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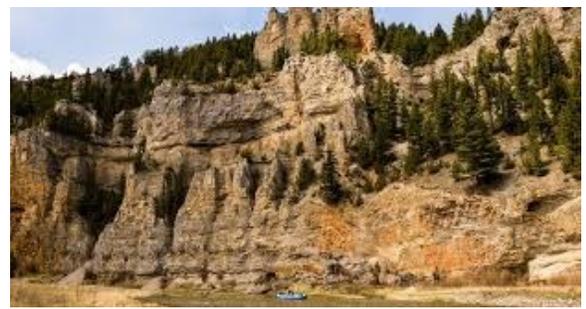
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Saturday October 19 at 5:00 PM Keith McCafferty returns for the paperback release of *A Death in Eden*. His Montana mysteries feature Sheriff Martha Ettinger, Sean Stranahan, and Harold Little Feather among a cast of other characters. They are all great to spend time with, but Harold Little Feather is a particularly appealing character and he has the lead in this edge of your seat story. Harold recently left his post as one of Martha's deputies to take a position as a detective with the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation. He just came off of an undercover investigation involving some nasty men poaching bear to sell their gallbladders. It was not an assignment he enjoyed, the men were dangerous and Harold does not take kindly to hurting animals. So his new assignment is odd but welcome.

Montana's Smith River is so gorgeous and remote; it is a 7 year wait to receive a permit to float the river. Lately someone has been putting up scarecrows above the river, with signs saying "NOT ON MY WATCH" and "NO SMITH RIVER MINE", sentiments Harold might agree with but the powers that be want the perpetrator caught. Nonetheless, time spent on the river is an appealing prospect for Harold.



Documentary filmmaker Lillian Cartwright has permission to float the river with Clint McCaine (a wealthy man and manager of the mine project) and Bart Trueblood (president of Save the Smith dedicated to stopping the mine). Lillian figures the fur will fly with the two opponents trapped together on the river, giving her good filming opportunity. She hired Sam Meslik's outfit to handle the float, Sean Stranahan is helping Sam. As tensions rise and things grow sinister, Sheriff Martha Ettinger enters the fray.

Martha, Sean, and Harold will have far more on the line than they anticipated when Harold set out on the Smith River. I couldn't put this book down! Had to know what was happening with Harold Little Feather. There are also surprises about the characters. Series fans will love this entry! If you are reading Keith McCafferty for the first time, this will make you want to read all of his books. They have interesting plots, great settings, and characters that come to feel like good friends.

The Royal Wulff Murders starts the series. It could have been an accidental drowning but the man fished out of Montana's Madison River had a Royal Wulff lure hooked in his mouth. Sheriff Martha Ettinger intends to find out who hooked him; she is not a woman to cross. Sean Stranahan moved recently to Montana where he opened an art studio combined with a private detective agency. Sean's passions are art and fly fishing, the investigating is to help pay the bills. An attractive Southern singer hires Sean, his investigation and Sheriff Ettinger's cross paths.

The Gray Ghost Murders has Deputy Harold Little Feather going a round with a Grizzly Bear, not advisable. He was on Sphinx Mountain where Lothar, Katie Sparrow's Search and Rescue German Shepard, found two buried bodies. Sheriff Martha Ettinger suspects murder; the wilds of Montana adding an extra challenge to collecting evidence (remember the aforementioned Grizzly Bear). Sean Stranahan is hired by the Madison River Liars and Fly Tiers Club when a rare Gray Ghost fly is stolen. The investigations come together as the body count mounts.

Dead Man's Fancy has Sheriff Martha Ettinger searching for Nanika Martinelli, known as the Fly Fishing Venus, and easily recognizable from her flaming red hair. A rider-less horse returned to the Culpepper Dude Ranch prompting the search. Following the horse's hoof prints in the snow, Martha discovers one of the search team impaled on the antlers of an elk. Sean helps look for Nanika, leading to more trouble. The missing woman is known for her affinity for wolves, this plays into the story.

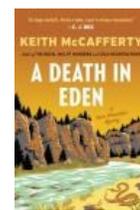
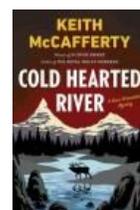
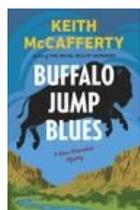
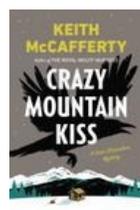
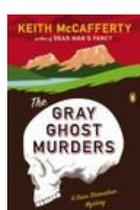
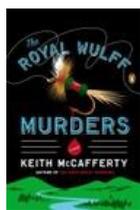
Crazy Mountain Kiss begins with the discovery of the body of a teenage girl wedged into the chimney of a cabin in the mountains. Sheriff Martha Ettinger realizes the dead girl, is Cinderella Huntington who has been missing for months. She hails from a family of gifted equestrians. Cindy was a rising rodeo star, a role her mother, Etta, filled in her youth, and her dad is a Hollywood stunt rider and consultant on western films. Cindy and her mother share a deep connection to horses. Etta, wanting questions answered, hires Sean.

In **Buffalo Jump Blues** Deputy Sheriff Harold Little Feather has a grim task in the aftermath of 4th of July. A herd of buffalo went over a buffalo jump, either panicked by the celebratory fireworks or stampeded in a reenactment of earlier native hunting practices. The animals lay at the base of the cliff moaning in pain, Harold Little Feather's task is to stop their suffering as humanely and quickly as possible. It is not easy, but it is the kindest thing he can do for the animals. Harold discovers a calf, miraculously uninjured. The law requires the animal's death; they have strayed off of park land. Harold is intent on saving this one lone survivor out of all the killing. Although there have been no cases of transmission of brucellosis from Bison to cattle in Montana, the law is clear, those buffalo were under a death sentence when they left the park. Francis Lucien Drake of the Montana Department of Livestock gets wind of the buffalo calf, he shows up with his triggerman, Calvin Barr, to kill the little animal. An action Harold will not abide. Sheriff Martha Ettinger begins an investigation on what made the buffalo jump (firework fright or people), then discovers the body of an Indian. Murder seems likely, upping the ante. Meanwhile Sean Stranahan is hired by a mermaid (truly) to find her childhood friend, John Running Boy.

Cold Hearted River breaks your heart as a couple encounters one of those sudden snowstorms where the temperature drops so cold it is painful to breathe. Of course things do not go well. Sheriff Martha Ettinger is left with haunted memories and an injured hand from her part in the tragedy. Unable to drive easily, and unwilling to take a few days off at home recuperating, she enlists Sean Stranahan's help in going back to the scene where they find a fly wallet with the initials EH, coincidentally the same initials shared by one of the greatest American authors of all time. Patrick Willoughby, the president of the Madison River Liars and Fly Tiers Club was approached a few days earlier by a man purporting to sell fishing gear from Ernest Hemingway. With this connection, the story is off and running and it is a grand ride indeed! Patrick hires Sean to investigate, Hemingway's fishing gear did go missing, perhaps the offer might be genuine. The fishing gear would be valuable, if parts of an unpublished story were included, the value would be beyond measure. More bodies pile up, memorable characters are introduced, and the action goes from Montana to Michigan, Wyoming, and ultimately Cuba. If you enjoyed *The Paris Wife*, you will find additional stories of Hemingway in this remarkable, literary mystery that I found terrific fun to read.

It is not necessary to be a fisherman to enjoy Keith McCafferty's novels, they are first and foremost great stories. Montana is like a character in each of the books, his evident love of the wilderness and experience with nature enhance each of his novels.

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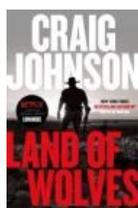
Upcoming Author Appearances

Saturday November 9, 2019 at 5:00 PM **The Peterson Reference Guide to Woodpeckers of North America** by Stephen Shunk

Saturday January 18, 2020 **Race of Aces: WWII's Elite Airmen and the Battle to Become the Masters of The Skies** by John Bruning.

Join us to enjoy fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Many Author readings are free with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. Sign up to attend events by calling 541-593-2525, e-mailing sunriver-books@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.



September 21 Craig Johnson gave a presentation on the 15th novel in the Sheriff Walt Longmire series, **Land of Wolves**. In addition to the story, Grizzly bear and actors John Wayne and Michael Caine were mentioned. It was a hugely entertaining presentation!

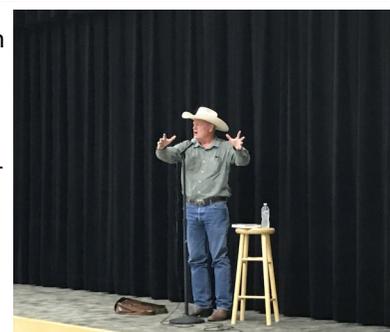
Thank you Craig Johnson for being a loyal friend to Sunriver Books & Music!!! We appreciate your generosity in returning to give fabulous presentations!

Thank you Judy Johnson for bringing all the comfortable, attractive Longmire hats, clothes and bumper stickers. Thank you Kat McClusky for helping Judy make the shopping experience fun. I replaced my well worn Red Pony hat, it has served me well for years! My favorite hat!

Thank you to Three Rivers School for making us feel so welcome in your facility and stepping in to provide a place for the event this year.

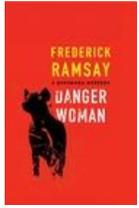
Thank you to our volunteers! We could not put this show on without your cheerful help. Thank you Carolyn Barr, Judith Whitfield, Janet Gordon, Donna Loring, Laura Colburn, Richard Weldon, and Holly Stites. Thank you to our staff Grant Gamble, David Lay, Sue Halvorsen, Marie Stites, Eddie Stites, and Lori Gascon.

A huge thank you to the audience!!! You were great! Without you these events could not happen. If you would like to be notified when tickets go on sale next year, please send an email to sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com to be added to the list.



A Month of Botswana.

Literature can take us on journeys to distant lands and bridge the gap of cultural differences. We can sink into the pages of a book and live other lives, walk through vastly changed landscapes, and experience other cultures. Literature can help us understand our world. Each year at Sunriver Books & Music we concentrate for one month on books from another region or country. Reading books set in far off places can expand your horizons, inspire you to travel, and perhaps bring understanding or empathy to your feelings about them. This year we are ambitiously concentrating on Botswana. All of the book club selections and the recommendations in this newsletter (other than author events) for the month of October will be related to Botswana. More books on Africa will be listed on our website at sunriverbooks.com.



Danger Woman by Frederick Ramsay is a combination of a Russian mafia thriller and Wild Kingdom, lots of fun to read. Oleg Lenka was a low level Mafioso in St. Petersburg but as the Russian mob expanded into Western territory, so too did Lenka. The force behind his organization is Irina Davidova, she came up hard through forced work in brothels to catching the notice of a man, Lenka, she felt she could make something of, all they needed was a relatively undiscovered territory. They found it in Botswana where the new casino built by American Leo Painter caught their attention. Leo's right hand man is Yuri Greshenko, a Russian mobster who has gone straight but still has warrants and secrets he needs to keep in order to stay in Botswana. Irina sees this as leverage to move in and take over. Using their usual methods, they find disposing of bodies is much easier here, just dump them in the Chobe National Park and let the animals clean up.

Ole Anderson, a scientist doing research on hyenas discovers a human skull. He quickly reports the finding to Chobe National Park Superintendent Sanderson, who informs the head of local police, Superintendent Mwambe, a man who generally regards her as a thorn in his side. She has hopes the case will be kicked up the ladder to Inspector Kgabo Modise of the Botswana police in Gaborone. Her hopes were not in vain, and soon the tension rises as the mobsters intent on taking over continue their violent ways in a country equally intent on getting rid of them. Chapters with Ole Anderson's research subjects, the hyenas led by a wily, brave female, Kotsi Mosadi (*Danger Woman*), are interspersed. The mystery is fun to read, but what caught my attention most was the strong respect of the police and National Park personnel for the wildlife.

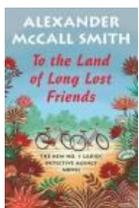


Deadly Harvest by Michael Stanley has Assistant Superintendent David "Kubu" Bengu of the Botswana Police involved in mentoring Detective Samantha Khama who has been assigned a cold case, the disappearance of Lesego, a young girl. Samantha, the first woman detective in Botswana police, is fiery and bold in her indignation, worried that the young girl might have been the victim of a witch doctor who would use her for body parts to make *muti* for a wealthy customer. Outraged that the local police sat on the disappearance, did not spend energy in investigating, this seems to be a dismissal of violence against women, something she has vowed to fight. Samantha is not best pleased when Kubu councils taking things slowly, getting to know the local police and working with them. Her outrage really flares again when another girl, Tombi, goes missing and she is not notified by the local cops promptly, letting precious time pass. Kubu is impressed with Samantha's dedication and quick intelligence, even though he is somewhat taken aback by her fiery determination.

Director Mabaku has put Kubu in charge of investigating threats against a popular politician, Bill Marumo, a man Kubu does not really like but who might just be the next president of Botswana. Tombi's father, Witness, is driven mad by the loss of his child and the dismissal of the case by the local cops; fearing no one is doing anything he decides he must act causing a bad situation to become even worse.

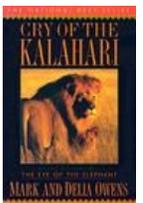
This is a more serious entry into this fine series as Kubu is also facing worry at home. His foster daughter, Nono, has become listless and lost her voracious appetite. It is apparent the drugs keeping her HIV positive status from turning into full blow AIDS have stopped working, if a new treatment regime doesn't kick in, her life could hang in the balance. Kubu loves his family, his wife Joy and his daughters, Tumi and Nono. Seeing his family in distress is tearing him apart. He is also worried about his father, Wilmon, who is becoming forgetful.

What this series does very well is present issues of importance, such as the difference between kindly healers using herbs and traditional medicines and those using animal and human parts to feed on the fear of their customers. It is difficult for a country to eradicate the belief in these cruel practices, old beliefs can be heavily ingrained. Yet the series never loses the empathy, humor, and kindness it portrays.



To the Land of Long Lost Friends by Alexander McCall Smith, number 20 in the **Number One Ladies Detective** series, releases October 22. Precious Ramotswe, the No. 1 Lady Detective in Botswana, is surprised to see an old friend, Calvinah Ramoroka, among the guests at a wedding. The two women reconnect over a lunch date and Calvinah tells Precious of her sadness at the recent changes in her daughter, the two hardly speak anymore. Seeing her friend's distress, Precious of course wants to get to the bottom of this change in behavior to reunite mother and daughter.

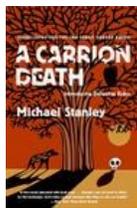
Grace is not satisfied with submitting a report exonerating a husband from his wife's suspicion that he was cheating on her. Despite their surveillance showing nothing shady, Grace wants to dig further. And their assistant Charlie would like to wed his girlfriend, Queenie-Queenie but he doesn't have the money for a bride price. Queenie-Queenie has an idea that might get Charlie into much hot water. The characters and their striving to do right make this series a real charmer.



Cry of the Kalahari by Mark and Delia Owens is their memoir of setting off fresh from graduation, in January 1974, to the Kalahari desert as research scientists in search of a grant. They were hundreds of miles from anything; water, help, food. Yet this idealistic young couple thrived. They focused on hyena, an animal much misunderstood, eventually succeeding in obtaining grant funds to continue research that had begun on a shoestring. Their animal encounters with lions, jackals, antelope, giraffes, and many others are fascinating and they relay them well. I wanted to know these animals who survived in such a rugged environment yet managed to also have a sense of mischief and fun. I wouldn't mind at all having a panther lie down to rest at the opening to my tent! What a gift to experience these encounters! They also write about the harm done to wildlife as humans encroach on their range. A wonderful, detailed account of 7 years in Botswana.

October 2019 Book Clubs

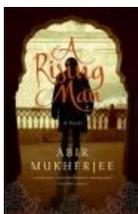
Books can take you to new lands, let you experience different cultures, and expand horizons. This October is **A Month of Botswana**. Join us to read books set in Botswana. Book Club discussions are held on Mondays at 6 PM, everyone is welcome.



October 14 Mystery Book Club discusses **Carrion Death** by Michael Stanley (Michael Sears and Stanley Trollip). Assistant Superintendent David “Kubu” Bengu of the Botswana police is a big likeable fellow, devoted to his wife, thankful for the chances in life that led him to college and a passion for opera. Detectives in Botswana have a few challenges our cops do not face, such as having the body of the victim dined on by the local animals leaving nothing but some bones behind. This is the situation when Kubu is sent to Dale’s Camp out in the back of beyond where ranger Andries Botha and Dr. Sibisi Bongi discovered what was left of someone, probably a murder victim and possibly a white man adding more complications. Kubu will have other issues to contend with as the story takes us to the hand over of power in one of the country’s more powerful companies involved in diamond mining. If you read the **Number One Ladies Detective** series by Alexander McCall Smith, I suspect you will find much to enjoy in this series featuring Kubu.



October 21 Fiction Book Club discusses **White Dog Fell From the Sky** by Eleanor Morse. It was not difficult to get on the wrong side of the authorities in 1976 South Africa if you are black; in fact, it is very easy. Isaac Mutherthe, a young medical student, witnessed the murder of his friend by authorities, now his life is in jeopardy and he must flee into neighboring Botswana leaving his family behind. Isaac meets two special beings in Botswana; white dog and Alice Mendelsohn. Without papers or prospects his options are few. Isaac is fortunate to find work as a gardener. Alice sees that Isaac is a bright young man; she intuits that he is in some kind of trouble; and forges a friendship with her young gardener. When he goes missing Alice refuses to believe that Isaac abandoned his job, she searches for him learning truths about herself and Africa that will change her life. Luminous writing, a poignant story, and moments of grace.



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

Everyone is welcome, light refreshments are served.

November

November 4 **Born a Crime** by Trevor Noah [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

November 11 **A Rising Man** by Abir Mukherjee [Mystery Book Club](#)

November 18 **Warlight** by Michael Ondaatje [Fiction Book Club](#)

December

December 2 **A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court** by Mark Twain [Fiction & Classics Book Club](#)

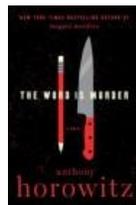
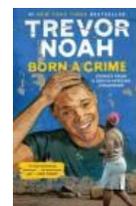
December 9 **The Word is Murder** by Anthony Horowitz [Mystery Book Club](#)

Happy New Year!

January 6, 2020 **Chances Are** by Richard Russo [Fiction Book Club](#)

January 13 **Black Water Lilies** by Michael Bussi [Mystery Book Club](#)

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