



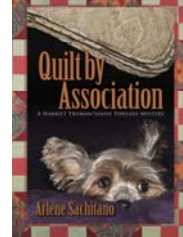
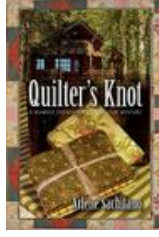
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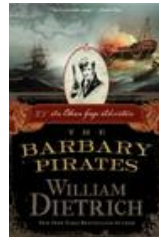
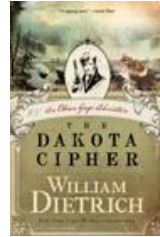
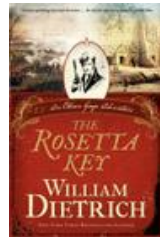
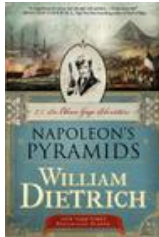
Saturday August 4th Sunriver will be colorfully decked out in beautiful quilts as we enjoy another of our grand an-

annual quilt shows. Be sure to come admire all the beautiful finely crafted quilts then stay for Arlene Sachitano's 5:30 presentation on her latest quilting mystery, **The Quilt Before The Storm**. Arlene's mystery series is set in the fictional town of Foggy Point near Port Angeles, Washington, a spectacularly beautiful setting. **Quilt as Desired**, first in the series, introduces Harriet as she takes over her Aunt Beth's quilt shop just in time for the murder of a quilter. **Quilter's Knot** has Harriet solving the murder of an instructor at a quilting retreat. **Quilt as you Go** finds Harriet involved in a Civil War Re-enactment. When the dust settles one of the corpses is seriously dead. Most perplexing, he seems to have died twice. **Quilt by Association** has lots of intrigue. An African woman with a blue eyed baby

comes to town looking for Aiden, Harriet's main squeeze. Within days the woman is dead. Harriet and her gang from the Loose Threads have another mystery to solve.

The latest in Arlene's entertaining quilting mystery series is **The Quilt Before The Storm**. Foggy Point is in the path of a fierce storm. Harriet and the Loose Threads quilting group are busy making plastic tarps and sewing flannel rag quilts for the homeless people destined to bear the brunt of the storm. But the homeless are vulnerable to more than the wild wind and floods, the evil among men is a greater threat. Someone has started killing people in the homeless camp and the local police are stranded by a rock slide. Harriet and the Loose Threads will have to catch the killer. The books are full of quilting detail and warm, likeable characters. The storm is wild, fierce, and terrifying as a big storm should be.

Saturday August 11th Sunriver will be in the midst of its annual Art Faire, and this year promises to be bigger with more local artists.



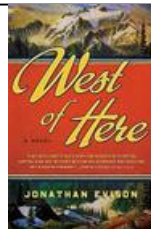
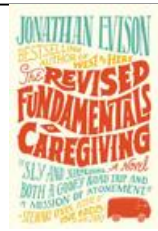
After you enjoy an afternoon strolling through the exhibits, joins us at 5:30 for William

Dietrich's presentation on the latest in his Ethan Gage series, **Emerald Storm**. This swashbuckling adventure series is great fun to read! Ethan is always in the most dire of difficulties, he is very resourceful in his escapes. Dietrich writes interesting stories spiced up with humor and thrills. **Emerald Storm** has Ethan carting around a stolen emerald with a long line of people willing to hurt him to take possession of the treasure. After a meeting with Napoleon, Ethan is thrown into cahoots with the Brits and sent to rescue Toussaint L'Ouverture from a prison in the French Alps. The action moves to the Caribbean where Ethan and his beautiful wife Astiza are on a treasure hunt for the riches of Montezuma and are drawn into the action during the slave revolt on Haiti. Dietrich seamlessly blends real characters and events from history with fictional characters to craft an entertaining story.



The Ethan Gage historical fiction series covers a lot of ground. The series begins with **Napoleon's Pyramids** centered on Napoleon's invasion of Egypt. **The Rosetta Stone** has the American adventurer, Ethan Gage, fleeing into Jerusalem in search of a beautiful woman. Before Lewis & Clark, President Thomas Jefferson sent Ethan Gage out to scout the west, in **The Dakota Cypher** our hero has an ulterior motive in tracking down a Norse legend. **Barbary Pirates** has Ethan hunting a valuable artifact with a gang of dangerous pirates in hot pursuit from France to Greece to Italy. William Dietrich gives the reader abundant historical detail about the world in the Napoleonic era while telling stories full of adventure, romance, legend, and thrills aplenty.

William Dietrich is Harvard educated and had a very good run as a reporter prior to turning his talents to fiction. We used to look for his stories in the Seattle Times, they were always excellent. He received the Pulitzer Prize for reporting on the Exxon Valdez disaster.



.Jonathan Evison and Willy Vlautin will be here for a double header on Saturday August 25th at 5:00.

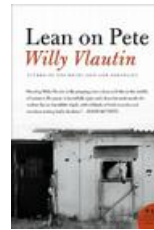
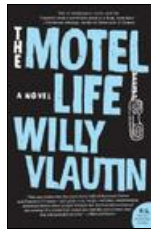
Jonathan Evison's new book, **Revised Fundamentals of Caregiving**, is daring, original, and full of heart. Fortune has not smiled on Benjamin lately; he is almost down to his last dollar when he takes a job as a caregiver for Trevor, a 19 year old kid confined to a wheelchair.

Benjamin has been out of the job market for quite a while, he was a stay at home dad until tragedy ended his marriage, now caregiving is the best he can do. Slowly he forges a relationship with Trevor until it is far more than a job. Their prickly beginning morphs into a friendship and inspires an audacious adventure. Evison is brilliant at bringing the reader to care about Trevor and Benjamin, to root for them as they navigate the hazards and joys of life. Wickedly funny, edgy, and heartwarming, this is a book that will surprise you.

Jonathan's last book **West of Here**, winner of the PNBA Award, was number 1 on my top ten list of 2011. Epic is far too tame a description for this ambitious novel set in a fictional Northwest town on the Olympic Peninsula. Evison gleefully chews up the landscape from 1890 to 2006. Dreamers and drifters, entrepreneurs, scoundrels, and hardworking everyday people all had a hand in settling the Northwest. Big trees, jagged, tall white capped mountains, lots of rain, and an unparalleled lushness defined the land. In the 1890's the settlers had lots of beautiful blank canvas to sculpt their desires. By 2006 the consequences of their choices come home to roost. Evison

treats his characters well, using humor and respect to drive his story forward. He writes boldly with confidence.

Willy Vlautin is a talented fellow. Not only does he write award winning books, he is also the lead singer for Richmond Fontaine and a gifted songwriter. His last book, **Lean on Pete**, won big at the Oregon Book Awards, winning both the Ken Kesey Award and the Reader's Choice Award. It is set mostly in Oregon and tells the story of a lonely teenager, Charley, who moves with his Dad from Spokane to a rental house in the Delta Park neighborhood of Portland and takes a part time job from an unsavory trainer at the race track. His only friend is Pete, a race horse on his last legs and treated poorly by Charley's boss. When Charley's Dad dies, the teenager falls through the cracks. The boy and the horse run away, but the world is not kind to run away teenagers and erstwhile, over the hill, race horses.



Vlautin's first book, **Motel Life**, should appear in theaters soon. Set in Reno, it tells the story of two brothers, Frank and Jerry Lee, who live in cheap motels until a tragic, drunk driving accident puts them on the run. Their belongings are meager, their claim on life tenuous.

Any way Jonathan and Willy structure the event it will be fun. Perhaps our hopes for music will be granted too. Northline is positively haunting and beautiful, We are most pleased to be able to present this talented duo!

September 1st Natalie Serber will be here for a presentation on **Shout Her Lovely Name**. We will have more information at sunriverbooks.com and in the September newsletter; we wanted you to know the event is on the horizon.

Please call 541-5903-2525, e-mail sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or stop by to sign up to attend. The event is free, re-

Upcoming Author Appearances

- Saturday September 1st 2012 **Shout Her Lovely Name** by Natalie Serber
- Saturday October 20th 2012 at 5:00 PM **The Case of DB Cooper's Parachute** by William Sullivan
- Saturday May 4th 2013 at 5:00 Jane Kirkpatrick
- Saturday May 5th 2013 at 11:30 AM Jane Kirkpatrick's Newberry Habitat for Humanity Walk

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, for changes and additions.

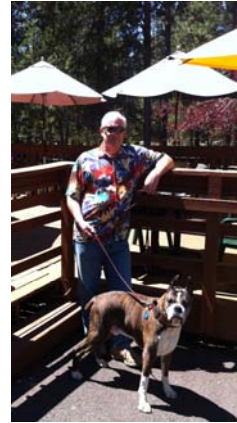
Flashman recommends dining with your dog!

He has a few favorite places in Sunriver he wants to share. We enjoy dining with Flashman, it can be hot in Central Oregon so we are grateful to restaurants that allow us to be accompanied by the furry family member. Leaving a dog alone in a hot car where temperatures can soar can have a deadly outcome.. Dining with your dog carries responsibility. It is a great kindness for restaurants to accommodate animal lovers, please be sure to have a well behaved dog who will not annoy other diners or cause any disturbance. It is very cheerful to see a dog sitting by its human outside on the patio, a perfect Sunriver moment, human and canine enjoying the sun and breeze while dining.



Café Sintra is our favorite place for breakfast. The food is great, the service is friendly, and they have outside seating perfect for sitting with your well behaved dog. Lunch is also great. They serve a salmon and apple pizza that sounds odd but tastes divine.

Village Bar and Grill has always been dog friendly, now they are in a new building with a splendid deck, perfect for dining with your dog! It is a colorful cheerful place with happy diners overlooking the heart of the Village.



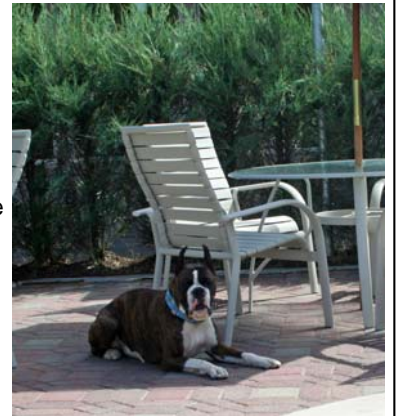
Carnivores will love their burgers too!



South Bend Bistro has fabulous dinners! The restaurant has an intimate European feel, with a few tables served brilliantly prepared food. Their deck overlooks the bike trail and is a great place to sit in the summer with your dog while enjoying a meal to remember. Call for reservations and to confirm your dog on the deck.

Marcello's has a deck surrounded by a tall hedge. They are amenable to allowing a limited number of very well behaved dogs on the deck if you make arrangements in advance. We dine at Marcello's frequently, I enjoy their asiago salmon dinner. For a casual meal, Marcello's makes fabulous pizza.

Hooray! Sunriver has a Brew Pub! Better yet, the food is great, and they allow well behaved dogs on their deck. I enjoy the River Ruben,



Rich was very pleased with his Fish & Chips. We plan on returning often and working our way through the menu. The staff did a great job of accommodating our group and serving delicious food just days after opening. Flashy is pictured with his girlfriend Otter. The humans are Rich Stonehouse, Caroline Lincoln, Marnie Brown, and Carolyn Barr (Judith and Sandy were out of camera range).

Bella Tazza also has outdoor seating where you can enjoy Central Oregon's best coffee and a pastry. They also make great sandwiches and casual dishes. The service is friendly, the coffee outstanding, and the food very tasty.

If you are dining at one of the restaurants above and must wait for your table, we are happy to have you browse our bookstore and have the restaurant call us when your table is ready. The bookstore's phone number is 541-593-2525.

**August 26-September 3rd.
Donate a book to Three Rivers School!**

It is hard for school districts to find the funds to keep their libraries and classrooms thriving with good literature. Help fuel the school children's passion for reading. Buy any book in the children's section at 35% off, we keep the book and deliver it to Three Rivers School with your name & address. The first child to read the book will write you a thank you note, thereafter the book is available for the Three Rivers students. A \$19.99 book would cost you \$12.99, a \$16.99 book will be \$11.05, a \$12.99 book becomes \$8.44, \$9.99 reduces to \$6.49, and \$6.99 is just \$4.54.

If you are involved in a club or gathering that would enjoy space in Sunriver Village, please remember the Village owners have kindly provided space in the loft area above Sunriver Books & Music. The space is available for uses compatible with the bookstore during Sunriver Books & Music's hours of operation . To reserve the space for your group contact Deon at Sunriver Books & Music.

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Sunriver has a lot going on in August!

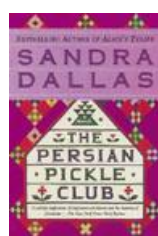
August 4th is the annual Quilt Show. Sunriver has an active, very talented quilting group. They put on a gorgeous show with many marvelous, colorful quilts. It is a glorious sight, all those beautiful quilts hanging throughout the village, giving it a festive feeling. There are quilts everywhere! To get you in the mood to enjoy the Quilt Show, here are a few staff recommendations of quilting related books.

Kelsey recommends.

Fool's Puzzle, Benni Harper series, by Earlene Fowler. If you are looking for light, fun mysteries involving quilting, the Benni Harper books is the series for you, starting with *Fool's Puzzle*. After the death of her husband, Benni moves to San Celina to take a job as director at the local folk-art museum. While she is setting up a handmade quilt exhibit, she stumbles across the stabbed body of one of the artists and decides to do some investigating of her own. Her snooping around attracts the attention of the local police chief who finds Benni's independent investigation dangerous for the amateur sleuth but finds Benni herself intriguing. I love the small town atmosphere of the series and you instantly become attached to the characters, wanting to follow them throughout the series.



Deon recommends.



The Persian Pickle Club by Sandra Dallas has a down home feel; it is set during the depression era in a farming community. Queenie yearns for a friend her age, most of the young people have fled in search of work as the harsh sky refuses to give rain and farms turn into swirling dust, too parched to grow crops. Every day Grover, Queenie's husband, looks up hoping for a cloud but the sky is unrelentingly blue. Queenie's big entertainment is the weekly meeting of her quilting group, the Persian Pickles. She is delighted when Rita and Tom move back to their family farm and Rita joins the quilting circle.

Queenie is certain they will be the best of pals. Not everyone shares the same goals. Queenie likes being a farm wife; Rita wants a career and big city life. Rita finds work as a reporter hoping to make her name and escape. The discovery of a grave in a lonely field might be her big break. This is a lovely book about a group of women and the power of friendship. It is also a

perfect book for the month of the quilt show!

Jennifer Chiaverini writes a series beginning with **The Quilter's Apprentice**. Sarah McClure feels stuck in accounting; she took her counselor's advice on a college major but finds no joy in number crunching. Her husband Matt has a degree in landscape architecture but cannot find work in State College, the town where they attended school, met, married and hoped to raise a family. After years of looking for a good position, filling in with part time jobs, he is ready to move to find work. Sarah is ready for a new start too, she wants to leave accounting, try something different. But their roles reverse when they move to the small town of Waterford Pennsylvania. Now Matt has work and Sarah cannot find a position. Matt's firm is hired by a crusty elderly woman, Sylvia Compson, to spruce up her ancestral home, Elm Manor. Sarah gets off onto the wrong foot with Sylvia at their first meeting. She is surprised when Sylvia offers her a job going through the big house and helping prepare it for sale. Sarah's first reaction is to decline, but Matt persuades her to give Sylvia a chance. The cincher is Sylvia agreeing to teach Sarah to quilt.



Sylvia is a master quilter. As the quilting lessons begin, the prickly Sylvia starts to share the history of Elm Manor. It is a tale of betrayal, misunderstanding and tragedy.



The Aloha Quilt, by Jennifer Chiaverini moves the action from Pennsylvania to Maui, Hawaii. Bonnie accepts an offer from an old friend to set up a quilting camp. She immerses herself in Hawaiian culture while trying to recover from her messy divorce. But her mean spirited soon to be ex is not about to give up tormenting her. He wants a piece of Elm Creek and Bonnie's friends are put in jeopardy. Bonnie needs to soak up lots of Aloha spirit! The blending of the quilting aspects of the story with the Hawaiian setting makes for a very entertaining story. It is a perfect summer read and a great way to get in the mood for the Quilt Show.

Another series with a quilting connection is Jane Kirkpatrick' trilogy on the life of Emma Geisy. **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 carved 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**, Jane's books save the stories of strong women like Emma from being lost forever. In **A Clearing In The Wild** Emma is the sole woman in a party of 9 sent across country to scout a new home their community. She make some poor choices in **A Tendering In The Wild** set in the rugged Willapa area of Washington. **A Mending At the Edge** has Emma settled in Aurora where the women meet to talk over their aspirations as they join together to create beautiful quilts.



Right After the Quilt Show is Sunriver's 3 day Art Faire August 10-12.



The 3rd annual Juried Sunriver Art Faire will once again be held in the newly refurbished Village at Sunriver, Oregon. Sponsored by the Sunriver Women's Club (a non-profit organization) this 3-day event (limited to 60 exhibitors) will showcase Artists displaying and selling their fine arts and fine crafts in an outdoor setting, and will include a variety of professional entertainment, food court, artist demonstration area, as well as an art workshop center for children. This mid-August weekend is high season in Central Oregon and this event has proved to be another draw for the public to visit the greater Bend area.

Friday, August 10, 2012 10:00am - 7:00pm (featured entertainment 5:00-7:00pm- Award winning **CinderBlue**)
Saturday, August 11, 2012 10:00am - 7:00pm (followed by a Street Dance 7:00pm - 9:30pm in the Village at Sunriver)

Sunday, August 12, 2012 10:00am - 2:00pm (**Family Day at the Art Faire**) (Pancake Breakfast in the Village from 8:00-10:00am)

More information can be found on the Art Faire Website: www.sunriverartfaire.com Questions? Email: sunriver-artfaire@yahoo.com or call 1-877-269-2580.

In celebration of the Sunriver Art Faire Staff has recommendations for some books that will put you in the mood to enjoy art.

Rachel recommends.

Girl with a Pearl Earring by Tracy Chevalier. In this piece of historical fiction, Chevalier builds the back-story of Johannes Vermeer's famous painting, Girl with a Pearl Earring. We follow sixteen year old Griet, daughter of a former tile painter, as she becomes a maid in Vermeer's household. Through her eyes we see 1660s Holland come alive, history unfolding in glowing descriptions, particularly Vermeer's paintings. When Griet becomes Vermeer's personal assistant, she shows us the world of the artist, bringing his paintings and attitudes into reality. A beautiful and historically accurate telling of a complicated artist's mind.



Deon recommends.



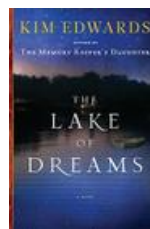
Luncheon of the Boating Party by Susan Vreeland should put you in the mood to enjoy art. Renoir had difficulty affording the paint for this sublime painting that is worth many millions today. Vreeland tells the story of Renoir's struggle to create this masterpiece and the people he used as models. The book sheds light on Renoir and the Impressionists who turned the art world upside down with their new way of seeing the world. Paris of the 1880's is raucous and full of excitement. Renoir is sensual and so very talented, this book will change the way you look at light sparkling on water. It is the perfect book to read before the Art Faire.

Mademoiselle Benoit by Christine Conrad is a little gem of a book about a math professor from New York who moves to France, buys a remote dilapidated farmhouse and decides to live as an artist. The book takes the form of letters. Tim's parents are worried about him living in such a remote location and giving up teaching for art. Tim starts to settle in, meets people in the village, and makes friends with an older aristocratic woman, Catherine Benoit. They share so many interests, including their painting. As their friendship deepens and turns to passion, Catherine's sister Pauline goes right off the rails. Her attempts to stop them are wickedly determined. I wonder why it is considered fine for a man in his mid 50's to marry a woman in her 30's or younger, while it is NOT okay for the woman to be the older party? Seems strange to me. It seemed strange to Tim too.



The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell is told in two separate, compelling narratives. 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.

The Lake of Dreams by Kim Edwards is a beautifully written, rewarding story. Lucy escaped her home in the little resort village, Lake of Dreams, to travel the world, haunted by the night her father died on the lake. Forward velocity kept the grief and guilt of that night at bay until she finds herself unemployed in Japan. Spurred by her Mom's traffic accident, she visits home and discovers a hidden packet in an old window seat. Her curiosity piqued, she is drawn into the discovery of a long hidden family secret and a family connection to works of staggering artistic beauty in stained glass. Meanwhile her family has not stood still, her brother may be involved in something unsavory with his uncle, her Mom has found a beau, and Lucy must come to terms with life moving on, with her family growing and changing.



My Name Is Red by Orhan Pamuk, winner of the Nobel Prize, is an inventive story set in ancient Turkey. The sultan has commissioned a book combining paintings and prose that will use methods favored by Venetian painters, possibly angering Moslem clerics. The story opens with the death of an artist. The perspective shifts from character to character. By the time the story has finished, even the paintings in the book have been heard. History, treachery, mystery, great art, and love, this story has it all. The ending is sublime. Pamuk is a highly inventive and deeply challenging author.

A Flickering Light by Jane Kirkpatrick is the fictional account of her grandmother's early life. Jessie is a spunky, determined 15 year old in 1907. Her father's illness has forced the family to move from their dairy into town where he makes a meager living as a driver. Everyone must contribute. Even young Jessie must work to keep the family afloat; money is tight. Fortune smiles on her when F.J. Bauer hires the spirited young girl to work in his photographic studio. Jessie's uncle ignited her passion for photography by giving her a camera, opening her eyes to really look at the physical world. Working in a photographic studio is her perfect job. Jane uses some of her ancestor's photography in the book; it is fascinating and compliments the story beautifully. She concludes her grandmother's story in **An Absence So Great**. Both books portray a woman with a passion for photography who was willing to buck the accepted norms for her time in order to create art.



Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory present ~



The Third Annual
Run for the Birds & Family Adventure Walk
Saturday, August 11
at The Village at Sunriver



5k and 10k runs begin at 8:00am
USATF Certified and Sanctioned

Prizes for 1st place runners in each age category!

Kids ages 4—12 can participate in the Family Adventure Walk beginning at 10:00am

Wonderful kids prizes!!

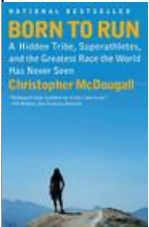
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Saturday August 11th at 8:00 AM Run For The Birds, 5 & 10 K Runs starting at Sunriver Village.

At 10:00 AM the Sunriver Nature Center and Observatory presents the 3rd Annual Family Adventure Walk. One Mile Course from the Village to Sunriver Nature Center 6 Science/Nature Stations - "Paws & Claws" and "Busy, Buzzy Bees"

Call 541-593-4442 for details & sign up.

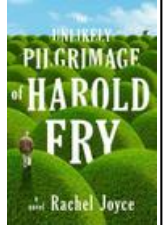
Be inspired to either run or walk for the Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory! Here are a few recommendations to fuel your fire. Rich Recommends.



Born To Run by Christopher McDougall. As a runner, author McDougall was always getting hurt and curtailing his love of running. Trusting the experts in running technology he sought to find a way to run without pain and injury. His search brought him into contact with the reclusive Tarahumara Indians of Mexico's Copper Canyons. There he learned of ultra marathon runners that could run effortlessly for hundreds of miles, chasing down animals as prey and live a life of full health and serenity. McDougall searches the high tech science laboratories dedicated to finding the perfect running shoe as well as the new trend of ultra marathon running barefoot. As his search focuses on the Indian Tribe, he starts to train for an ultimate challenge: a fifty mile race through the Copper Canyons of Mexico including Tarahumara Indians, ultra marathoners, surfers, and barefoot runners. This is an inspirational book that will make you want to lace up your running shoes and get moving.

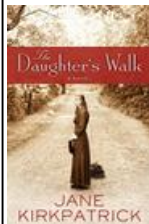
Nancy Recommends.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce. Harold is retired and lives with his wife Maureen in a small town in the southern part of England. The story, "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" begins with Harold receiving a letter from a former co-worker of 20 years past, Queenie Hennessy. He is moved and distraught on learning that she is dying of cancer. She wanted to say goodbye and to let him know how grateful she was for the kindness he showed her so long ago. He writes her back, takes a walk to mail his letter, and feeling that his letter is inadequate, continues to walk. As he walks further he encounters a young woman who inspires him, leads him to believe that he can make a difference in Queenie's life. Maybe he can save her, at least for a little while longer. With that thought in mind, and wearing yachting shoes and a light cotton jacket, no cell phone or provisions, Harold makes the decision to walk the rest of the 500 or so miles to Berwick on Tweed. He calls his wife, Maureen, and tells her that he is going to save Queenie. She is shocked, disdainful, and completely certain he will change his mind. He continues to walk, and meets many strangers in the process. In hearing their stories, he discovers bits and pieces of himself. The reader is privileged to share in his life's discoveries. It becomes the unraveling of Harold Fry's life, the joys and woes of his past, and his unfinished business. This also becomes another kind of journey for his wife, Maureen, as she is forced to take a better look at herself, putting her relationship with Harold into a much different perspective. This is perhaps the most intimate story I can recall reading. I was moved beyond my ability to express.

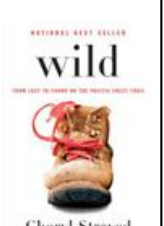


Deon Recommends.

Jane Kirkpatrick gives us inspiring stories of women. **The Daughter's Walk** is the poignant story of Clara Estby who walked with her mother from Spokane to New York in 1896 in a desperate bid to save the family farm from foreclosure. Linda Hunt's award winning nonfiction **Bold Spirit** told the story of Helga Estby, but what happened with the daughter who accompanied Helga on her journey? Kirkpatrick was intrigued. She completed her usual meticulous research and brings us this fictional story. A \$10,000 prize was offered by a consortium to a woman who would make the trek wearing a new dress style that was slightly shorter, with less bustle, and easier for movement. It was a fortune in 1896! Helga set out with 19 year old Clara; on foot, without a tent, no gortex rain jacket, no hiking boots either, just the two women in their dresses, and old fashioned shoes. They faced many obstacles; the Rocky Mountains, rough weather, deep canyons, and a grueling schedule with no funds.



Wild: From Lost To Found On the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed is the story of an epic walk! Cheryl's life fell apart, her center shifted with the death of her Mother. Four years later, she decided to take a stand, reclaim her life, do something bold. She set out alone, ill prepared, and woefully inexperienced to hike the Pacific Crest Trail, from California's Mojave Desert to the Bridge of the Gods bordering Oregon and Washington. The story follows Cheryl through California and Oregon as she gets used to her hiking boots, has adventures with the flora and fauna (large bears and irritated fang possessing snakes), makes friends, and comes to grips with her grief over the loss of her mother. Cheryl is a likeable, lively author. Her accomplishment is very real, she put a lot of miles on those hiking boots. If you enjoy the out of doors, this is a must read!



August the Sunriver Music Festival brings amazing music to Central Oregon. We celebrate them with a few staff recommendations for music lovers of every kind.

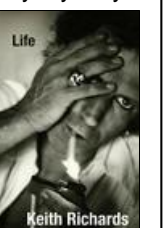
Rachel Recommends.

Star Island by Carl Hiaasen. Pop singer and hard partier Cherry Pye is out of control. Considering Cherry their meal ticket, her parents and manager, Maury, are desperate to make her comeback album a chart-topper. After all, who else is going to pay for those tennis lessons and vacations? In order to keep Cherry in the limelight (and out of the way) they hire actress Annie DeLusia, a spitting image of Cherry Pye apart from her brown eyes. But what *can't* designer sunglasses fix? When an avid paparazzo mistakes Annie for Cherry however, the bizarre mistaken kidnapping will throw the precarious Cherry/Annie setup for a loop. Flustered and relatively harmless, Claude Abbott is determined to get rid of Annie, just as desperately as she is to get home and take a hot shower. Meanwhile, Cherry's parents and manager are trying to find a way to get Annie back without leaking the ordeal to the media, or worse...their daughter, who remains oblivious of her sober stand-in. Off the wall and hilarious, Hiaasen delivers another gem. The characters are vibrant and strange, keeping you hooked on this light, funny mystery.



Rich Recommends.

Life by Keith Richards. In this amazing autobiography, Keith Richards remembers everything from his childhood growing up in a suburb of London to the present, describing the creative hurricane that was life as a Rolling Stone. Despite the legendary drug use (virtually all true) to all of the women on tour and the complicated relationship with Mick Jagger he spins a tale of his life that most of us can only imagine and he lived to tell about it. The passages that describe his song writing and guitar playing are some of the best descriptions of musical virtuosity and genius written. His writing style is engaging, lucid and seems like having an extended conversation with a decades old mate.



Deon Recommends

Nashville Chrome by Rick Bass takes us on a wild ride to a time before rapper MC Hammer told us "You Got The Power". A time when a young truck driver shocked a nation by showing that raw power with his swiveling hips and curled lip, Presley would be called King. The face of music was about to change. Jerry Lee was pounding the ivories and howling to the moon, and the Brown family rose to stardom with a sound so pure, so full of life and yearning, that it reached right down in the soul. Roots in the south, a dad who loves the bottle too well, and hardscrabble poverty shape them. Fame brings its own debts to pay. This is the life story of the very real Brown Trio, but it is far more, it is also the story of a music revolution that started in Nashville Tennessee. Rick Bass hits all the right notes in **Nashville Chrome**.



More recommendations from Deon on books that celebrate music.

Sacred Hearts by Sarah Dunant is set in Italy during the 16th Century when it was much less expensive to put a daughter behind the walls of a convent than to pay the dowry for a suitable marriage. Suora Zuana was placed in the convent of Santa Caterina after the death of her father, a professor of medicine. Suora Zuana's father was fond of his daughter, giving her more freedom and a broader education than a woman of her time could expect. She becomes the convent's apothecary and eventually settles into the routine of life behind the high walls. Serafina is intended to marry, her father engages a music instructor to train her glorious voice. Young Serafina's heart is captured by her teacher. Her father is not about to have his daughter given in such an unsuitable match, he bundles her off to the convent assuring the abbess Serafina possess the clear melodious voice of a nightingale. On her first night she wails with the distressing power of a banshee, her screams reverberating off the walls. Suora Zuana administers a sleeping potion, hoping to quiet and calm the mercurial young girl. The two unlikely women become friends. Suora Zuana will soon have to decide what she is willing to risk.



Bel Canto by Ann Patchett won the 2002 Pen Faulkner Award. The story begins with an Opera Diva, a song, a powerful captain of industry from Japan, and a birthday party. The night goes horribly wrong when terrorists burst into the room. Roxanne Coss, the famous Opera Diva, enchants both captive and captor. Relationships are formed along tenuous lines, time stands still for a brief magical little while. Patchett has written a brilliant story that delves into the changing relationship of captors and captives with compassion and insight. Her writing is absolutely luminous. This is one of my favorite books.

The Sunriver Stars present the Brementown Musicians at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM in Pringle Hall at the SHARC Center August 24th to 26th. Tickets are \$5. To put you in the mood for a dramatic presentation here are staff recommendations.

Lori recommends.

The Next Best Thing, Jennifer Weiner's tenth novel is an engaging look into the make-it or break-it Hollywood lifestyle. The story begins with Ruth Saunders, a young writer, anxiously waiting to hear back from producers deciding if her screenplay could possibly be the next big TV show. "The Next Best Thing" is the story of her life with Grandma, "Nana", mixed with a bit of humor influenced by "The Golden Girls". A possible sitcom involving the lives of a young woman who loves to cook and her quirky roommate grandmother is a far cry from Ruth's real life: Ruth has disfiguring scars resulting from a terrible car accident which caused the deaths of her mother and father years ago. Nana had dropped everything and moved from Florida retirement to take care of her granddaughter in Massachusetts. Ruth's talent for writing began when Nana brings her a journal while recuperating from yet another surgery. The continual surgeries to repair and reconstruct her face are hard for the young Ruth to endure, and Nana encourages her to "write it all down". She is a tough-as-nails character, always impeccably dressed with designer clothes and pearls, whose inner strength is the framework on which Ruth builds her recovery and ability to endure the teasing of school children and stares from strangers, trying to live a life as normal as possible.



The move to Los Angeles after her college graduation brings Ruth's dream of being a Hollywood writer closer as she becomes an assistant to a television producer. Ruth understands that life of the rich and beautiful will never be hers; she believes love only comes to those who are beautiful. She develops a crush on her boss, and that seems to affirm her beliefs. A fun book that kept me engrossed to the end.

Deon recommends.



Ghost Light by Joseph O'Connor is lyrically written, historical fiction. Molly was once the toast of the town, the love of troubled John Synge's life. As a celebrated actress she traveled far and wide, living the high life. Now she is elderly, eking out a living as best she can in a cold London walk up with a cat for company. Jobs are hard to come by for an aging actress with a fondness for strong drink. Walking across war ravaged London to an audition, and they are few and far between now, she remembers earlier days when she was the muse of a brilliant man. What a life she has to remember!

Carol Foisset's Sunriver Book Club for Teens and Tweens.

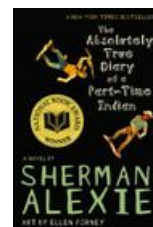
This summer Sunriver Books & Music offers book clubs for pre-teens and teens on Sundays at 4:00 PM.

On Sunday, August 5 the Tween Book Club will discuss **A Nest for Celeste** by Henry Cole. This entertaining tale is told by a big-hearted mouse, Celeste, and gives insight into John Audubon's life during his stay at Oakley Plantation in New Orleans. A poignant relationship between Celeste and Audubon's young apprentice, Joseph, is central to the story. Charming illustrations detail various characters and episodes throughout the book.



On Sunday August 12 the Tween Book Club will discuss Carl Hiaassen's **Scat**. Hiaassen does it again as his trademark mix of humor, mystery, and ecological issues are pitch perfect in this book. Nick, who is struggling with his dad's deployment in Iraq, and his friend, Marta, find themselves in the middle of mystery that involves a missing teacher. What is most perplexing to these teens is that no one seems concerned that the feared science teacher, Mrs. Starch has vanished. Of course, this is only the tip of the iceberg and these curious and earnest friends are determined to find out the whole story.

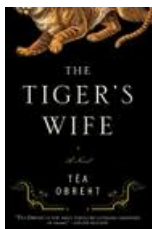
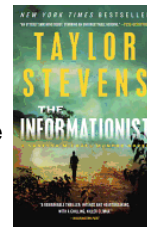
On Sunday August 19 the Teen Book Club will discuss **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian** by Sherman Alexie. Arnold Spirit aka Junior is prompted by a teacher to better himself, so he transfers to the rich white school off the reservation. He finds himself an outcast both on the reservation and at his new school. Born with water on the brain he suffers from many lingering physical and medical complications, yet he manages to develop into a sure shot on the basketball court. This talent helps him to find his place in his new school and deal with his fractured family and the continual negative influence of alcoholism on those he loves. A beautifully told coming of age story that holds a message for young and old alike.



We do ask that you pre-register for these book clubs. You can do this by emailing us at sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com, calling us at 541-593-2525, or dropping by to sign up.

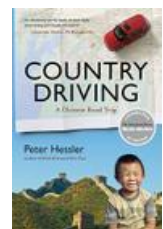
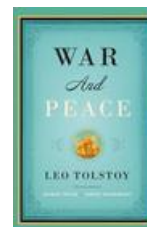
August 2012 Book Clubs

August 6th the Mystery Book Club discusses **The Informationist** by Taylor Stevens. If you enjoyed the Girl With The Dragon Tattoo series, this is just the ticket. The first book in the new series introduces Vanessa Munroe, a take no prisoners sort of woman. She deals in information, for a price she will find the answers. A wealthy man wants to discover what really happened to his step-daughter who was killed in Africa several years ago. Vanessa is not eager to return to Africa, she has childhood memories, but he is willing to pay very well for his answers. It is best not to rile Vanessa; the body count can go pretty high. Taylor Stevens was brought up in the Children of God cult. Her childhood was unconventional and difficult. She lived for several years in East and West Central Africa, the setting for her book. The series continues with **The Innocent**.



August 13th the Fiction Book Club discusses **The Tiger's Wife** by Tea O'Breht. Natalia's beloved Grandfather took her often to the zoo, to visit the tiger and hear the story of the Tiger's Wife. He carried with him a well-worn copy of The Jungle Book by Kipling. Natalia followed in her Grandfather's footsteps, becoming a doctor. She is heading off to inoculate the children of a poverty stricken Balkan village when she learns her Grandfather has died miles from home in a remote village. Natalia knew her Grandfather had been hiding a serious illness, but why did he go off and die in some remote settlement? As she searches for the reason her Grandfather left his home and family to journey to a rundown outpost, she is drawn into stories of folk lore and discovers a secret from the past. **The Tiger's Wife** was selected by the New York Times as one of the Top Ten books of 2011.

Classics Book Club will meet one hour earlier on August 20th at 5:30 so book club members can attend the Sunriver Music Festival. **War And Peace** by Count Leo Tolstoy is considered one of the best works of literature ever written. Full of passion, betrayal, war and intrigue, this is an epic story. It begins with a party where we meet many of the main characters and leads on to France's invasion of Russia in the Napoleonic war. Characters are complex and richly drawn, the history is enlightening, and the story is ambitious in scope. Tolstoy's depiction of Napoleon serves the story well and his take on the Emperor Napoleon is fascinating.



August 27th the Travel Essay Book Club discusses **Country Driving** by Peter Hessler. China is well known to Hessler, he served two years there in the Peace Corp then was the Beijing correspondent for the New Yorker from 2000 to 2007. He has two previous books on China, **River Town** and **Oracle Bones**. **Country Driving** is an entertaining book, it mixes Hessler's road trips while living in China with an account of the Chinese' enthusiastic embracing of the car culture and driving, albeit very bad driving. Information about China's current culture and past enliven the story. Hessler writes a very readable, entertaining story about a place and culture very different from our own.



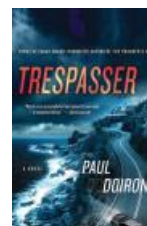
Upcoming Book Club Dates for Monday Evenings at 6:30 PM

Sept. 3rd 2012 **Forty Words For Sorrow** by Giles Blunt [Mystery Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

September 10th 2012 **The Bird Artist** by Howard Norman [Fiction Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

Sept. 17th 2012 **Rowing to Latitude** by Jill Fredston [Travel Essay Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)

September 24th 2012 **The Shipping News** by Annie Proulx [Classics Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Canada](#)



October 1st 2012 **Trespasser** by Paul Doiron [Mystery Book Club](#)

October 22nd 2012 **1000 White Women** by Jim Fergus [Fiction Book Club](#)

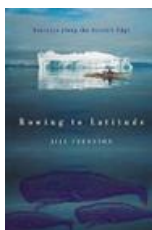
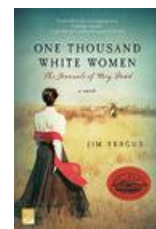
October 29th 2012 **Dracula** by Bram Stoker [Classics Book Club](#)

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](#)

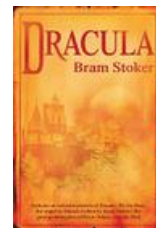
November 26th 2012 **Breakfast at Tiffany's** by Truman Capote [Classics Book Club](#)



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

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

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