



# Sunriver Books & Music

## September 2014

### Newsletter

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Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM Jane Kirkpatrick returns with a new work of historic fiction. ***A Light In The Wilderness***. Kirkpatrick penned a fascinating story, blending fiction and fact, about a free black woman from Missouri who traveled the Oregon Trail to the Oregon Territory.

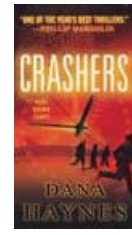
Letitia moved from Kentucky to Missouri with the Bowman family; set free by the Patriarch she continued to serve them until their move to Oregon. Remaining behind in Missouri she arranged to live with Davey Carson, an Irish immigrant. This is a woman determined to make her way and remain free, she works hard. Eventually Davey Carson and Letitia form a closer bond and when Carson heads out for Oregon, this time she goes along. Nancy Hawkins is not keen to head for Oregon, but her husband Zachariah is determined. Nancy likes her settled life, she is afraid of journeying on a wagon train but she would follow her husband anywhere so it is westward ho. Eventually Letitia's path crosses with Betsy, a Kalapuya Indian, and her grandson Little Shoot. Betsy is trying to teach him the ways of his people in a changing world.

Known for capturing the story of strong women who made significant contributions to history and for her meticulous research, Kirkpatrick crafts a story that feels like stepping back in time. What would life be like for a black woman trying to live free in the days before the Civil War? Although her papers declared her freedom, the Bowman's continued to treat her as a slave. Patrols roamed the nights, sometimes grabbing a free black person, destroying their papers and selling them off for a tidy profit. In Missouri Letitia could not buy property, even buying the cow, Charity, she required the help of Davey Carson, a white man. Her life is full of struggle but also determination and an admirable belief in her own self-sufficiency. The story takes the reader through the ways of life in Missouri, on to the travails of journeying on the Oregon Trail, to conditions in Oregon where Letitia's struggles to preserve her rights are far from over as she faces fresh challenges. The reader gets a real sense of what Oregon was like before the Civil War. Nancy and Betsy are both very sympathetic characters. Nancy illustrating the choices a woman could face as a settler and Betsy showing the hardships of the changing circumstances for Native Americans.

Kirkpatrick has many books telling stories of strong women who contributed to history in meaningful ways, stories that would otherwise be lost. Spring means the scent of lilacs blooming to me. If you love that scent like I do, a visit to Hulda Klager's beautiful and intoxicatingly fragrant garden in Woodland Washington is a treat. ***Where Lilacs Still Bloom*** is the fascinating story of a passionate gardener who created a slew of gorgeous, fragrant new lilac cultivars at a time women were not expected to have interests outside homemaking. She also lived through major events including the VanPort flood that wiped out a city and covered Woodland in water. ***An Absence so Great*** and ***A Flickering Light*** tell the story of Kirkpatrick's grandmother Jessie. Jessie was captivated by photography. Fortune smiled when she landed a job in the photographic studio of F. J. Bauer. ***Aurora*** is a work of non-fiction full of historical detail and pictures about the founding of Aurora Oregon. It shows the beautiful quilts women created while they made homes for themselves in the Pacific Northwest. Emma Geisy overcame adversity and was an important part of Aurora's history. Emma's struggles and triumphs inspired a trilogy; ***A Clearing in the Wild***, ***A Tendering in the Storm*** and ***A Mending at the Edge***. Helga Estby's walk across the US in a desperate bid to save the family farm was documented in ***Bold Spirit*** by Linda Hunt, but what about the daughter, Clara, who accompanied her on the trek? Kirkpatrick tells her story in ***The Daughter's Walk***. In 1896 the two lone women walked from Spokane to New York, taking only the possessions they could carry to sustain them on their journey. They traveled in dresses and jackets, with simple shoes. No Gore-Tex rain gear, ultra-light tents, or soft cushy sleeping bags for them. ***One Glorious Ambition; The Compassionate Crusade of Dorothea Dix*** is the story of a determined woman. Thank heavens for zealots, the true believers who look on a wrong and have the chutzpah to believe they can make a difference. Edmond Burke said "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." Let's amend that to include women. Dix's life changed when she taught a Sunday school class to a group of women incarcerated in a Massachusetts prison. She toured the part of the prison housing debtors and the insane; the conditions were horrific. She determined to do something. One woman; prior to the Civil War, when women could not vote and the men owned the property. She worked for change across the US and Europe; a glorious ambition. These are just a few of Kirkpatrick's historical fiction featuring brave, gutsy women.

Committing to work towards effecting positive change is something Jane Kirkpatrick practices in her own life. Every year she donates time to lead a walk here in Sunriver benefiting Newberry Habitat for Humanity. We have good, hardworking families in Central Oregon that are unable to afford a home. September is a lovely month, perfect for walking. Tickets are \$10 with all the proceeds benefiting Newberry Habitat for Humanity. On Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM join Jane Kirkpatrick for a grand walk. The 3.1 mile route begins at Sunriver Books & Music, proceeds to the Lodge, across the meadow with a view of Mt. Bachelor and returns to Sunriver Books & Music. To purchase tickets costing \$10 for the walk contact Sunriver Books & Music.





Saturday September 20th at 5:00 PM Dana Haynes returns for a presentation on **Gun Metal Heart**.

Why should the guys have all the fun? Women can be action heroes too! Daria Gibron was an Israeli Shin-Bet operative until she ran afoul of her handlers. Now she freelances, happiest when the action is hot and deadly. Brilliant, drop dead beautiful, tough as nails, and able to speak many languages, she is more than a match for the bad guys. She first appeared as a character in Dana Haynes' earlier book, **Crashers**, about a plane crash outside Corvallis, Oregon. **Gun Metal Heart** finds Daria recuperating from injuries suffered while foiling an elaborate conspiracy involving the CIA in Hayne's last book, **Ice Cold Kill**. Caladri, on the coast of Italy, is a little village in the back of beyond. The residents are leery of strangers, it is far from trendy, just the

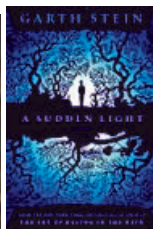
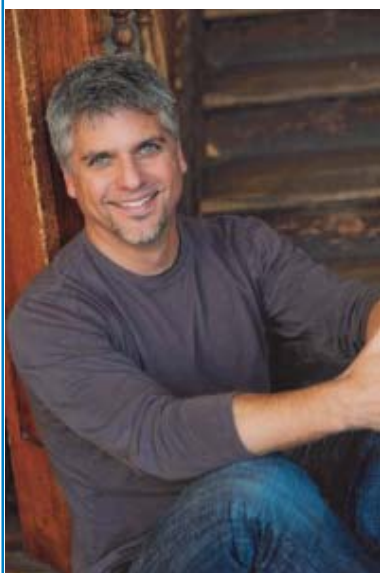
place Daria needs to put herself back together. Diego and Guzman hired on to protect Dr. Gabriella Incantada, an aerospace designer with a new weapon she is about to unveil and sell. They were in Florence when the White Scorpions, a Serbian mercenary group with a penchant for cruelty, grabbed Guzman. Diego knows only one person with the smarts and guts to help, Daria Gibron. The White Scorpions have formed an uneasy alliance with an ice cold blond going by the name Major Arcana, they are up to no-good. Adding to the mayhem, a group of CIA agents vowed vengeance on Daria. There is plenty of action, Haynes books have a pyrotechnic quality, they are highly charged. Hollywood should get wind of this series; Daria Gabron would look great on the Silver Screen. Her zest, energy, and ability to survive against the odds make her an intriguing character. Dana Haynes is a very entertaining speaker, it should be a fun event.

Author events are free and we will have refreshments and drawings for prizes. Please call 541-593-2525, e-mail [sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriver-books@sunriverbooks.com) or stop by Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend.

### Upcoming Author Appearances

- Saturday October 18th at 5:00 PM **Crooked River** by Valerie Geary
- Saturday October 25th at 5:00 PM **Goodhouse** by Peyton Marshall
- Saturday November 1st at 5:00 PM **Sometimes The Wolf** by Urban Waite.
- Tuesday November 11th at 5:30 PM at the SHARC Center, **Wait For Signs** by Craig Johnson
- Saturday December 6th at 5:00 PM **Falling From Horses** by Molly Gloss
- Saturday February 14th 2015 at 5:30 PM at the SHARC Center, **A Sudden Light** by Garth Stein

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 to attend and be entered in the prize drawings. Space may be limited for some events. Check our web site, [Sunriverbooks.com](http://Sunriverbooks.com), for changes and additions.



### Coming Soon!

Tuesday November 11, 2014 at 5:30 at the SHARC Center.

Craig Johnson –**Wait For Signs**.



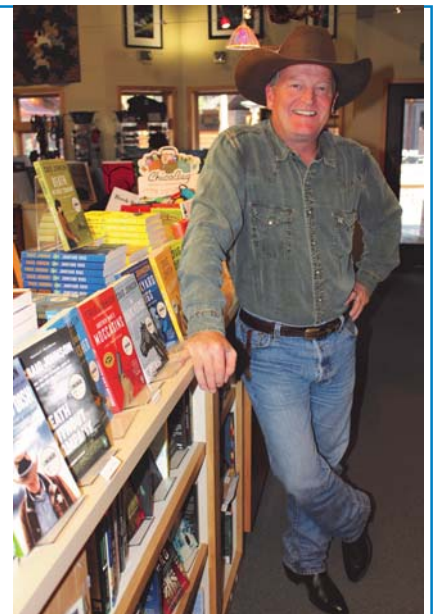
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Garth Stein—**A Sudden Light**.

Contact us to pre-order the books and sign up to attend the free events.

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Sign up early to hear great presentations from these very popular authors!  
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## A Month of Scotland

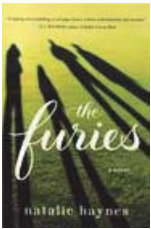
Every year we spend one month focusing on another country or region. Jet age travel lets us physically visit a wide variety of places, but reading a book will allow you to live another life, another culture, another landscape. Books are a great way to step into another reality and begin understanding the viewpoint of cultures different from ours, of understanding the need of geography alien to our own. This year we are concentrating on Scotland.

### Nancy Nelson Recommends:



***Under The Wide and Starry Sky*** by Nancy Horan. The year is 1875. Fannie de Griff Osbourne has become weary of her husband Sam's philandering ways. She has secured from him money and a promise of monthly support. Soon after she and her children arrive in Antwerp. Fannie has high hopes of attending the Royal Academy of Fine Art there. Much to her dismay, the school does not accept female students. Disappointment and tragedy bring Fannie and her brood to Paris. There she meets Robert Louis Stevenson, known as "Louis" to his friends. Though he is young, many years younger than Fannie, he finds himself quite smitten with her. Fannie's husband, in the meantime, convinces her to return with him to Monterey, California. The story goes back and forth between Fannie's life and Louis's. We are told that Louis has spent most of his childhood as a near invalid with severe lung problems. Thus he spent his younger years creatively, making up adventure stories, playing with his mind where his body could not participate. His health is an issue with which he must struggle all of his life. Nevertheless, he follows Fannie, fully believing that he can win her over, knowing that she and her husband do not love one another. As their story continues, so does their tumultuous relationship. This is a book that left me a bit breathless, happy to have been able to take that life journey with these two incredibly creative interesting people.

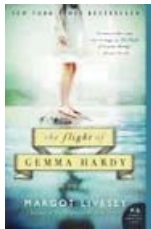
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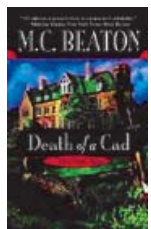
***The Furies*** by Natalie Haynes. Alex flees her life on the stage in London after the death of her fiancé, taking a position in Edinburgh as the drama teacher for a group of last chance teens. She focuses on Greek Tragedies, forging real connections with her charges, not realizing what effect the plays would have on the psyches of the troubled teens. The Greeks were big on violence and retribution, revenge featured heavily. As the novel opens, the reader knows something has gone terribly awry, Alex narrates the story teasing out mayhem slowly, letting her own secrets bubble and brew. This taut psychological drama will keep you turning pages. Alex is a sympathetic, interesting character. Sometimes the smallest act can change a life. A furiously good read!



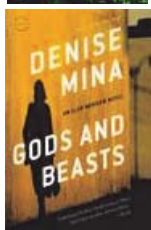
***The Hand That First Held Mine*** by Maggie O'Farrell is breathtaking! Lexie wants to live big, experience life to the fullest. And for a while she succeeds. Taken under the wing of her lover, flamboyant Innes Kent, she explores the ins and out of reporting on fine art. Decades later Elina nearly dies in childbirth, frightening her lover Ted. She hazily navigates the first days of motherhood as Ted starts to remember. Their lives will be connected by a long hidden secret. Twists and turns aplenty flourish in this compelling story with great characters.



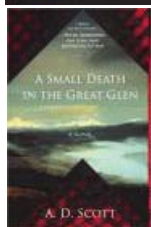
***The Flight of Gemma Hardy*** by Margot Livesey updates Charlotte Bronte's Jane Eyre to the 1960's minus the mad wife in the attic. Gemma is orphaned when her father perishes at sea, taken in by a kind uncle, then given the boot by her harridan aunt when the uncle passes too. A rough start for a young girl. She is sent to a boarding school where she has to earn her keep by working round the clock, leaving her too exhausted to concentrate on her lessons. Landing a job as a nanny on the remote Orkney Islands, Gemma, like her predecessor Jane, comes under the influence of people who will change her life. Gemma is a plucky character, with a tendency to cut and run when faced with startling discoveries (hence the title). She finds that the path to happiness in the future may lie in understanding the past. This is an entertaining rethinking of Charlotte's Gothic classic.



M.C. Beaton's ***Death of a Cad*** is part of her delightful series set in a small hamlet in the Scottish Highlands featuring local constable Hamish Macbeth. Poor Hamish is down hearted by beautiful Priscilla Halburton-Smythe's engagement to a handsome London playwright. One of the guests at the engagement party is not having a great time either; Captain Bartlett is shot dead on a grouse hunt. Hamish will have to solve the murder while scuttling the wedding plans; he is going to be a busy guy!

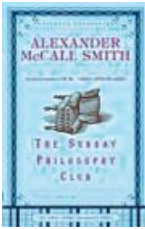


***Gods and Beasts*** by Denise Mina. The week before Christmas a grandfather is gunned down in a Glasgow post office during a robbery. Moments before his death, the dignified old man passed his grandson off to a stranger. Martin held the child while the grandfather died, becoming part of their story. DS Alex Morrow is on the scene right away, but nothing is as it seems and she will have a time following complicated threads to solve the murder. Kenny Gallagher is a politician with a problem, known as a champion of the little guy, he is standing for election again, but Kenny has been a very bad boy with one of his very young assistants. Gritty and compelling with a strong female protagonist, mystery fans will find much to enjoy.



***A Small Death in the Great Glen*** by A.D. Scott is the first in her series. Life in a Scottish village circa 1950 seems bucolic on the surface. But scratch a little beneath and the scene is not so pretty. McAllister left the big city to be editor in chief of a small rag, The Highland Gazette, trying to change it into a paper that delivers relevant, hard hitting news. Joanne Ross is trying to raise her daughters, trying to survive a difficult marriage, and working at McAllister's paper. The death of a small child shocks the townsfolk. Joanne's daughters knew the child, making it all the more personal for her. Conveniently enough a Polish sailor has jumped ship in the harbor, he must have done the dirty deed. It couldn't be one of the locals. Or could it? The characters are engrossing and likeable.

## September 2014 Book Clubs.



Each year at Sunriver Books & Music we concentrate for one month on books from another region or country. Scotland is our destination for this September. Literature can take us on journeys to distant lands and bridge the gap of cultural differences. Books allow us to live in other cultures, walk through vastly different landscapes, and experience other lands through their pages. Literature can help us understand our world. Sink into a comfy chair with a good book and visit Scotland. Our newsletter and website, [sunriverbooks.com](http://sunriverbooks.com), will have suggestions for more books. Book Clubs are on Monday at 6:30 PM, everyone is welcome, it is a great way to meet other passionate readers.



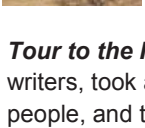
September 1<sup>st</sup> the Mystery Book Club discusses *The Sunday Philosophy Club* by Alexander McCall Smith, the first in his Isabel Dalhousie series set in Edinburgh. Isabel attended a concert in the Usher Hall; on her way out she stopped on the landing to chat with a friend, Jennifer. As the two women look on, horrified, a man falls from the upper level, past them, to the floor below. For Isabel, witnessing this man's fall has profound moral implications, she feels obligated to find out more about him and determine if he fell, jumped or was pushed. All of her friends and relatives try to dissuade her, to no avail; Isabel is a strong willed woman. The story offers a glimpse of society in Edinburgh and gives the reader a feel for the beauty of the city.



September 8<sup>th</sup> the Fiction Book Club discusses *Letters from Skye* by Jessica Brockmole. In 1912 a young American college student begins a correspondence with a married Scottish poet living on the Isle of Skye. At first the letters are light amusing missives full of hijinks and life. Elspeth finds the letters from her young fan entertaining and David is certainly up to the task, among his adventures was releasing a bag full of wild squirrels into the women's dorm at his college. As time passes the tone changes, David dreads living up to the life his physician father intended. War begins and the world is no longer so carefree. In 1940 Margaret does not understand why her indulgent mother is so dead set against Margaret's romance with a young soldier. When a bomb shatters their apartment building, Elspeth disappears leaving behind a stack of old letters that set Margaret on a quest to discover the secrets of the past and track down her missing mother. This is a charmer, a lot of fun to read and it leaves you feeling good.



September 15<sup>th</sup> the Classics Book Club discusses *Kidnapped* by Robert Louis Stevenson. David Balfour leaves his small village after the death of his parents, carrying a letter; he sets out to the House of Shaws in Cramond, home of his uncle Ebenezer Balfour. David is keen to make his way in the world and hopeful the letter to his uncle will pave the way. It is not to be so. Cramond is three days journey from David's village, as he approaches and inquires of passersby of the House of Shaws the answers are not comforting to the lad. If it were closer by, he would return to his village. Nevertheless David pushes on and arrives at the derelict House of Shaw to discover his uncle is not an honorable man. David will have many adventures; being kidnapped (of course, considering the title) escaping, traveling across Scotland. Stevenson uses many real figures of the time and mixes in political intrigue. It is a rip snorting good yarn!



September 22<sup>nd</sup> the Travel Essay Book Club plans to discuss *A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland and a Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* by Samuel Johnson and James Boswell. In August and September of 1773 Johnson and Boswell, two brilliantly talented writers, took a trip through Scotland. Being of a literary disposition, they kept journals. They ruminate on the social structure of their day, the people, and the political. Johnson was attracted to the wild areas of Scotland, the places where nature's beauty was on full display.



### Upcoming Book Club Dates for Monday Evenings at 6:30 PM Please note a couple schedule changes in the list below!

October 6th 2014 *Zorro* by Isabel Allende [Fiction Book Club](#) [Banned Book Selection](#)

October 13th 2014 *The Light In The Ruins* by Chris Bohjalian [Mystery Book Club](#)

October 20th 2014 *Midnight's Children* by Salman Rushdie [Classics Book Club](#)

November 3rd, 2014 *Black Betty* by Walter Mosley [Mystery Book Club](#)

November 10th 2014 *In A Sudden Light* by Garth Stein [Fiction Book Club](#)

November 17th 2014 *Behind The Beautiful Forevers* by Katherine Boo [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

December 8th 2014 *Spirit of Steamboat* by Craig Johnson [Mystery Book Club](#) and [Fiction Book Club](#)

December 15th 2014 *A Christmas Carol* by Charles Dickens [Fiction Book Club](#) and [Classics Book Club](#)

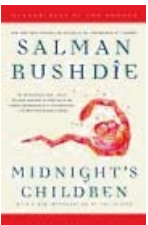
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January 5th 2015 *Silkworm* by J.K. Rowling (alias Robert Galbraith) [Mystery Book Club](#)

January 12th 2015 *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* by Rachel Joyce [Fiction Book Club](#)

January 19th 2015 *Jerry Lee Lewis: His Own Story* by Rick Bragg [Non-Fiction Book Club](#)

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