



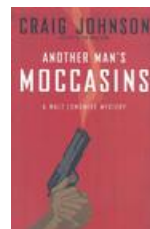
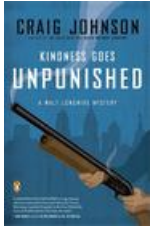
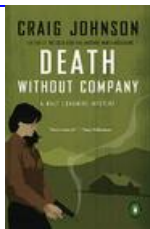
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July 2011 Newsletter

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Author Events!
Craig Johnson!!!



Craig Johnson returns Sunday July 3rd at 5:00 PM for an event co-hosted by Mavericks and Sunriver Books & Music. We appreciate Mavericks' generosity in allowing the use of their facility for this Internationally Best Selling Author. **Mavericks (541-593-2500) is located at 18135 Cottonwood Road, just across the street from the North Country Store.** Please sign up early to attend, space may be limited. The event is free with refreshments and door prizes. E-mail sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com or call 541-593-2525 or stop by Sunriver Books & Music to sign up to attend.

Craig's new book is a real rip-snorter, the action starts early and doesn't let up. **Hell is Empty**, sure enough; all the devils are loose on a mountainside in Wyoming. Walt Longmire doesn't want stone cold killers in his jurisdiction, so he transports some seriously dangerous guys across his territory to turn over to the Feds. The hand off is set for a remote location, with ferociously bad weather coming in fast. Something goes terribly wrong with no way to get help up the mountainside until the storm breaks. The Heavens seem set against Walt, winds howl, snow swirls, it is not fit out for man nor beast. With no way to get back up or help until the storm abates, Walt sets off alone after a pack of heavily armed evil men. He just keeps climbing higher up that cold mountain where his very survival is in serious question, trying to recapture the bad guys before the body count rises. As he gains altitude he enters deeper into the circles of hell in pursuit of a man who just might take his life.

Craig Johnson wakes up everyday to Wyoming's wild untamed beauty, His stories are full of the grandeur of the Wyoming landscape. **Cold Dish** starts the series, introducing the characters. Sheriff Walt Longmire is a big guy, tough but fair. He would rather use his wits than his fists. His deputy Vic hails from a family of street wise Philadelphia cops. Her vocabulary would put a street tough to shame.. Henry Standing Bear is whip-smart, loyal, sensitive, and willing to put himself on the line for his friends. The ladies love Henry.

Death Without Company, second in the series, has a mystery with ties to the past. **Kindness Goes Unpunished** moves to Philadelphia where Walt's daughter is an attorney. **Another Man's Moccasins** opens with a dead Vietnamese woman along a lonely stretch of highway. Her purse, holding a picture of Walt as a young Marine, is found among the possessions of Virgil White Buffalo. **Dark Horse** takes the story down the road at a breathless pace. Mary had a gun in her hand and a confession on her lips the night her husband was shot. **Junkyard Dogs** has a great opening scene, it had me laughing. How far would Ozzie go to get rid of George's dump, the blight on the horizon of his pricey houses? Throw in a version of Romeo and Juliet for the older set, and you have a heady brew of mystery, greed and passion.

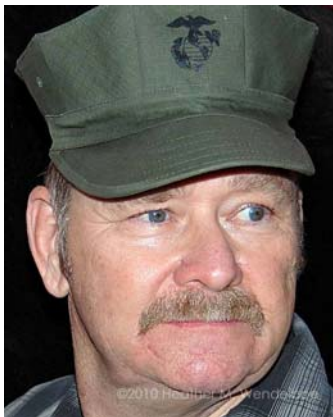
Walt Longmire is headed for the silver screen; Warner Horizon and A&E are shooting the pilot right now. Chris Chulack is directing, Robert Taylor will play Walt Longmire, Lou Diamond Phillips will be Henry Standing Bear, and Katee Sackoff plays Vic.

Craig Johnson's heroes are John Steinbeck, Wallace Stegner and George MacDonald Fraser. You can see echoes of Steinbeck's luminous use of landscape and his lively wit in Craig's very distinctive style. He writes stories with intricate plots, beautiful prose, and compassion for his characters. He is a born storyteller

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It will be a very entertaining event!



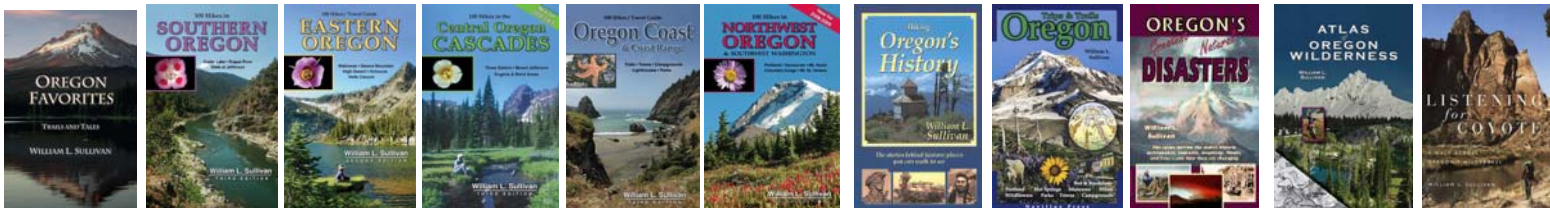
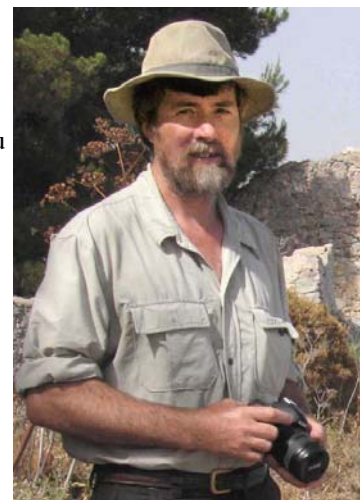


Craig Johnson has an opening act this year, he is bringing Wyoming author C.M. Wendelboe. ***Death Along The Spirit Road*** is set on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. FBI Agent Manny Tanno was an Oglala Sioux Tribal Cop on the rez many years ago. He returns with a different badge and a different allegiance, the Feds. Someone buried a war club in Jason Red Cloud's skull before the developer could finish his resort overlooking Wounded Knee. The Feds want one of their guys on the scene and Manny knows the territory. Manny isn't happy to be back in Pine Ridge, there are unresolved issues he is not eager to face. He hasn't seen his brother in a long time. Reuben was Manny's hero until his conviction for murder. Out of prison, has he found a reason to kill again? The acting Chief of Police, Leon "Lumpy" Looks Twice is not a member of the Manny Tanno fan club, they have issues that date back to high school days. This homecoming is going to have a few bumps in the road.



Wendelboe spent 38 years as a cop, including time spent on the Pine Ridge reservation. He knows his subject.

William Sullivan will give a slide show presentation at 5:00 PM on Saturday July 9th on ***Oregon Favorites; Trails and Tales***. Sullivan has hiked every major trail in the state of Oregon, so his latest book highlighting his favorite trails across the state by month should be a real winner. His well researched guide books are a mainstay for Oregon hikers. Now he is sharing his favorites along with details about history, geology and wildlife. This fifth generation Oregon knows our states natural wonders and history from top to bottom. If you want a good experience on the trail pick up one of his guides; ***100 Hikes in Southern Oregon*** has lovely hikes. Crater Lake is a gob-smacking natural wonder, it is a perfect day trip from Sunriver and surrounded by great hikes., ***100 Hikes in Central Oregon*** is a fabulous book, ***100 Hikes: Travel Guide Eastern Oregon*** extends our hiking season, many of the trails are ready to go in spring before the snows have melted in the high country, ***100 Hikes in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington*** includes some of my favorite hikes in the Columbia Gorge, and ***100 Hikes Travel Guide: Oregon Coast and Coast Range*** is a great companion for hikes along the coast. ***Hiking Oregon's History*** will take you up close and personal to places of historic significance off the beaten track. Sullivan has also written a comprehensive ***Atlas of Oregon Wilderness*** and ***Oregon's Greatest Natural Disasters***. He has two memoirs, ***Listening for Coyote*** and ***Cabin Fever***, those interested in the out of doors will enjoy. Sullivan has also written a light, funny mystery, ***The Case of Einstein's Violin***, and a historical fiction, ***A Deeper Wild***. Sullivan knows hiking! His slide shows are always full of gorgeous scenery that will make you want to lace up your hiking boots and boogie on down the trail. He puts on a great show and is a witty entertaining speaker



Craig Johnson and C.M. Wendelboe's event will be at Mavericks. William Sullivan's event is at Sunriver Books & Music. All are free and include refreshments and drawings for door prizes. Sign up to attend by e-mailing sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com, calling 541-593-2525, or stop by Sunriver Books & Music. Space may be limited.

Upcoming Author Appearances

- Saturday August 6th at 5:00 PM ***Quilt by Association*** by Arlene Sachitano
- Saturday August 13th at 5:30 PM ***Joy for Beginners*** by Erica Bauermeister
- Saturday August 20th at 5:00 PM ***The Memory Wall*** by Anthony Doerr
- Saturday September 24th at 5:00 PM ***Barcelona Calling*** by Jane Kirkpatrick
- Saturday October 8th at 5:00 PM ***Feathers*** by Thor Hanson
- Saturday October 29th at 5:00 PM ***Birds of Paradise*** by Diana Abu-Jaber
- Saturday November 12th at 5:00 PM ***The Lakotas and the Black Hills*** by Jeffrey Ostler

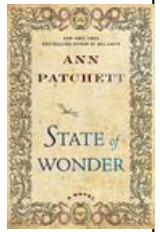
We hope you join us to enjoy these fabulous authors! Hearing an author speak clarifies and enriches the reading experience. Author readings are free unless otherwise noted with refreshments served and drawings for prizes. Call or e-mail Sunriver Books & Music to attend and be entered in the prize drawings. Space may be limited for some events. Check our web site, Sunriverbooks.com, for changes and additions.

Do you enjoy finding new authors or coming across undiscovered treasures? You might be pleased with our surprise books. Purchase a subscription and we surprise you with a book every month. We named this program after the customer who suggested it to us, it is called ***Carole's Surprise***. July starts a new quarter. It is available in 3 or 6 month versions. ***Carole's Surprise*** for the 3rd quarter of 2011 costs \$43.99 picked up in the store and \$49.99 mailed in the US. For the last half of 2011 it costs \$87.99 picked up in the store or \$99.99 mailed in the US. Every month brings a surprise book. Great as a gift or treat yourself! It is time to sign up and receive a surprise books starting July 1st.

There are some great books awaiting you for the rest of 2011!

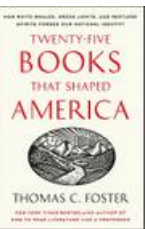
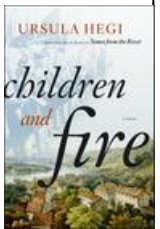
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State of Wonder by Ann Patchett is a rich tale pervaded with moral ambiguity. Vogel pharmaceutical's star researcher has gone rogue down in the Amazon. She hasn't checked in with headquarters in two years, just kept spending the money and staying out in the jungle. Anders is sent to fetch her back to the head office, where her progress can be monitored. His two week project stretches into months then the horrible letter arrives disclosing his death and burial in the jungle. Details are brief. His widow wants to know how he died, why he died. The head man at Vogel wants his star researcher brought back under his control. Marina heads into the jungle for her boss and the widow of her friend. The answers she finds may not be the answers she sought. At every turn she will have moral choices to make. This is a fabulous book about keeping secrets, loyalty, serving a higher good, adventure, love and betrayal. The Amazon setting is lush and sensuous, you can feel the heat. Quite a lot for one book, but the author is Ann Patchett and she is more than up to the challenge.



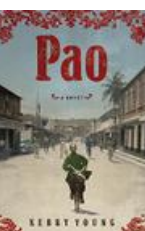
Dreams of Joy by Lisa See continues the saga of the two sisters from **Shanghai Girls**. Joy fled LA after the family skeletons escaped the closet. She feels guilty over the death of her father and is thrown for a loop by the discovery of a biological father living in Mainland China. College in Chicago exposed Joy to the ideals of communism and she bought into the idea of Chairman Mao doing something big and grand for the world. Without pausing to reflect Joy heads out of LA and on to China, intent on finding her biological father and contributing in a meaningful way to Mao's new world order. But she is in for a shock, enlightenment may come too late, Joy's youthful idealism has placed her in the center of a nightmare. Pearl follows her daughter to China, knowing the risk she is taking, knowing how bad things might be, but desperate to save her child. Drama, love, betrayal, loyalty, and family all play out against the backdrop of Mao's China.

Children of Fire by Ursula Hegi is set in the early days of Hitler's regime, before the full horror of his madness was let loose on the world. Thelda, an idealistic teacher, tries to instill a passion for learning in her young boys while keeping them safe until Hitler's regime blows over. But the wind coming from the Third Reich will burn hot and this is just the beginning. Moving back and forth in time Hegi paints a vivid picture of life in Germany leading up to 1934 and the opening days of the Third Reich. It is a chilling picture, chilling in the way people lost their liberty little by little, not realizing the worst was yet to come. Thelda is a passionate young teacher, I liked this character and mourned for the country soon to be torn asunder.



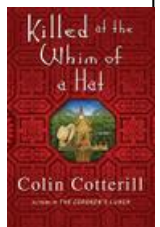
25 Books that Shaped America by Thomas Foster. If you love books, don't miss this one. Focusing on some of the most important works of American literature the author shows their impact on our national identity. Some of my favorites made it onto the list, **The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn** by Mark Twain and **The Great Gatsby** by F. Scott Fitzgerald and **To Kill A Mockingbird** by Harper Lee. Of course Hemmingway swaggers onto the stage with **The Sun Also Rises**. Although I might argue the case with Foster that a story set in Spain about bull fighting is, perhaps, not the ideal quintessential American novel. But that's part of the fun! Read the book, agree, disagree, be inspired to read more! This is a book that makes you think about what you read and challenges you to expand your literary horizons.

The Summer of the Bear by Bella Pollen is endearingly quirky, sad, funny, and quite wonderful. This is the story of a family who mourn the death of their father and husband. Dad was a career diplomat posted to Bonn, but the British government needs the dead diplomat's house for the new chap so the family will have to move. And move they do, all the way to a remote Scottish island. This is also the story of a bear who got lost and spent several weeks of freedom and hunger on the same island. Told from the perspective of each family member, the story meanders onto unexpected lanes and ends up being quite a wild ride. Exuberant, heartwarming, thought provoking and a lot of fun!



Pao by Kerry Young. Imagine the Godfather set in Jamaica with a Chinese gangster. Now make the gangster funny, endearing, and give him a conscience, there you have Pao. As a youngster his family immigrates to Jamaica under the protection of Zhang who keeps Chinatown running smoothly. Pao is taken under Zhang's wing, shown the ropes, and educated in the philosophy of Sun Tzu's The Art of War. From the waning days of British Rule, the story takes in great swathes of Jamaica's turbulent history as it struggles for independence and equality. Pao loves well, but not always wisely. He often finds himself in awkward predicaments as he fixes the mistakes of others and tries to keep himself out of trouble in the meantime. This is an utterly charming story of an endearing wise-guy.

Killed at the Whim of a Hat by Colin Cotterill author of the entertaining Dr. Siri Paiboun series set in Laos has a new sleuth and a new series set in Thailand. Witty, whimsical, and way too quirky for words, Cotterill's new series is delightful! Jimm Juree left behind her promising career as a journalist in the big city to follow her rather odd but loveable family into the hinterland of Southern Thailand. She is morosely bemoaning the loss of her career when two skeletons are found inside a Volkswagen buried in a farmer's field. Jimm is back in the game with a juicy scoop on a murder investigation. The ink is barely dry on her story when an Abbott is murdered in a remote temple. Pretty soon the whole family is helping her solve crimes. At the beginning of each chapter we have examples of a former president's confusion over the English language, they add a bit of comedy.



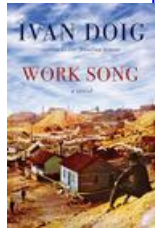
The End of Everything by Megan Abbot. Innocence ends abruptly for 13 year old Lizzie and Evie. Bone deep best friends and neighbors; Lizzie thought there were no secrets between them. She sees Evie's family as perfect, especially her ideal, dazzling Dad. But can we ever truly know another? Evie disappears, as the town frantically searches for the young girl Lizzie becomes the focus of attention. She learns that perhaps she did not know her friend quite so well and perfection is an elusive state. Life can be confusing for 13 year old girls, their bodies just awakening, their emotions not quite ready to be adult. Abbot captures the tragedy of vulnerability perfectly.



The Girl in the Blue Beret by Bobbie Ann Mason is inspired by the WWII experiences of her father in law, Barney Rawlings, Mason has crafted a touching story of the sacrifice, hardship, and bravery of the resistance. Marshall feels adrift as he retires from his career as a commercial pilot; he resents getting the boot at sixty. He doesn't feel over the hill yet, there is still plenty life in him and he is fit for challenge. Unmoored in his big house all alone, a widower whose children are grown with lives of their own, he finds himself dwelling on the past. Marshall re-visits the site in Belgium where his plane crashed and his crew was given shelter by members of the resistance. Reawakening memories inspire Marshall to begin a quest to find those brave souls who helped move the aviators to safety. This is a heartwarming story of courage and compassion.

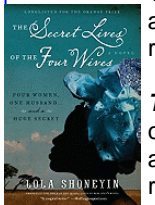
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Work Song by Ivan Doig by Ivan. Morrie set out for parts unknown in **Whistling Season**. He is lured back by the promise of wealth in the "richest city in the world", Butte, Montana. What all that hype didn't include was the venal, brutal nature of the men who ran Butte and held the purse strings. Nor was there any mention of the danger and despair of the miners sent down far into ground to bring forth riches for the town's masters. But, like a cat, Morrie tends to land on his feet. It is pure pleasure to see just how he goes about staying one step ahead.



The Nobodies Album by Carolyn Parkhurst. Octavia Frost has a little ritual when she turns in a manuscript to her publisher. Rather than trust her tome to the mail, she travels to New York and delivers it personally. She is nervous about the response to her latest effort. Instead of writing a new book, she has written a book of new endings for all of her previous books. It is not an idea her publisher encouraged. Today's outing to New York is not going to go as planned. Octavia is estranged from her son, Rock Star Milo Frost. On the way to her publisher's office Octavia is stunned to hear her son has been arrested for murder! She will drop everything to fly to his side, wanted or not, and unravel the puzzle of their lives.

Private Life by Jane Smiley. Margaret was introduced to tragedy early in life, with the deaths of her brothers followed closely by the loss of her father. A woman in the 1880's was expected to marry, preferably finding a good provider. Margaret's sisters follow the program but at 27 Margaret is still unclaimed. Andrew Early proposes and moves her from Missouri to California. Their lives will span a lot of history, the 1911 fire and Earthquake in San Francisco and two world wars. Andrew is a difficult man, wrapped up in a quest to understand the order of the universe. Affable when he is questioning but rigid once he thinks he has the answer. Arrogance and hubris cause much damage in the world.



The Secret Lives of Baba Segi's Wives by Lola Shoneyin. Baba Segi's life has been going quite well. The one cloud on his sunny horizon is his fourth wife's inability to bear him a child. Or maybe he is unaware his sunny little paradise has a few snakes hiding in the apple tree. Could it be his first three wives have secrets to protect? Baba Segi has basked in the respect and devotion of his little family but adding a fourth wife may upset the balance in ways he cannot conceive.

Marcus of Umbria by Justine Vander Leun is her memoir of a sojourn in Italy with unexpected consequences. Justine abandons New York for a village in Umbria and an Italian with dark, soulful eyes. Prickly, independent, and used to her own company, Justine finds fitting into life in a small Umbrian village and a boisterous Italian family a challenge. She realizes she may have been too hasty; Emmanuele is not going to be her life's companion. As she is realizing her error, fate smiles on Justine. She meets the Italian with loving dark soulful eyes who will be the devoted companion of her days. In addition to the aforementioned gorgeous eyes, this Italian has four legs, is frightened of her shadow, runs off chasing horses all over creation and has homicidal tendencies toward the local chickens.



This Must Be the Place by Kate Bacculia. Arthur adored his wife Amy. The world made sense for Arthur with Amy by his side. When she dies in a freak accident, Arthur finds a clue to Amy's past in an unsent postcard from years ago addressed to Mona Jones at the Darby Jones Boarding House in Ruby Falls New York. Arthur grabs Amy's cat, packs a bag, and leaves their Hollywood home heading east to find Mona and connect with Amy's past. Mona's memories of Amy are not all warm and fuzzy. The past and present collide in this delightful story about love, forgiveness, and second chances. Truly a keeper

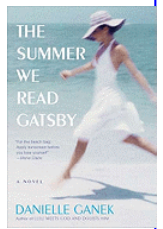
The Weed That Strings The Hangman's Bag by Alan Bradley. Flavia is up to her splendidly conniving eleven year old neck in trouble again. The star of a puppet show is stranded for a few days in Bishop's Lacy, long enough to put on a show with far too much sizzle. Flavia intends to crack the case of the unfortunate puppeteer and teach the local constabulary a thing or two about detecting. Marvelously fun reading



The Most They Ever Had by Pulitzer Prize winner Rick Bragg may just be the most powerful work of a stunningly gifted author. He bears witness to the lives of good, hard working people who toiled in the cotton mill in Jacksonville Alabama. His words show he honors telling their stories, giving them the respect and dignity their hard working lives deserve. He does not let them down, conveying their essence with power; "You need not use foul language to damn a man here. Just say a day's work would kill him, and you tore him down to the bald nothing." We used to value hard work in this country. The people in this book are proud people, folk who take pride in working hard to provide for their families. They don't expect much, just a roof over their heads, a newer car every once in a while, and maybe a night at the movies. They are not anticipating easy lives or great wealth. Is it too much to expect a safe working environment and a living wage? Apparently it is. Rick Bragg has written a eulogy to the time in America where we built things rather than chased ever faster after the next deal, the easy dollar, and the fastest way to chase the money. Now a company's parts are worth more than its whole, the jobs can be done cheaper overseas, and the bad boys of Wall Street need to be kept happy. We have become a nation of financiers. A nation obsessed with flashy ball players paid mega dollars to play a game, CEO's bringing home checks with so many zeroes it will make your head hurt, starlets wearing next to nothing, and reality shows illustrating the decline of our culture. In this era of bigger is better, more, more, more, Rick Bragg has written a book about the lives of hard working, everyday people who hold their dignity close. Rick reminds us of a set of values and a way of life that defined our country far better than the lust for the deal, and fast money culture of late. This book is a powerhouse!

[It is Summertime and the reading is easy.](#)

The Summer We Read Gatsby by Danielle Ganek. Cassie and Peck are sisters, not that it would be apparent to anyone. Cassie was raised in Switzerland, growing up to be a journalist with a studious streak. Peck was raised in New York, growing up to be an actress thirsty for the limelight. They couldn't be more different. They even look different, one thin and dark, the other fair and zaftig. Their one common thread was Aunt Lydia and summers in her home in Southampton. Lydia's death has brought the girls together for one last summer. Her will left them the house in Southampton with the stipulation they spend the summer together. This could be the perfect summer read, sprinkled liberally with delicious literary allusions.



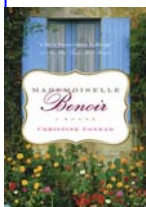
The Tomb of Zeus by Barbara Cleverly reminds me of the luscious MM Kaye books set in exotic locations. Cleverly's book takes place on Crete in 1928. Letty arrives to begin her career in archeology under the eye of Theodore Russell, an arrogant retired naval officer turned archeologist. Theodore is rude to his guests and nasty to his lovely wife Phoebe. Finding William firmly ensconced in the Russell household surprises Letty, the last time she saw William he was running away from her planned seduction. Phoebe delights Letty, she is sure they could be lifelong friends. Tragedy strikes, Letty refuses to believe it is suicide and intends to see justice achieved. Letty is a headstrong, likable heroine. She is trying to uncover the tomb of Zeus, King of the Gods. Marvelous fun!

Three Bags Full by Leonie Swann is a mystery with a twist; the investigators are a flock of sheep. But do not worry, Robert Parker said "Sheep make great detectives" and he should know a thing or two about mysteries! George was a good Sheppard; he read to his flock every day and gave them tasty treats. His death is a blow to the flock; they want to do right by him. They want justice. All that reading has provided them with an interesting vocabulary. Fortunately they have Miss Maple, the cleverest sheep in Glenkill and quite possibly the cleverest sheep in the world. They set to work and come up with a list of suspects. Ham, the butcher, immediately makes the list (no big surprise, the sheep are not fond of the butcher). God is right up there with Ham at the top of the suspect list too. They will need to use all their cunning to figure out what happened to George.



Writing a book with such weighty topics as alcohol addiction and abuse that is insightful, well written, and funny should be nigh on impossible. Not for Marian Keyes. **This Charming Man** tells the story from the perspective of 4 very different women, Lola, Grace, Marnie, and Alicia. What the women have in common is Paddy de Courcy, a handsome Irish politician exuding charisma and sex appeal by the bucketful. Paddy is every woman's dream, but a hard man to hold onto. Loosing Paddy affects them in different ways and colors their relationship with men in future. The story opens with Paddy's engagement to Alicia and its effect on Lola, Marnie and Grace. Marian has written a fast paced, page turner about flawed people (aren't we all). There will be plenty moments where you will say "WHAT were you thinking???" and then realize thinking didn't enter into the equation, sometimes decisions are made by the heart and our vulnerabilities.

Swim To Me by Betsey Carter pleasantly surprised me; it is a delightful story of understanding and reinvention. Delores Walker grew up in a small Bronx apartment with her parents and baby brother. Her fondest memory is a family vacation to Weeki Wachee Springs in Tampa to watch the mermaids perform. She has loved swimming since her Mom plopped her in the water as a little tyke.. When her Dad walks out on the family she takes a bold step, she writes to Weeki Wachee trying for an audition. Weeki Wachee has its own problems, crowds have been coming to see the show since 1947, but by 1973 the glory days are over. Even affording basic repairs is a challenge since Disneyland opened in Orlando luring the crowds inland. Perhaps Weeki Wachee will be reinvented right along with Delores. **Swim to Me** is a funny story about how easy it is to misunderstand, how hard it can be to do the right thing, and the resilience of the human spirit as the characters try to make better lives.



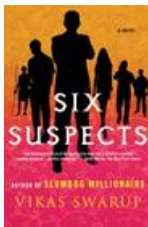
Mademoiselle Benoir by Christine Conrad is a little gem of a book about a math professor from New York who moves to France and buys a remote dilapidated farmhouse. The book takes the form of letters. Tim's parents are worried about him living in such a remote location and giving up teaching for art. Tim starts to settle in, meets people in the village, and makes friends with an older aristocratic woman, Catherine Benoir. 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 Eye of Jade by Diane Wei Liang is set in modern China. Mei Wang has taken on the unlikely profession of a detective, a technically illegal but tolerated line of work. An old family friend, her trusted Uncle Chen, asks her to track down a jade seal from the Han dynasty being sold on the black market. As Mei begins investigating the disappearance of the jade seal, she is pulled into the secrets of the past. Mei's last memory of her father is waving to him as she is taken out of the re-education camp and he is forced to stay behind. She has always wondered why. Author Diane Wei Liang fled China after participating in the Tiananmen Square protests.



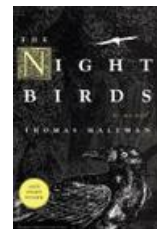
Dreamer's of the Day by Mary Doria Russell. Agnes is thoroughly surprised to find herself at the crossroads of history. She had certainly never anticipated this much adventure in life. But here she is riding about the desert with Winston Churchill and Lawrence of Arabia. Agnes was set to live a quiet life teaching school and staying near her mother. Her sister and brother were the members of the family meant to have adventure. Both escaped their formidable mother early. Agnes' beautiful sister married and journeyed to Egypt with her husband, about as far away from Cleveland as she could travel. Her brother became a soldier. Agnes' mother let her know a husband and family were not in the cards. Agnes was too plain. She better plan on a teaching career and listening to her mother. Agnes did just that, she became a teacher, settling down with the expectation of a long, placid life. 1919 brought the Great Influenza. Agnes recovers to find herself alone in the world, with only her Dachshund Rosie and a modest inheritance. She is not sure what to do with her life, now that she is the one to make the choices. The Roaring Twenties have brought into style the right dress design for Agnes' angular look. When she goes shopping a young clerk takes her in hand, putting her into clothes that fit her the right way. Low and behold she is not so completely plain. This clerk has opinions beyond dresses, she advises Agnes to get out and see something of the world. Agnes can only think of Egypt, the place of her sister's letters. She arrives accompanied by her intrepid dog Rosie just in time to bump into Lawrence of Arabia. Pretty soon Agnes is right in the thick of things, hanging out with Lawrence, Churchill and Bell during the Cairo Conference. Pretty heady stuff for a spinster from Cleveland. If you like history and strong women characters, you will enjoy this selection.

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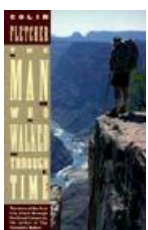


July 11th the Mystery Book Club discusses **Six Suspects** by Vikas Swarup, author of **Slumdog Millionaire**. Vicky Rai throws a party to celebrate getting away with murder, literally. Someone shoots the bad boy dead at his own soiree. Police discover six people have guns, but which one shot Vicky Rai? Journalist Advani gives us the lowdown on the suspects ranging from a gangster whose body is regularly taken over by Mahatma Ghandi (really bad for his line of work), a rather dimwitted American, a starlet, a stone-age tribesman, a corrupt politician, and a thief. Who shot Vicky Rai? Come to book club and find out.

July 18th the Fiction Book Club discusses **Night Birds** by Thomas Maltman. Fans of Ivan Doig will find much to like in Thomas Maltman's book; both use beautifully crafted prose to tell stories rich in historical detail. The Senger family fled west when their abolitionist view made them a target for enemies. They settle in the Midwest where in 1862 the Dakota Sioux led by Chief Little Crow would rise up and wreck havoc on the settlers followed by a brutal retribution. In 1876 Asa Senger is a lonely 14 year old boy, his coming of age coincides with the return of his Aunt Hazel. A friendship forms between the youth and his troubled aunt. The characters in this story are unforgettable. Blending history with fiction, Maltman creates a compelling story.



July 25th the Classics Book Club discusses **The Way We Live Now** by Anthony Trollope. Greed, failing banks, financial shenanigans, lost fortunes, and shady dealings. Sound familiar? Set in the late 1800's Trollope's book is seething with passions both shared and unrequited, double dealing, fortunes made and lost, swindlers, speculators, and a cast of characters ranging from the amusing to the rapacious. Paul Montague and his American partner Fisker want to build a rail road uniting the American west and Mexico. Financier Augustus Melmotte wants to make a killing. Lady Cadbury wants to have her shiftless son Sir Cadbury engaged to the wealthy financier's daughter. The book is just bursting with plot developments and characters up to a plethora of shenanigans. It is an interesting story and considered Trollope's masterpiece.



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August 1st 2011 **The Man Who Walked Through Time** by Colin Fletcher [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

August 8th 2011 **Stone's Fall** by Ian Pears [Mystery Book Club](#)

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August 22nd 2011 **Cutting for Stone** by Abraham Verghese [Fiction Book Club](#)

August 29th 2011 **The Razor's Edge** by W. Somerset Maugham [Classics Book Club](#)

September 5th 2011 **The Last Child** by John Hart [Mystery Book Club](#)

September 12th 2011 **Empire of the Summer Moon** by S.C. Gwynne [Non Fiction Book Club](#)

September 19th 2011 **Wolf Hall** by Hilary Mantel [Fiction Book Club](#)

September 26th 2011 **Atlas Shrugged** by Ayn Rand [Classics Book Club](#)

October 3rd 2011 **Spies of the Balkans** by Alan Furst [Mystery Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Europe](#)

October 10th 2011 **Zoli** by Colum Mccann [Fiction Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Europe](#)

Oct.17th 2011 **Blue River Black Sea** by Andrew Eames [Travel Essay Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Europe](#)

October 24th 2011 **The Shooting Party** by Anton Chekov [Classics Book Club](#) [A Month of Eastern Europe](#)

November 7th 2011 **Secrets of Eden** by Chris Bohjalian [Mystery Book Club](#)

November 14th 2011 **The Postmistress** by Sarah Blake [Fiction Book Club](#)

November 21st 2011 **Washington Rules** by Andrew Bacevich [Non Fiction Book Club](#)

November 28th 2011 **The World** by Jan Morris [Fiction Book Club](#)

December 5th 2011 **The Wild Girl** by Jim Fergus [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

December 12th 2011 **Until Proven Guilty** by J.A. Jance [Mystery Book Club](#)

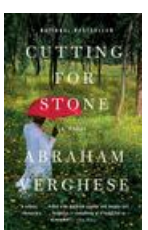
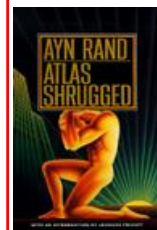
December 19th 2011 **Holy Cow** by Sarah MacDonald [Travel Essay Book Club](#)

January 2nd 2012 **Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter** by Tom Franklin [Mystery Book Club](#)

January 9th 2012 **Remarkable Creatures** by Tracy Chevalier [Fiction Book Club](#)

January 16th 2012 **At Home** by Bill Bryson [Non Fiction Book Club](#)

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