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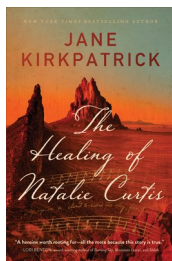
### Newsletter

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**September has great in person author events!**

**Craig Johnson, author of the Sheriff Walt Longmire series, will be with us Wednesday September 22. That said check with us as events beyond our control may cause changes. All of the events require vaccination and masks.**



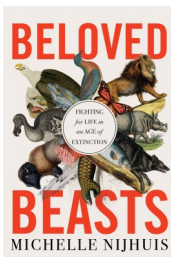
Saturday September 4 at 5 PM Jane Kirkpatrick presents her latest historic fiction, **The Healing of Natalie Curtis**. In order to reduce risk, the attendees must be vaccinated. The audience will be limited to 25 to allow for social distancing. This is a ticketed event, purchase any of Jane Kirkpatrick's many books of historic fiction at Sunriver Books & Music for a ticket to attend.

Natalie Curtis was a child prodigy. Music was her life, her passion. It must be challenging for a child to focus with such intensity, honing an exceptional talent. It must also be difficult for the whole family as that talent is nurtured and shaped. Tiger Woods, Elton John, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart all had an extraordinary gift. So did Natalie Curtis. Until she publicly broke down in her early twenties. About to reach the pinnacle of success as a pianist and singer, set to perform with the New York Philharmonic, she melts down. No longer able to perform, Natalie sheltered with her family for five long years. Just getting up in the morning was a struggle; she was weak, depressed, devoid of joy.

The whole Curtis family lived together, except for her bother George. Years earlier, he left his job with the library and headed west in hopes the dry desert air would improve his health. George thrived in the west, became a cowhand, and fell in love with the landscape. On a rare visit home, telling stories of his life on the ranch, he caught Natalie's interest. Feeling the west might work its magic on Natalie, he persuaded her to travel with him, despite their mother's misgivings. He would return for her in a few months, and in 1902 together they would journey to California, Arizona, and New Mexico.

Natalie threw herself into preparation for the trip. An ardent researcher, she started reading about Native Americans and was appalled by the Code of Offenses that prohibited Native Americans from singing, dancing, or speaking their languages. In the early part of the 1900's, it was felt that Native Americans should assimilate, should embrace the ways of white culture, becoming more like the people who had taken their lands and way of life. Today, diversity is celebrated. Not so much so back then.

Stopping off over the holidays at the house of friends in Pasadena, Natalie is enchanted by the Native Americans who take part in the festivities and sing for her. When George and Natalie travel to Yuma, she hears an elderly woman singing in the distance. Compelled by the song, Natalie finds the singer and begins a deeper journey to immerse herself in Native song and culture. When officials step in to prohibit the singing, Natalie writes her relative, President Teddy Roosevelt regarding the injustice. Thus begins a campaign to free Native Americans of the Code of Offenses. And away we go!



Saturday September 18 at 5 PM Michelle Nijhuis presents **Beloved Beasts**. Audience will be limited to 25 vaccinated attendees. Sunriver Nature Center has also been getting the word out about the author event. People interested in the natural world will find this book fascinating.

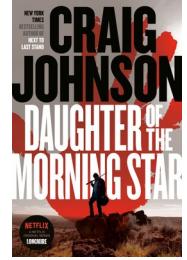
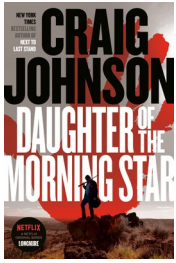
Species across the globe are imperiled as loss of habitat, hunting, environmental degradation and a host of human causes take a toll. We are losing species. We are failing to live in harmony with the wilderness. **Beloved Beasts** is a hopeful book as it tells of people who individually changed the course of impending harm to a variety of species. It is a book that proves an individual can make a difference.

**Beloved Beasts** starts out with the Smithsonian and an exploration of the way species are named. From there it goes to William Temple Hornaday who was a big game hunter in the 1800's then proved that people can change by switching allegiances to become a man dedicated to the preservation of animals and a force to be reckoned with in conservation. While he wasn't too good with people, he was passionate about animals. Vast herds of Buffalo used to roam the plains. They were slaughtered by hunters for sport. Congress recognized the danger of decimating the buffalo and tried to act. But President Grant would have none of it. He believed Native Americans could be subdued if their source of food was eliminated. Hornaday switched from hunting bison, to fighting to save them.

Socialite Rosalie Edge took up the cause of defending birds (bird lovers will be enchanted). Her particular concern was raptors. Sportsmen liked shooting raptors. Farmers put a bounty on the raptors, considering them vermin. Rosalie was appalled, and when this wealthy woman was upset, she took action. There was a particular mountain in Pennsylvania where the raptors liked to hang out and the sportsmen liked to shoot them. Rosalie simply bought the mountain and put a stop to the hunting. She prodded the Audubon society into action, she protested, she made a joyful noise in fierce determination to save the birds.

There is a lot of history, abundant information on wildlife, the way we are all intertwined, and stories of people time should not forget.

***It's Almost Showtime!***



***Craig Johnson***

***Author of the New York Times Bestselling Sheriff Walt Longmire series.  
Inspiration for the hit TV drama Longmire***

***Presents  
Daughter of the Morning Star***

***6PM Wednesday September 22 at Three Rivers School. Ticket & vaccination required.***

Stop by, email [sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com) or call Sunriver Books & Music (541-593-2525) to pre-purchase ***Daughter of the Morning Star*** for a ticket to attend. Space is limited.



Judy Johnson will be bringing an assortment of hats, tee-shirts, and a variety of items with great designs from the LONGMIRE series.

Craig Johnson always puts on a great show! He has been a loyal friend to Sunriver Books & Music since we opened. The Sheriff Walt Longmire series has a long list of prestigious awards including Le Prix du Polar Nouvel Observateur/Bibliobs, Wyoming Historical Association's Book of the Year, France's Le Prix 813, the Spur Award, the Mountains and Plains Book of the Year, the Watson Award, the Library Journal's Best Mystery of the Year, and the Rocky award. They are internationally best selling books. Requests come in far and wide for events with Craig, yet he makes time for coming to Sunriver Books & Music. We are grateful!

Craig Johnson's Sheriff Walt Longmire series gave us characters that feel like good friends, every book is a chance to visit Walt, Vic, Henry to see what they have been up to. It is set in the land Craig Johnson calls home. He perfectly captures the wide open spaces and lonesome beauty of the Wyoming landscape. This is country that feels as if you could look up on a hillside to see horsemen riding along the edge.

***Daughter of the Morning Star*** has Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear traveling from Wyoming to Lame Deer Montana. Tribal Police Chief Lolo Long is a tough woman, a combat veteran of the Middle East, with a hair trigger temper. She is also the first woman to be immune to Henry Standing Bear's considerable charms (read ***As The Crow Flies***). She is concerned for the safety of her niece, Jaya.

About a year ago, Jaya's older sister disappeared driving home from Billings Montana. Jaya is a star player on the Lame Deer High School Basketball team. Since her sister disappeared, she has been getting into trouble and receiving death threats. Lolo worries the death threats may be connected to her sister's disappearance. She asks Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear for help.

Once Longmire starts investigating, the action heats up! Dead bodies accrue, Longmire even takes over coaching when the basketball coach is attacked. Delving into the goings on around Jaya, he runs afoul of some seriously dangerous bad guys, landing himself in mortal danger.

Native American women have been disappearing. A July 30, 2020 NBC news report by Erik Ortiz stated 2300 Native American women and girls are missing in the US. Craig Johnson writes with heart bringing attention to a tragic situation.

Photo of Craig Johnson with Sunriver Books & Music CEO Flashman by Dan Feer, photo of Craig & Judy Johnson by Dr. Sue Dougherty.





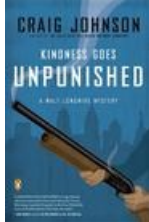
**Cold Dish** introduces the characters. Walt is a big guy who prefers talking his way out of trouble to fighting. Henry Standing Bear is tall, soft spoken, thoughtful, whip smart, a favorite of the ladies, and often quite funny. Vic, from a family of tough Philadelphia cops, has a razor sharp tongue, and is gleefully ready for action. Four white boys escaped serious consequences for raping a Native American high school girl. Years later, someone is shooting them.

**Death Without Company** opens with a death in an assisted living facility. Former Sheriff Lucien Connolly is positive the death was murder; The story goes to the past, a woman hard done by, and the Basque community.



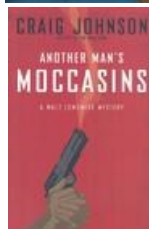
**Kindness Goes Unpunished** is set in Philadelphia where Cady, Walt's daughter, is a lawyer. Walt wants to meet her new beau. Henry Standing Bear is involved in a photo exhibition so the two men travel together, where they will meet trouble as they always do, side by side.

**Another Man's Moccasins** finds a dead Vietnamese girl along a road in Wyoming with a picture of Walt from years ago in Vietnam. The story moves back in time to Walt as a young Marine in the jungles of Southeast Asia.



**Dark Horse** has Walt holding a prisoner he fears is innocent. She was found with a gun in her hand, a shot dead husband in her burned house, and a confession. It doesn't add up for Walt, he goes undercover to find the truth. The horse is pretty cool too!

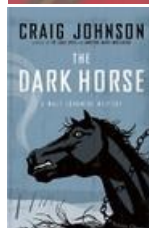
**Junkyard Dogs**. A new McMansion subdivision looks out to snowcapped mountains and down on a dump. The developer wants the dump closed. Add a Romeo and Juliet story for the older set and you have a heady brew of greed, passion, and intrigue.



**Hell is Empty** lets all the devils loose in a snow storm where Walt is following a band of stone cold killers after a hand off of prisoners to the Feds goes tragically awry. He climbs up the mountainside entering the circles of hell after armed and deadly men.

**As the Crow Flies** introduces Tribal Police Chief Lolo Long. She proved her bravery in Iraq, but her hair trigger temper and inexperience are not ideal in a Police Chief. Oddly enough, the prickly Lolo is immune to Henry Standing Bear's considerable charms.

**A Serpent's Tooth** begins with discovering Cord, a "lost boy" ejected from a rogue polygamous Mormon splinter group. Henry Standing Bear and Walt cross state lines to find answers at a heavily armed Mormon compound while Cord discovers movie DVDs and is inspired to try his hand at horse rustling. Cord is soon joined by his self-proclaimed protector, Orrin Porter Rockwell, Man of God, Sun of Thunder blessed by Joseph Smith himself, a man who died over a century ago.



**Any Other Name**. One of Former Sheriff Lucien Connolly's cronies, Detective Gerald Holman, either committed suicide or was helped from this world. Holman was working cold cases, should have been safe. Lucien asks Walt to figure out what went wrong.

**Dry Bones**. The last place any cop wants to be is in the middle of a territorial dispute between the FBI, the Justice Department, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, a local ranching family, and a museum of sorts. That's exactly where Sheriff Walt Longmire finds himself when the largest most complete T-Rex skeleton is discovered on a ranch owned by the Lone Elk family.

**An Obvious Fact**. Sheriff Walt Longmire and Henry Standing Bear go to Hulett, Wyoming near Devil's Tower National Monument and across the border from the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally. They travel in Henry's 68 Thunderbird, Lola, named for a mysterious woman from Henry's past. Lola the original, a stunningly dangerous beauty, shows up. Henry Standing Bear is reading Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories; a quote is apt, "*There is nothing more deceptive than an obvious fact.*"



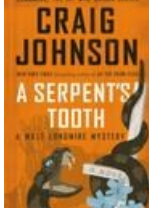
**The Western Star** moves between two time frames. Current day Sheriff Walt Longmire, Deputy Vic Moretti, former Sheriff Lucien Connolly and Henry Standing Bear are in Cheyenne trying to stop the release of a prisoner. Back in 1972 Walt was in his first days as a deputy, boarding the legendary train, **Western Star**, with Sheriff Lucien Connolly. The Sheriffs were riding across the state to relax, party a bit with other officers, and have a good time. On this ride, not all of the Sheriffs who board will survive.

**Depth of Winter**. There are some things worthy of risking your life. At the top of Longmire's list is his daughter Cady. Alone Longmire travels to Mexico where she is held captive by a sadistic drug lord. In a land where he has no jurisdiction, a country he was forbidden entry, he goes against an army of vicious drug runners.

**Land of Wolves** has Sheriff Walt Longmire and Deputy Vic Moretti heading into the high country to assess the death of a sheep. A lone wolf is the probable culprit in the sheep's demise. Vic is against shooting the wolf. Then they find the shepherd dead in suspicious circumstances. Walt's focus is on catching a two-legged predator.

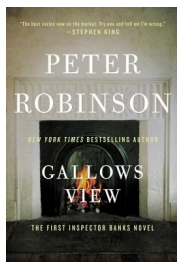
**Next To Last Stand**. Charley Lee Stillwater's death by heart attack at the Wyoming Home for Soldiers and Sailors presents Sheriff Walt Longmire with a conundrum. Why does Charley have a shoebox with a million dollars and a painting? Custer's Last Fight by Cassilly Adams depicting the Battle of the Little Big Horn was destroyed in a fire at Fort Bliss Texas in 1946, or was it? And away we go!

There are also 3 novellas; **Spirit of Steamboat**, **Wait for Signs**, and **The Highwayman**.



The picture of Craig Johnson is by Judy Johnson ..

In August in-person Book Club discussions resumed. Then the Delta variant of Covid-19 shot infection levels to new highs. Currently there is an indoor mask mandate. At present, we plan to keep going with the in-person discussions for vaccinated Book Club members. Zoom Book Club discussion are also a big part of Sunriver Books & Music now. Both Book Club groups have people I enjoy greatly. Book Clubs meet on Mondays at 6 PM. Contact [sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com](mailto:sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com) for information about attending Book Club discussions.

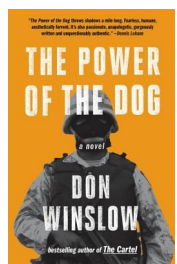


Mystery Book Club discusses **Gallows View** by Peter Robinson in-person on September 6 and via Zoom on September 13. This is the first in the Inspector Alan Banks series set in the village of Eastvale in Yorkshire. Alan moved his family from London to Yorkshire, hoping a small village in the countryside would bring peace and quiet. His dreams about the peaceful nature of the countryside are shattered by burglaries, a peeping Tom, and murder. This is a long running series with a likeable lead character. Alan Banks loves music and literature, enjoys long walks and hikes, cherishes his family, respects his coworkers and is serious about catching the bad guys.



Fiction Book Club is discussing a Banned Book selection in observance of Banned Book week. **A Prayer for Owen Meany** by John Irving will be discussed in person on September 20 and via Zoom on September 27. Considered a modern classic, **A Prayer for Owen Meany** is number 76 on the Banned Book list according to the American Library Association's Top 100 Banned Books 2000-2009. It was banned in Pennsylvania over language and content. In West Virginia it was banned in 2000 as pornographic and offensive. In 2009 in Massachusetts, it was banned for language and sexuality.

Owen Meany is a small child who lives a big life. Although diminutive in stature, during a baseball game he hits the ball with enough oomph that when it goes astray it hits and kills his best friend's mother. John Wheelwright, the best friend, is the narrator over the thirty years of Owen Meany's life the book follows. Owen Meany has a tendency to foresee events (including his own demise) and is convinced he is God's messenger. The Vietnam War features strongly in the story, Meany goes to war, Wheelwright heads north to Canada. As in all of John Irving's novels, there are many comedic moments and abundant hijinks.



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

Everyone is welcome, Meetings are held via Zoom and in person (vaccination required) Mondays at 6 PM.

**Times and dates are tentative due to current situation.**

#### October

In person 10-4 Zoom 10-11 **The Power of the Dog** by Don Winslow **Mystery Book Club Themed Month for Mexico.**

In person 10-18 Zoom 10-25 **American Dirt** by Jeannine Cummins **Fiction Book Club Themed Month for books set in Mexico.**

#### November

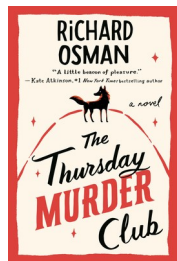
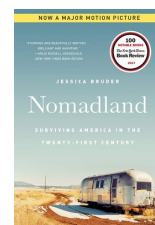
In person 11-1 Zoom 11-8 **Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman **Mystery Book Club**  
11-15 **Nomadland** by Jessica Bruder **Non-Fiction Book Club**

In person 11-22 Zoom 11-29 **Fresh Water For Flowers** by Valerie Perrin **Fiction Book Club**

#### December

**Searcher** by Tana French **Mystery Book Club**  
**The Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes **Fiction Book Club**

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