

BookGuide Bulletin



A monthly "readers' services" newsletter from the Lincoln City Libraries

Newsletter

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Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Bethany Books Talk [Fridays 10:30 a.m.] [441-8550]

May 4 – "An Assortment of Authors"
May 11 – "The Not-Quite-So-Quiet Countryside" [rural mysteries]
May 18 – "Lights! Camera! Action!" [recent books into movies]
May 25 – "Recent and Readable" with Sean [Season Finale!]

Courtyard Book Chats – Central Courtyard – Downtown [Tuesdays Noon-1 p.m.] [441-8560]

May 22 – "The Not-So-Quiet Countryside" [rural mysteries]
May 29 – "30th Anniversary of Star Wars"

Gere Books Talk [Mondays 2:30 p.m.] [441-8560]

May 7 – "Some of My Favorite Reads" by Pam
May 14 – "And Some of Mine, Too!" by Martha
May 21 – "Recent and Readable" with Sean [Season Finale!]

Just Desserts Mystery Fiction Discussion Group – Downtown [last Thursday each month. 7 p.m.] [441-8530]

May 31 – "A Morbid Taste for Bones" by Ellis Peters

Great Books Discussion Group [Gere Branch, Thursdays 6:45-8:45 p.m.] [co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

May 10 – "Antigone" by Sophocles

Visit [Book Talks and Book Discussion Groups](#) for more info

New Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists added to the BookGuide site recently, or older lists we'd like to shine a light on!

[Murder by Gaslight](#)

Interested in Historical Mysteries? Fascinated by Victorian London and the influence of the Victorian Era on the rest of the world? If so, check out this booklist!

[If You Like...Laurell K. Hamilton](#)

Are you a fan of the sensuous dark fantasies of Laurell K. Hamilton, especially those featuring vampire hunter Anita Blake? If so, then take a look at this list of similar authors!

[Star Wars: The Reading List](#)

Star Wars publishing has become a multi-million dollar business. If you want to see where all the novels fit in – continuity-wise – then take a look at our **Star Wars** booklist!!

Reviewer Profile

Our featured Reviewer for May 2007 is **Corey G.** Corey has worked for the libraries in a number of different branches and in several different departments, for over 5 years, and somewhat regularly contributes reviews for our Staff Recommendations displays and for the BookGuide web site. Corey is the libraries' resident Star Wars expert – see him as a Jedi Knight at right! Reading has been a part of his life since childhood, as he indicates in his answers to our questions about books and reading:



I was born in St. Paul, Nebraska then moved to Aurora, Nebraska during my junior high years. I think of Aurora as where I'm from. I guess Lincoln is as close to my "hometown" as anyplace else, given my nomadic habits during the first thirty years of my life. As a child, I mostly read Dr. Seuss books and Garfield books and the odd book or two I happened across.

I've been reading something or another since my childhood. Usually it was comic books, picture books and other books with illustrations. The first book that wowed me was *The Day the Sea Rolled Back* by Mickey Spillane. I read it and re-read it several times during the summer between 6th and 7th grade. I never did become a regular library user until late during my college days. But, that book did inspire me to visit the school media center every so often and see what might be "fun" to read.



How important are books and reading to me? Very. There's something extremely satisfying in a visceral way about sitting down with a book and reading the old-fashioned way. Books on tape and CD are cool and all and I read quite a bit on the computer (as well as more than a little video gaming). But, there's nothing quite like a book.

I'm a big Star Wars fan, so I'm always on the lookout for new books set in a galaxy far, far away. I also have a number of favorite authors I periodically check up on and see what new books they've written. Occasionally, I venture out and read a book recommended by a friend or colleague. Or, every so often, a book catches my eye and I give it a read.

What do you enjoy about writing book recommendations?

It helps me remember the book much better.

If there was only one author you could convince people to read, that author would be:

Wow. There's quite a few authors I'd recommend people read. I guess the first one on my list would be Robert Cormier. I don't know what to say about Cormier that someone else already hasn't. All I can think of is that every one of his books has completely wowed me and not many authors can do that for me. Maybe I just haven't read the clunkers among his work. Or maybe Cormier is every inch as awesome an author as I think he is.

Staff Reviews

[Allegiance](#)

Timothy Zahn [2007]

I almost couldn't believe it. A Timothy Zahn book without Thrawn in any way, shape or form? And a good one too? It's true. Set during the time between **A New Hope** and **The Empire Strikes**



Back, Zahn ties together several storylines involving familiar characters (Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia), newcomers such as the Hand of Judgement and his own characters (Mara Jade). As usual, Zahn's best writing comes with his own characters. He struggles a bit with characters not of his creation in this book, especially Vader. Still, it's a fun book and a good stand-alone title.

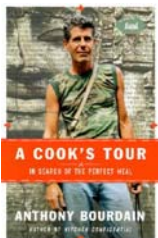
Reviewed by Corey G.

Reference Department – Bennett Martin Public Library

You can see this, plus other new reviews, every month on the [Staff Recommendations page](#) at the BookGuide web site!

Read...Discuss...Repeat!
Join Book Discussions Online

Don't forget! You can visit the BookGuide site at the beginning of every month to see what title has been selected for the next round of **Read...Discuss...Repeat!** This feature of BookGuide encourages readers to all read the same, recommended title, then return to BookGuide and leave your thoughts and opinions about that book by filling out a quick on-line form. Sort of a mini **"One Book One Lincoln,"** only every month! There is also an archive of all past selections for **Read...Discuss...Repeat!** available, and anyone is welcome to leave comments about past recommended titles as well.



During the first week of each month, we'll post the newest selected title, along with some background about the book, some "readalikes", and some web-links to related

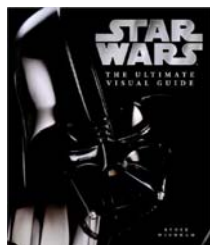
on-line resources. Please come take part...we look forward to your participation!

The selected title for May 2007 is Anthony Bourdain's [A Cook's Tour: In Search of the Perfect Meal](#).

Star Wars Turns 30 on May 25th

In celebration of this cultural milestone, here are some recommended non-fiction books about the Star Wars films and universe, and some of the more noteworthy of the original Star Wars novels to have been published in the past 30 years:

- *Star Wars: Complete Locations* by Kristin Lund [j791.437 StaYI]
- *The Art of Star Wars Episode III* by J.W. Rinzler [791.437 qStaYr]
- *Warman's Star Wars Field Guide: Values and Identification* by Stewart W. Wells [745.1 Wel]
- *Star Wars: The Ultimate Visual Guide* by Ryder Windham [791.437 qStaYw]
- *Inside the Worlds of the Star Wars Trilogy* by James Luceno [j791.437 StaYI]
- *The Star Wars Party Book* by Frankie Frankeny [j641.5 Bru]
- *A Guide to the Star Wars Universe* by Bill Slavicsek [791.437 StaYs]
- *Star Wars: The Essential Chronology* by Kevin J. Anderson [791.437 qStaYa]
- *Mythmaker: The Life and Work of George Lucas* by John Baxter [791.432 LucYb]
- *The Science of Star Wars* by Jeanne Cavelos [500.5 Cav]
- *Star Wars Encyclopedia* by Stephen J. Sansweet [791.437 StaYs]
- *Star Wars: The Magic of Myth* by Mary Henderson [791.437 qStaYh]
- *From Star Wars to Indiana Jones: The Best of the Lucasfilms Archives* by Mark Cotta Voz [791.437 qStaYv]
- *Sketches on Star Wars* by Terry Trotter [Compact Disc 781.65 Tro]



- *Shatterpoint* by Matthew Stover
- *Dark Lord: The Rise of Darth Vader* by James Luceno
- *Han Solo at Star's End* by Brian Daley
- *Star Wars* by George Lucas
- *Splinter of the Mind's Eye* by Alan Dean Foster
- *The Empire Strikes Back* by Donald F. Glut
- *Tales from the Mos Eisley Cantina* ed. Kevin J. Anderson
- *Return of the Jedi* by James Kahn
- *Jedi Search* by Kevin J. Anderson
- *I, Jedi* by Michael Stackpole
- *Remnant* by Sean Williams & Shane Dix
- *The Joiner King* by James Luceno
- *Betrayal* by Aaron Allston



Customer Book Reviews Read Reviews and Contribute Your Own

Due to some technical difficulties with our on-line review submission form, we won't be including any Customer Book Reviews in this issue of the BookGuide Bulletin.

We do still wish to encourage you to visit the BookGuide site and submit your own reviews of books, CDs, DVDs, or magazines that you've recently enjoyed.

Reviewers can remain anonymous...we'll use an abbreviation of your name – "John D., Suzie Q." – plus the name of your most frequently-used branch. Or, we can even use a "screen name" of your own choice.

THE CUSTOMER REVIEWS CHALLENGE:

Since we had some technical difficulties, we're going to re-issue our reviews challenge. So here's our challenge to all the readers of the **BookGuide Bulletin**: As of May 2007, there were 85 subscribers to this electronic newsletter. We know you all love books, or you wouldn't be here reading about all of the developments at **BookGuide** and the Lincoln City Libraries' web site. We want to see at least 10% of you visit the [Customer Reviews](#) page (linked below) and submit a review of something you've read, watched or listened to lately and would like to share your opinion about.

[Customer Reviews Page](#)

[Customer Reviews Submission Form](#)

We'll include one review in the June 2007 **BookGuide Bulletin** from everyone who submits *at least* one review by May 31st, as a result of this challenge – not to mention the fact that they'll be on the **BookGuide** web site as well!

Feedback...

We're interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd like to see here in our e-newsletter each month. What have you enjoyed in our first year's issues? If you have any suggestions or comments to offer us about **BookGuide** or the **BookGuide Bulletin**, please drop us an e-mail at:

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