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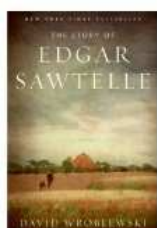
## The Dedicated Readers Society Book Club Meetings 2009-2010



***Under the Banner of Heaven*** by Jon Krakauer

**Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

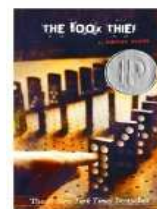
In 1984, Ron and Dan Lafferty murdered the wife and infant daughter of their younger brother Allen. The crimes were noteworthy not merely for their brutality but for the brothers' claim that they were acting on direct orders from God. In *Under the Banner of Heaven*, Jon Krakauer tells the story of the killers and their crime but also explores the shadowy world of Mormon fundamentalism from which the two emerged.



***The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*** by David Wroblewski

**Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

A tale reminiscent of "Hamlet" that also celebrates the alliance between humans and dogs follows speech-disabled Wisconsin youth Edgar, who bonds with three yearling canines and struggles to prove that his sinister uncle is responsible for his father's death.



***The Book Thief*** by Markus Zusak

**Monday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.



***Requiem of the Refugee*** by Sister Carol Anne O'Marie

**Monday December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

Unexpectedly forced into retirement by the arrival of a new president at Mount St. Francis College, feisty octogenarian Sister Mary Helen decides to volunteer at a downtown San Francisco shelter for homeless women. Before she has time to adjust fully to her challenging new ministry, she discovers the lifeless body of a young prostitute and becomes entangled in a psychologically twisted game of cat and mouse with the culprit.



***Leap of Faith: memoirs of an unexpected life*** by Queen Noor

**Monday January 11 at 6:30 PM**

Sharing a personal perspective on the past three decades of world history, Queen Noor talks frankly of the many challenges of her life as wife and partner to the monarch, providing both an intimate portrait of the late King Hussein and a moving account of their public role.



***The Shack*** by William P. Young

**Monday February 8 at 6:30 PM**

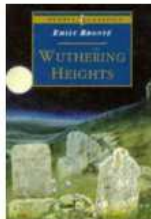
Mackenzie Allen Phillips' youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later in the midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to the shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment he arrives at the shack on a wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change his world forever.



***Once upon a town : the miracle of the North Platte Canteen*** by Bob Greene

**Monday March 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

During World War II, American soldiers from every city and walk of life rolled through North Platte, Nebraska, on troop trains en route to their ultimate destinations in Europe and the Pacific. The tiny town, wanting to offer the servicemen warmth and support, transformed its modest railroad depot into the North Platte Canteen.



***Wuthering Heights*** by Emily Bronte

**Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

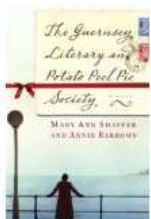
The wild, passionate story of intense and almost demonic love between Catherine Earnshaw and Heathcliff, a foundling adopted by Catherine's father. Heathcliff is bullied and humiliated by Catherine's brother Hindley, and wrongly believing that his love for Catherine is not reciprocated leaves Wuthering Heights, only to return years later as a wealthy and a polished man. He proceeds to exact a terrible revenge for his former miseries.



***Cage of Stars*** by Jacquelyn Mitchard

**Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

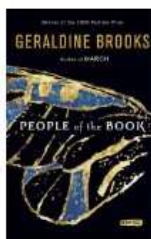
Twelve-year-old Veronica Swan's idyllic life in a close-knit Mormon community is shattered when her two younger sisters are brutally murdered. Although her parents find the strength to forgive the deranged killer, Scott Early, Veronica cannot do the same. Years later, she sets out alone to avenge her sisters' deaths, dropping her identity and severing ties in the process. But as she closes in on Early, Veronica will discover the true meaning of sin and compassion--before she makes a decision that will change her and her family forever.



***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*** by Mary Ann Shaffer

**Monday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM**

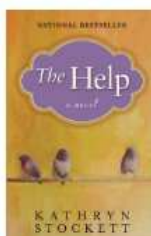
As London is emerging from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton discovers her next subject in a book club on Guernsey--a club born as a spur-of-the-moment alibi after its members are discovered breaking curfew by the Germans occupying their island.



***People of the Book*** by Geraldine Brooks

**Monday July 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

In 1996, Hanna Heath, a young Australian book conservator is called to analyze the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, a priceless six-hundred-year-old Jewish prayer book that has been salvaged from a destroyed Bosnian library. When Hanna discovers a series of artifacts in the centuries' old book, she unwittingly exposes an international cover up.



***The Help*** by Kathryn Stockett

**Monday August 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30**

In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. But with the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women--two of them African American maids, one a young white socialite--start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another.