

BookGuide Bulletin



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Newsletter

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This Month!

Book Talks/Discussion Groups for March/early April
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Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

Anderson Books Talk [Third Thursday 10:30 a.m.] [441-8540]

Mar 20 Book Sharing opportunity

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

Mar 7 *LibraryThing – It's Alive!* [Scott]

Mar 14 *Erin go Bragh!* [Erin]

Mar 21 *One Book One Nebraska*

Mar 28 *Spring Reading!* [Kim]

Apr 4 *Whodunnit?* [Evelyn]

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

Mar 3 *Beware the Ides of March* [Layne]

Mar 10 *LibraryThing – It's Alive!* [Scott]

Mar 17 *Erin go Bragh!* [Erin]

Mar 24 *Book Sharing Opportunity*

Mar 31 *The Good Life* [Meredith]

Apr 7 *Whodunnit?* [Evelyn]

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

Mar 27 "Trouble in Paradise" by Robert B. Parker

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

Mar 13 *Kierkegaard – "the Knight of Faith"*

Mar 27 *Herodotus – "The Persian Wars"*

Apr 10 *Locke – "Of Civil Government"*

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Featured Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists added to the **BookGuide** site recently, or older and/or seasonal lists we'd like to shine a light on! **Click on the titles to see the full booklists.**

[Genealogy Mysteries](#)

Want to combine your interests in mystery fiction and genealogical research? Rayma's booklist collects all the mystery novels featuring genealogist sleuths or a genealogy theme.

[If You Like... To Kill a Mockingbird](#)

If the themes and tone of this work of American literature strike a chord with you, you may wish to sample some of these books by other authors – similar in reading style to Harper Lee's classic.

<http://www.librarything.com/profile/BookGuide>

The library's BookGuide staff is excited to announce our newest way to connect to more book reviews, recommendations and reader tools – BookGuide now has a LibraryThing account!



What, we can hear you ask, is **LibraryThing!**? Well, if you missed [our blog post about it](#), here's the short version: LibraryThing is an independent site that allows users to catalog their own personal libraries online in a way that cross-references with other readers, so you can share your reading interests with other readers across the globe and take note of interesting titles owned/read by others with reading interests similar to your own. Anyone can get a free account at [LibraryThing.com](#) and catalog up to 200 of their own titles. Or for a reasonable annual (or one-time-only) payment, you can catalog unlimited numbers of your own titles on your personal LibraryThing electronic bookshelf.

We here are BookGuide will be cataloging all of the Staff Recommendations, KFOR and KZUM Booktalk titles, plus others associated with features on BookGuide.

FOCUS ON: *Women's History Month*

March is annually recognized as **Women's History Month** – an opportunity to explore the contributions of noteworthy women through the course of American history. Here's a small selection of relatively recent titles related to Women's History. For more, try a catalog subject searches under "**Women – History**".

- *Hellraisers, Heroines and Holy Women*, by Jean Blashfield [305.4 Bla]
- *1001 Things Everyone Should Know About Women's History*, by Constance Jones [305.4 Jon]
- *Reader's Companion to U.S. Women's History*, by Wilma Mankiller [305.4 Man]
- *Unequal Sisters* [305.8 Une]
- *The American Women's Almanac: An Inspiring and Irreverent Women's History*, by Louise Bernikow [305.42 Ber]
- *The Truth That Never Hurts*, by Barbara Smith [305.42 Smi]
- *The Boundaries of Her Body*, by Debra Rowland [346.013 Row]
- *Art and Sexual Politics*, by Thomas Hess [709.2 Hes]
- *Milestones: A Chronology of American Women's History*, by Doris Weatherford [R 305.42 Wea]

Read...Discuss...Repeat!

The March selection for BookGuide's [Read...Discuss...Repeat!](#) feature is Duncan J. Watts' fascinating exploration of the interconnectedness of the modern world, *Six Degrees: The Science of a Connected Age*. If you've read this book, we encourage you to stop by the BookGuide site (or our blog) and leave a comment about it! If you haven't read it yet, stop by the **RDR** page for background info about the book, web links to related web sites and/or recommendations about similar reads!



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Staff Reviews

In honor of Women's History Month, we present a selection of past Staff Recommendations either about noteworthy women or by prominent women authors.

...And Ladies of the Club

By Helen Hooven Santmyer

I was sorry to see this book end. It was wonderful to feel that I was so close to these folks, their joys and sorrows. If you like Thornton Wilder, if you like to read about the daily life of ordinary people, their struggles and triumphs, you'll like this wonderfully written book!



Reviewed by Bob B.
Bennett Martin Public Library



Hold the Roses

By Rose Marie [791.45 Ros]

Rose Marie, best known to today's audiences as one of the stars of *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, began in show business at age three when she won a singing contest. She tells about her vast radio, vaudeville, theater (including Broadway), nightclub, film and television experiences as she worked with

most of the major stars and was even friends with several members of organized crime (the boys). Lots of interesting behind-the-scenes stories of the entertainment world. Rose Marie writes as if she's talking directly to the reader. Very little dialogue; mostly narrative, easy to read. This reader was amazed at the amount of detail she could provide on her early career and the quantity of information related, yet to be only on page 40 of the book. But the story didn't drag. No foul language, sex or violence; not a gossipy, tell-all book. This is an enjoyable, nice read of a star who worked with all the big names and didn't feel the need to trash anyone to make herself more interesting. There was more to Rose Marie's talent than as one of the co-stars of *The Dick Van Dyke Show*.

Reviewed by Charlotte K.
Bennett Martin Public Library

Martha Washington: An American Life

By Patricia Brady [B W234b]

Martha Washington is an often overlooked figure in American history. We think of her as the dumpy little lady seen in later portraits. She was actually an intelligent, charming and smart woman who ran her husbands' business affairs when they couldn't and supported her husband George throughout a long, arduous war. Martha outlived all of her children but was survived by her grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. She was also instrumental in changing the way households were designed and run throughout the colonies. An interesting look at a remarkable woman.



Reviewed by Rayma S.
South Branch Library



The Miles Vorkosigan series

By Lois McMaster Bujold

Exciting, humorous and multi-layered series of science fiction novels, several of which have won the [Hugo Award](#) as Best SF Novel of the Year. Bujold's far-future saga mixes strong elements of military SF with humorous dialog and plot twists, political court intrigues with galactic civilizations, and centers them all on an ultimate anti-hero -- the physically-disabled

(but brilliant) son of a military dynasty, with a penchant for getting himself into and out of major crises with big-time bluffs.

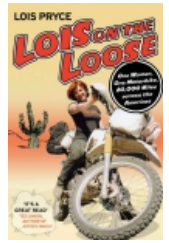
Should appeal to scifi/adventure fans, as well as those interested in political intrigues.

Reviewed by Scott C.
Bennett Martin Public Library

Lois on the Loose: One Woman, One Motorcycle, 20,000 Miles Across the Americas

By Lois Pryce [917 Pry]

Lois on the Loose contains the entertaining chronicles of a BBC cubicle worker who spends her off the clock time, riding a motorcycle. Told with wit and a touch of sarcasm, Lois, bored with her job, craves up her 220 CC motorcycle and sends it and herself to Alaska, where she sets out on the ultimate motorcycle journey that takes her from Alaska through the Americas, down to Argentina. If you want an adventure, but don't have time to take one, Lois on the Loose might be a satisfying stand-in.



Reviewed by Patty L.
Walt Branch Library

You can see new reviews, every month, on the [Staff Recommendations page](#) at the BookGuide web site or posted in the [Book Lovers Discussion and News Blog!](#)

The latest new Reader's List

[Remember the Ladies](#) -- submitted by [S. Luddington](#)

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