latest book, **The Case of D. B. Cooper's Parachute**. In addition to some of Oregon's best hiking books, Sullivan also writes works of fiction and non-fiction. If you are from the Northwest and of a certain age, you remember D. B. Cooper. November 24th 1971, Thanksgiving Eve, D. B. Cooper boarded a plane in Portland heading for Seattle. Cooper hijacked the plane, demanding a \$200,000 ransom and parachutes. Passengers were released unharmed in Seattle and the plane took off again, headed toward a re-fuel stop in Reno Nevada. Along the way Cooper parachuted into history with his loot. Massive manhunts failed, forty years later the FBI investigation is still very active and D.B. Cooper is part of northwestern lore.

So what really happened to D.B. Cooper? Did he survive the jump? You will have to wait and see, join us October 20th for clues. William Sullivan's new book is an entertaining story full of northwestern detail. A fifth generation Oregonian, Sullivan writes of his setting well. Much of the novel takes place in Portland and I could see every street he describes so accurately.

The action opens with newly promoted Lieutenant Neil Ferguson and his partner Sargent Wu on a stakeout; they are supposed to catch an art thief going by the moniker D.B. Cooper. Things go awry fast with a high speed chase through the crowded streets of Portland. Lieutenant Ferguson is an interesting guy with lots of baggage. He is grieving the passing of his wife three years ago, a recovering alcoholic, attracted to Sargent

Wu, and wracked with guilt over the death of his partner. Lots going on with this guy, but he is likeable, he cares for his daughter, mourns his faults, and truly wants to do right. It just seems right can be a little bit complicated in the real world.

Lieutenant Ferguson's daughter is autistic; she works in a recycling facility and checks in frequently with her Dad. He realizes his daughter's independence is both fragile and hugely important. It is hard for him not to step over the boundary of becoming too protective and respect that hard won independence. Their interactions give a richness and sensitivity to the story that is very appealing.

Being Sullivan, of course some of the story takes place in the out of doors. Lieutenant Ferguson is an avid bike rider, one of the bad guys likes hiking, and characters go skiing. I like reading books with the characters doing normal, out of door activities, not just the high speed chases. There are multiple subplots with art theft and the Russian Mafia. Lieutenant Ferguson flies to Europe to check out some of the connections giving the story more great settings. Sullivan ties it all up nicely in a dramatic finale. So, do you want to know what happened to D. B. Cooper? Come to the author event on October 20th then read Sullivan's entertaining new book.

Sullivan is best known for his great hiking books: **100 Hikes In The Central Oregon Cascade, Oregon Favorites: Trails and Tales, 100 Hikes in Southern Oregon, 100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington, 100 Hikes Travel Guide: Oregon Coast and Coast Range, Trails of Crater Lake & Oregon Caves, Atlas of Oregon Wilderness** and **Hiking Oregon's History**. He has also written a sprightly mystery, **The Case of Einstein's Violin**, a Nordic historical fiction, **The Ship in the Hill**, and an Oregon historical fiction, **A Deeper Wild**. He has two memoirs, **Cabin Fever** and **Listening for Coyote**. His non-fiction, **Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters**, is fascinating. My favorite Oregon Travel Guide is Sullivan's **Oregon Trips and Trails**. An impressive body of work!

October 20th at 5:00 PM we will relive a bit of Pacific Northwest History with William Sullivan. Light refreshments will be served and there will be drawings for door prizes. Call 541-593-2525, e-mail sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com, or stop by Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend.



Upcoming Author Appearances

May 4th 2013 at 5:00 PM Jane Kirkpatrick

May 5th 2013 at 11:30 Jane Kirkpatrick's Newberry Habitat for Humanity Walk

Watch our website, sunriverbooks.com, for more information on upcoming authors as they are scheduled.

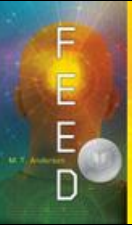
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Kelsey Yocum speaks out on Banned Books.

Here at Sunriver Books we love banned books. They are generally the award winning, the best written, most impactful books. Banned Books Week is the celebration of reading books that may be controversial, that have the ability to open minds with new perspectives, and that take on tough subjects.

In some ways, being banned has become a kind of honor. All it means is you have offended someone, somewhere, because your book tackles a controversial subject or highlights parts of life others would rather forget. It is the job of books to shed light on the forgotten and lost corners of humanity. These books have been branded for doing that job well.

Kelsey Recommends Banned Books!



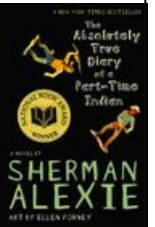
Feed by M. T. Anderson. *Feed* has one of the best first lines of YA literature: “We went to the moon to have fun, but the moon turned out to completely suck.” Set in a future that feels eerily possible, everyone has a feed, a direct connection to the equivalent of the Internet, implanted in his or her brain at birth. Omnipresent and run by corporations, the feed constantly monitors your desires and actions to better tailor the ads constantly running through your head. M. T. Anderson does a fabulous job of exploring the superficial, consumer society that results complete with a parody of teenage slang. When Titus’ feed is hacked and his brain goes silent for days he is sent to the hospital to recover. While there he discovers Violet, another hacker victim, has been actively fighting the feed. This is a dark, futuristic satire.



Looking for Alaska by John Green. *Looking for Alaska* is one of those contemporary Young Adult novels where the characters are so realistically drawn they feel like they could walk off the page. This is the story of Miles, a sixteen-year-old obsessed with famous last words, his prankster boarding school roommate Chip, and Alaska, the girl Miles falls for, who is as alive and charismatic as she is dark and troubled. This book tackles the big questions of love, loss, grief, and friendship.



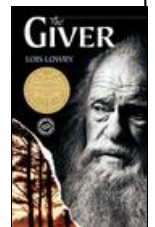
The Hunger Games (Book #1 of the Hunger Games series) by Suzanne Collins. This book has become a phenomenon, warranting midnight release parties of its own and giving the dystopian genre an adrenalin boost. Don’t be put off by the premise—it is one of the most engrossing reads out there. It is a set in the indeterminate future in a post-apocalyptic world. Twelve districts ruled by the Capitol through fear have replaced America. Fear that is reinforced each year through The Hunger Games, a live TV event where a girl and a boy from each district between the ages of 12 and 18 is randomly chosen as a contestant in a free-for-all fight to the death. Katniss bravely takes the place of her younger sister as the girl representative from District 12. She is a survivor who will give it her all to win, but at what risk to her humanity? The series is a commentary on reality TV and mindless media consumption in the form of a thriller that keeps you reading all night. You’ll immediately want the sequel, *Catching Fire*, after finishing the last page of *The Hunger Games*.



The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie. Hands-down, one of the best books I’ve read. This largely auto-biographical tale set on the Spokane Indian Reservation combines humor and tragedy into a highly impactful story. Told through first-person narrative and cartoons, Junior describes his days on the rez but also how life changes when he decides to attend the local white high school. In one community he becomes an outcast while in the other a curiosity. Junior struggles to figure out where he belongs in this collision of worlds.



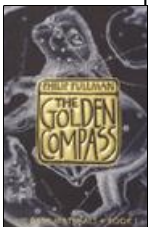
Speak by Laurie Halse Anderson. I resisted reading *Speak* for years simply because it is often used as a poster book for banned books. I finally gave into the hype and read this award-winning book for banned books week and I am so glad I did. It is the story of how Melinda copes with a traumatic event by going silent for a year. She brings us a starkly clear depiction of high school told through beautiful first-person prose. The fact the important message of this book is banned just makes me mad.



The Giver by Lois Lowry. A small, unassuming book, *The Giver* delivers a punch. Jonah believes he lives in a Utopia, a place where “There is no war or fear or pain. There are no choices.” Emotion, difference, and conflict are erased in favor of “sameness.” That is until he turns twelve and assigned to be trained by “the Giver,” the holder of all true memories of the society’s history before the “sameness.” Through the receiving of memories, Jonah discovers the power of knowledge and begins to question the perfect façade of his society. What freedoms will a society give up to gain stability? This dystopian novel is still relevant for everyone years after it was published.



The Harry Potter Series by J. K. Rowling. The book series that defined a generation, produced a movie franchise, and created one of the most robust and enthusiastic fan bases of all time, Harry Potter is a force to be reckoned with. Through its fans, Harry Potter has inspired wizard rock bands, fan fiction, fan websites, sports associations (International Quidditch Association), charity organizations (Harry Potter Alliance), conferences and conventions. Read the books and discover a story that takes the traditional tale of good versus evil and runs with it.

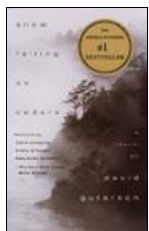


The Golden Compass by Philip Pullman. Lyra lives in an alternative world – a turn of the century Oxford where science, theology, and magic are intertwined and everyone’s soul lives outside of their bodies in the form of an animal companion called a daemon. Lyra must travel to the far north to investigate a mystery involving her uncle. She knows it involves daemons, children, a substance called “dust,” and her golden compass that tells only her the future. This becomes more than a fantasy adventure and evolves into an intriguing critique of our own world.



Harris and Me by Gary Paulsen. *Harris and Me* is a great summer romp. The narrator is sent to live at his cousin Harris’ farm in the late 1940s. Immediately he is sucked into Harris’ crazy antics, whether it is catching mice during the haying or waging war against the farm’s resident evil rooster, Ernie. This story about the importance of family and friendship was read to my class in elementary school (multiple times because we begged for more) and has stuck with me ever since.

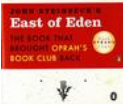
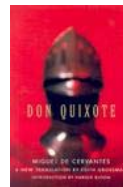
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Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson is a historical novel that deals with the racial prejudice toward the Japanese following WWII. The story takes place in the mid 1950's on an island north of Puget Sound. A Japanese man is accused of the murder of a local fisherman. It is told by Ishmael Chambers, a news journalist who grew up with the accused man, Kabuo, and his wife. The reader is apt to be caught up in the distress of all of the main characters. Ishmael was in love with Kabuo's wife in their youth. This was a love doomed. The war came. The Japanese were sent to concentration camps for the duration of the war. They lost their property and most of their possessions. Kabuo lost his strawberry fields, sold off by the mother of the dead fisherman while the Japanese were interned. Ishmael is still in love with Kabuo's wife, and is thus conflicted about the outcome of the murder trial. He is haunted by his pre war youthful memories. This story I found to be gripping, suspenseful, and pertinent, a very worthwhile read.

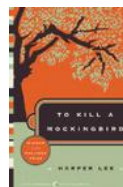
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Don Quixote by Miguel de Cervantes is my favorite book of all time. Dream the impossible dream. Follow Don Quixote along with his faithful sidekick Sancho as they tilt at windmills and search out heroic deeds to accomplish in the name of the fair Dulcinea. Should a bar maid's life be valued any less than a lady's? Miguel de Cervantes may have reached the unreachable star! His book lives on after over 400 years.

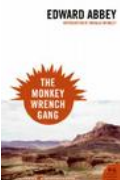


East of Eden by John Steinbeck is the story of two brothers. Good or evil, are you destined to be one or the other based on your ancestors? Or do you get to choose? Set in the Salinas Valley, this is a powerful tale of the evil infecting a family, a classic story of good, evil, betrayal, and redemption. Steinbeck brings this tale to shimmering life, it is a great story!

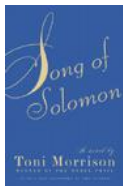
To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee is just as alive and relevant on its 50th anniversary as the year it was written. A black man is falsely accused of rape. His defense falls heavily on the shoulders of his lawyer, Atticus. Set in 1930's Alabama, it was not a time a white man would be lauded for defending a black. Nor is Atticus' daughter Scout or son Jem immune from public ire over their father's controversial case. Told through Scout's perspective, the story is compelling. I like these characters, I suspect you will too. They have stood the test of time.



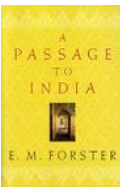
The Monkey Wrench Gang by Ed Abbey inspired a generation of wildness advocates. Led by the intrepid Hayduke, a motley gang wages war on the big yellow machines that have come to destroy the landscape they love. Hilarious, outrageous, passionate, and totally full of himself, Edward Abbey was an original. He was vehemently opposed to the construction of the Glen Canyon dam, a dam that obliterated Native petro glyphs and is now viewed by quite a few as a mistake. Too late for all that pretty landscape, it has been drowned for a long time now. Abbey pours all the rage and furor of his opposition to despoiling wild places into his fiction. Edward Abbey defies definition, he is not about to fit into any neat little box. An impassioned environmentalist, he was also known to shoot television sets and litter the desert he loved with their debris. Ed Abbey was one of those guys who eat up life in great big gulps. In his fiction he lets us have a little taste of what it is like to live large.



Song of Solomon by Nobel Prize winner Toni Morrison is a haunting, powerfully written 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. His Dad is consumed with making money, watching his investment properties. His Mom is eaten up with loneliness and longing. Milkman will need to walk the paths of his ancestors to discover a man can fly.



A Passage to India by E. M. Forster is set in the waning days of the British Raj. Questions of power and justice are explored. Adela heads to India accompanied by her future mother in law. Her betrothed is Ronny Heaslop, the British Magistrate of Chandrapore. Mrs. Moore is more open to the natives than her son Ronny who believes strongly in the entitlement and superiority of the Brits. On a visit to a mosque she meets Dr. Aziz. Cyril Fielding is another Brit who tries to befriend the natives; Mrs. Moore induces him to invite Dr. Aziz to tea. Trying to make a good impression, Dr. Aziz offers to take the ladies sight-seeing to some local caves. It will be a tragic invitation. When one group holds the power, is justice possible?



The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain is a marvelous story. Huck comes to recognize the valor and merit of Jim. A white boy bonding with a black man during the time of slavery. Powerful stuff. This is one of my favorite books and Jim is one of my favorite characters. Yes it uses very bad words about people of color, but if you strip the words from the book you strip the power from the story of their suffering. The words show the ignorance and bigotry of the time in a way the story would not if the words were censored.



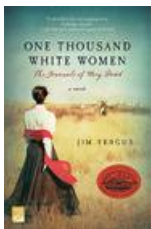
Brideshead Revisited by Evelyn Waugh begins in the years after WWI with Charles Ryder studying at Oxford. His father provided a generous allowance; an older cousin provides good advice. Instead of putting his nose firmly to the grindstone, Charles develops an intense attachment to Sebastian Flyte, son of Lord Marchmain. Sebastian takes his friend to the family home, Brideshead Castle. Charles is agnostic; the Flyte family are devote Roman Catholics. The Flyte family embraces dysfunctional with religious fervor. Charles life twines in and out of their orbit. Waugh has a biting, sardonic wit; he writes with an undercurrent of sexual tension.

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo is one of my favorite novels. The characters of Jean Valjean and Javert are inspired by Eugene Francois Vidocq, a convict turned cop and the creator of the Surete de France. He was also the main character in ***The Black Tower*** by Louis Bayard. Valjean's life has been brutal; convicted of stealing a loaf of bread to feed his family he sent to prison coming out many years later a hardened, bitter, dangerous man. Valjean is redeemed by the kindness of a good man. Javert is a police inspector of considerable cunning, his determination making him a feared hunter of men. Their paths will cross. Set during a turbulent period in French history, the story begins in 1815, the year Napoleon was defeated at Waterloo and goes on to the Paris Uprising of 1832. Blending historical fact with a masterful work of fiction, it is a story brimming with good and evil, destiny and despair, cruelty and mercy. There is passion, suspense, and grandeur in this timeless story.

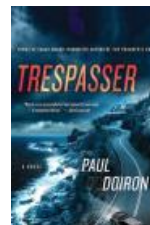


October 2012 Book Clubs

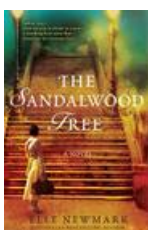
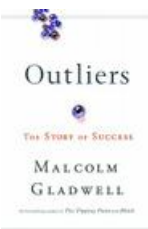
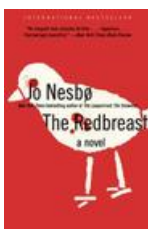
October 1st the Mystery Book Club discusses *Trespasser* by Paul Doiron. Maine game warden Mike Bowditch is viewing the damage to a homeowner's property by obnoxious ATV riders when he gets a call about a car colliding with a deer. He arrives on the scene, finds the car and blood evidence of a collision but no deer, no woman. State Trooper Hutchins shows up shortly after Bowditch and is unconcerned with the missing deer or woman, he figures someone picked up the meat and the woman got a ride. Trooper Hutchens takes over, sending Bowditch home with the admonition not to worry. Later the woman is found dead, the case eerily similar to a killing several years ago.



October 22nd the Fiction Book Club discusses *One Thousand White Women: The Journals of Mary Dodd* by Jim Fergus. Mary Dodd is among 1000 women who journey west as brides for the Cheyenne. The story supposes that Cheyenne Chief Little Wolf suggests to President Ulysses Grant the two cultures could reach peace more easily with a common bond. Little Wolf proposes trading 1000 good Cheyenne horses for 1000 white women. The President does not want the publicity that would ensue, but does see the merit in assimilation of the Indians. The US Government begins a Brides for Indians program where women can volunteer to be given as brides, often those women were inmates of prisons and asylums. Mary Dodd was incarcerated in an asylum by her wealthy family; she is eager to regain her freedom and accepts the offer with alacrity. It is an interesting premise.



October 29th the Classics Book Club discusses *Dracula* by Bram Stoker. Halloween is just around the corner, a perfect time to discuss the original vampire. Young solicitor Jonathan Harker travels to the remote mountains of Transylvania to meet with Count Vladimir Dracula. The young man barely escapes with his life. Dracula journeys to England where he makes the acquaintance of Harker's beloved Wilhelmina Murray and her friend Lucy Westenra. And then the plot thickens. It should be great fun to read around the holiday. The Dracula novels are inspired by the real Count Vlad Dracula 1431-1476. He was a hero to his people and feared by his enemies. If you would like to read a more modern story featuring the famous Transylvanian, *The Historian* by Eliza-



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

November 5th 2012 *The Redbreast* by Jo Nesbo [Mystery Book Club](#)

November 12th 2012 *Outliers* by Malcolm Gladwell [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

November 19th 2012 *The Sandalwood Tree* by Elle Newmark [Fiction Book Club](#)

November 26th 2012 *Breakfast at Tiffany's* by Truman Capote [Classics Book Club](#)

December 3rd 2012 *Broken* by Karin Fossum [Mystery Book Club](#)

December 10th 2012 *Joy for Beginners* by Erica Bauermeister [Fiction Book Club](#)

December 17th 2012 *Paris Was Ours* by Penelope Rowlands [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

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January 7th 2013 *In The Shadow of Gotham* by Stephanie Pintoff [Mystery Book Club](#)

January 14th 2013 *The Borrower* by Rebecca Makkai [Fiction Book Club](#)

January 21st 2013 *Greater Journey* by David McCullough [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

February 4th 2013 *Pride & Prejudice* by Jane Austin [Classics Book Club](#)

February 11th 2013 *Death Comes to Pemberly* by P.D. James [Mystery Book Club](#)

February 18th 2013 *Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler [Fiction Book Club](#)

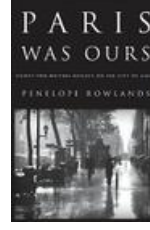
February 25th 2013 *Swerve* by Stephen Greenblatt [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

March 4th 2013 *Adios Hemingway* by Leonardo Fuentes Padura [Mystery Book Club](#)

March 11th 2013 *Paris Wife* by Paula McClain [Fiction Book Club](#)

March 18th 2013 *Farewell To Arms* by Ernest Hemingway [Classics Book Club](#)

March 25th 2013 *Moveable Feast* by Ernest Hemingway [Travel Essay Book Club](#)



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