



Book Notes

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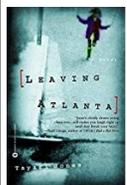
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New Voices of the American South

The South is a kaleidoscope of people and experiences that mirrors America as a whole. Below is a selection of books from the new voices of the South.



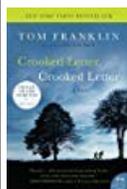
Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel (FIC WAR, LP FIC WAR, cd FIC WAR) by Jesmyn Ward - *Sing, Unburied Sing* is Ward's third novel and her most ambitious yet. Her lyrical prose takes on, alternately, the tones of a road novel and a ghost story. *Sing*, which is longlisted for a 2017 National Book Award, establishes Ward as one of the most poetic writers in the conversation about America's unfinished business in the black South.



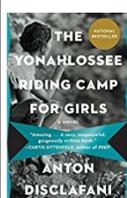
Leaving Atlanta (FIC JON) by Tayari Jones - It's the end of summer in Atlanta, and fifth-grade classmates Tasha Baxter, Rodney Green, and Octavia Harrison will discover that back-to-school means facing everyday challenges in a new world of safety lessons, terrified parents, and constant fear. This moving story of their struggle to grow up and survive shimmers with the piercing, ineffable quality of childhood, as it captures all the hurts and outside forces that can sweep the young into adulthood and forever shape their lives.



A Land More Kind Than Home: A Novel (FIC CAS) by Wiley Cash - As lyrical, beautiful, and uncomplicated as the classic ballads of Appalachia, Cash's first novel is a tragic story of misplaced faith and love gone wrong. In a style reminiscent of Tom Franklin and John Hart, Cash captures the reader's imagination.



Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter by Tom Franklin - A powerful and resonant novel from Tom Franklin, *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter* tells the riveting story of two boyhood friends, torn apart by circumstance, who are brought together again by a terrible crime in a small Mississippi town. It is an extraordinary novel that seamlessly blends elements of crime and Southern literary fiction.



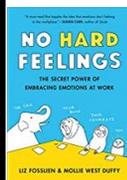
The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls (FIC DIS) - *The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls* is an immersive, transporting page-turner and a vivid, propulsive novel about sex, love, family, money, class, home, and horses, all set against the ominous threat of the Depression.

New Year, New You! *

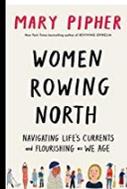
We've got goals and here are some new titles to help you achieve them.



Love for Imperfect Things: How to Accept Yourself in a World Striving for Perfection by Haemin Sunim - The world could surely use a little more love, a little more compassion, and a little more wisdom. In *Love for Imperfect Things*, Haemin Sunim shows us how to cultivate all three, and to find beauty in the most imperfect of things—including your very own self.



No Hard Feelings: The Secret Power of Embracing Emotions at Work by Liz Fosslien & Mollie West Duffy - *No Hard Feelings* dispels the myth that there's no place for emotions at work. You can't communicate clearly unless you're aware of your own emotions, and the emotions you're sparking in others. This book will help you build the emotional discipline you need to succeed.



Women Rowing North: Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age by Mary Pipher - From the *New York Times* bestselling author of *Reviving Ophelia*, a guide to wisdom, authenticity, and bliss for women as they age. Mary Pipher shows how most older women are deeply happy and filled with gratitude for the gifts of life and how their struggles help them grow into the authentic, empathetic, and wise people they have always wanted to be.



Craftfulness: Mend Yourself by Making Things by Rosemary Davidson & Arzu Tahsin - *Craftfulness* offers a thought-provoking and surprising reconsideration of craft, and how making things with your hands can connect us to our deepest selves and improve our well-being and overall happiness.



Life Admin: How I Learned to Do Less, Do Better, and Live More by Elizabeth Emens - This book tackles the problem of admin in all its forms, from everyday tasks like scheduling doctors appointments and paying bills, to life-cycle events like planning a wedding, a birth, a funeral. Emens explores how this labor is created, how it affects our lives, and how we might avoid, reduce, and redistribute admin whenever possible—as individuals and as a society

Adult Winter Reading Program Hershey Public Library's *Clue*

Stop by the library and sign up for the "new" Adult Winter Reading Program, "*Clue*" beginning **Tuesday, January 2, 2019** through **Sunday, March 31, 2019**. Readers will be asked to read four books from nine different genres in order to receive a reading mug. As a special addition to the program individuals may play the **Library Staff Murder Mystery** game to determine what staff member killed Julie at the Hershey Mansion, which genre of book was used as the murder weapon and in what room the murder took place. Prizes and mugs are graciously provided by Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

Adult Enrichment Classes The library is offering adult enrichment classes beginning January 3.

Card Making Classes (Drop-In) Thursdays, January 17, February 7 and 21, March 7 and 21, and April 4 and 18, 2019 (6:00 to 7:30 p. m.)

Star Gazing Snowman Painting Sunday, January 13, 2019 (2:30 to 4:30 p. m.)

Writing Your Memoirs Sundays, January 13, 20, 27 and February 3, 10, and 24, 2019 (2:00 to 3:30p.m.)

Celtic Knot - Collage Sunday, February 24, 2019 (2:30 to 4:30 p. m.)

Fresh Flower Arranging Class Saturday, March 9, 2019 (10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p. m.)

Fused Glass Class Saturday, March 9, 2019 (1:00 to 3:00 p. m.)

Registration for all classes must be done at the library.

Payment is due at the time of registration. -----

Top Picks for Book Clubs

The Power by Naomi Alderman

No Time to Spare by Ursula K. Le Guin

Everything Here is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee

Love and Ruin by Paula McLain

Tangerine by Christine Mangan. -----

Coming Soon to a Theater Near You

The Turning - based on the novella "The Turn of the Screw" by Henry James. (February 2019)

Five Feet Apart - based on the novel by Mikki Daughtry and Tobias Jacobson. (March)

Top Pick in Nonfiction

The Unwinding of the Miracle: A Memoir of Life, Death, and Everything That Comes After (to be published February 5, 2019) by Julie Yip-Williams - Julie Yip-Williams lived a life defined by effort and incredible self-reliance. But in this searing memoir of increasing vulnerability, she dismantles and then reconstructs what it means to be triumphant.

*The library may not own all of the book titles listed in the January/

Don't miss these great programs sponsored by Friends of the Hershey Public Library

All programs are free but registration is necessary and can be done either online @ www.hersheylibrary.org or by calling the Circulation Desk @ 533-6555.

Twin Edens: Galapagos and the Falklands Presented by Scott Weidensaul Sunday, January 6, 2019 2:00 p.m.

Separated by more than 4,000 miles, the Galapagos Islands in the equatorial Pacific and the Falkland Islands off the stormy tip of South America would seem to be worlds apart. In fact, these two remarkable archipelagos have much in common, from their shared history with Charles Darwin to their extraordinary diversity of life, above and below the waves. Join naturalist Scott Weidensaul for an exploration of these twin Edens - one famous, one little-known - that helped shape how science understands the natural world.

Scott Weidensaul is the author of more than two dozen books on natural history, including the Pulitzer Prize finalist "Living on the Wind," about bird migration, "The First Frontier: The Forgotten History of Struggle, Savagery and Endurance in Early America," and "The Peterson Reference Guide to Owls of North America and the Caribbean." Weidensaul is a contributing editor for Audubon, a columnist for Bird Watcher's Digest and writes for a variety of other publications; he lives in Schuylkill County, and is an active field researcher studying the migration of owls, hummingbirds and songbirds from Maine to Alaska.

The Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges

Presented by William W. Donner
Sunday, January 20, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.

William Donner, Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Kutztown University, will explain the history, cultural context and significance of Pennsylvania German Groundhog Lodges and Versammlinge (PA German community events). Books will be sold and signed.

Library Program Healthy Eating Monday, February 4, 2019 7:00 p.m.

Did you make a New Year's Resolution and after a month are starting to struggle to maintain it? This class, taught and organized by students from Penn State College of Medicine, will focus on tips and education about exercise, healthy eating, reducing drinking, and smoking cessation to help maintain your motivation towards keeping that resolution! Registration can be done online

