

# BookGuide Bulletin



Newsletter

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Looking for a good book? Each month the BookGuide site has new fiction and non-fiction reviews.!

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### Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

#### Bethany Book Talks [Fridays 10:30 a.m.]

- May 5 – “Vicki’s Favorites” – Vicki Wood shares some personal favorites
- May 12 – New York Times Bestsellers – A look back at the hottest books of 2005
- May 19 – “Mysteries” – Some hot new mystery authors
- May 26 – “When You Wish Upon a Star” – Novels based on Fairy Tales

#### Downtown – Courtyard Book Chats [Tuesdays Noon]

- May 9 – “Hot New Titles for Summer and Fall”
- May 23 – Lisa Voss shares some recent favorites

#### Gere Book Talks [Mondays 2:30 p.m.]

- May 1 – “Native American Detectives”
- May 8 – “Harold Bloom: A Study in Un-orthodoxy”
- May 15 – “Mysteries” – Some hot new mystery authors
- May 22 – “Vicki’s Favorites” – Vicki Wood shares some personal favorites

#### Great Books Discussion Group [non-library group meeting at Gere branch]

- May 10 – Plato’s “The Republic”

#### Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group [Thur. 7pm]

- May 18 – “Morality for Beautiful Girls” by Alexander McCall-Smith

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

## New Booklists

### Sweetgrass and Desert Sage

Explore the popular mystery subgenre featuring Native American detectives or investigators. Whether you’ve been following Tony Hillerman’s work since the 1970s, or you’ve just gotten hooked on recent works by such authors as William Kent Krueger, Dana Stabenow or Margaret Coel, you’re likely to find something of interest here.

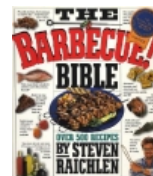
### Game On!

Teen readers may especially enjoy the titles in this list, oriented around “gaming categories” that are so popular with kids today. Whether you’re into **Everquest**, **Civilization**, **Doom**, or **The Sims**, you’ll find some suggestions for novels or short stories that may appeal to you!

## May is National BBQ Month!

Here is a short list of some popular titles about **Barbecue and Smoke Cooking**. The libraries own over 65 titles on these subjects – search our online catalog under “Subject: Barbecue Cookery”:

- *Beer Can Chicken and 74 Other Offbeat Recipes for the Grill* by Steven Raichlen
- *Taming the Flame* by Elizabeth Karmel
- *The Kansas City BBQ Society Presents Barbecue...It's Not Just for Breakfast Anymore!* by the KC BBQ Society
- *Let the Flames Begin* by Chris Schlesinger
- *Al Roker's Big Bad Book of Barbecue* by Al Roker
- *How to Grill* by Steven Raichlen
- *Barbecues 101* by Rick Rodgers
- *Ribs: A Connoisseur's Guide to Grilling and Barbecuing* by Christopher B. O'Hara
- *The Barbecue Bible* by Steven Raichlen
- *Sublime Smoke* by Cheryl Alters Jamison



## May is also Asian/Pacific Islander month!

Here is a short list of some recent titles available at the library in the subject headings “Asian Americans” or “Pacific Islander Americans”:

- *Asian American X: An Intersection of 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Asian American Voices* by Arar Han
- *The Contemporary Asian American Experience* by Timothy Fong
- *The Columbia Guide to Asian American History* by Gary Y. Okihiro
- *Yell-oh Girls: Emerging Voices Explore Culture, Identity and Growing Up Asian American* by Victoria Nam
- *Asian American Dreams: The Emergence of an American People* by Helen Zia



The deadline for registering for the 2006 **Mayhem in the Midlands** mystery fiction conference in Omaha is coming up fast – **May 10<sup>th</sup>**. Check out the conference Web site, hosted by the Omaha Public Library, via the above link!

The five finalists for the 2006 **One Book – One Lincoln** community reading program, including 3 fiction titles and 2 non-fiction titles, will be announced on Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the *Lincoln Journal Star* and on the library’s Web site. Make sure you visit the **BookGuide** site to get all the latest details!



## Coming Soon...

Join us here in the **BookGuide Bulletin** next month as we present two new monthly features in the newsletter –

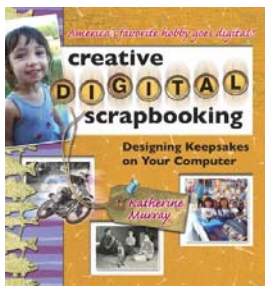
## Reviews by Celebrity Guests and Author Interviews

We’re also interested in hearing from you readers as to what you’d be interested in seeing here in this short e-newsletter each month. If you’ve got any suggestions or comments to offer us about **BookGuide** or the **BookGuide Bulletin**, please drop us an e-mail note at:

[bookguide@lincolnlibraries.org](mailto:bookguide@lincolnlibraries.org)

## Staff Reviews

Learn the basics of creating a scrapbook electronically. Then print it for use in a traditional scrapbook or save to CDs for sharing with friends and family. Excellent way for the family genealogist to create a heritage scrapbook of the ancestors to share with the entire clan. Discusses hardware and software needs, and gives basic instruction on how to install the software on your pc. Everything is kept at the beginner's level with examples, samples and illustrations on every page. Lots of tips, how-tos and ideas throughout the book. Appendix B provides a listing of scrapbooking programs, image editors, and digital scrapbooking vendors and suppliers, online photo developers and font suppliers. Appendix C lists other resources: websites for traditional scrapbooks, other digital scrapbooking books, scrapbooking magazines and online tutorials. Overall, an excellent resource to refer to again and again.



--Reviewed by Charlotte K.  
Reference Department – Bennett Martin Public Library

Check out additional [Staff Recommendations](#) each month at the BookGuide Web site!

## Reviewer Profile



This month, Charlotte K. becomes our first profiled Reviewer. In addition to her duties in the Reference Department at the downtown library, Charlotte is the newest member of the PEARLS team – providing Personalized Reading Lists for BookGuide visitors. Charlotte is an avid reader with a varied taste in books, Charlotte K.'s reviews are always something to look

forward to. Here's what she has to say about books and reading:

"My mother is an avid reader and, through her example, passed that on to me. She read to us each night from an early age; I still have most of my early books. When I was just learning to read she enrolled me in a Book-of-the-Month program that regularly sent an "I Can Read This All By Myself" book in the mail. The first book I remember reading by myself was "Go, Dog, Go" and it remains one of my favorites.

I progressed from Seuss to "Little Black Pony" by Walter Farley along with his Black Stallion series, the Golden Stallion series by Rutherford G. Montgomery, horse books by Marguerite Henry, and the Hardy Boys mysteries. Classic movies influenced my reading as well which is why I read "Spartacus" and "Gone with the Wind" while still in elementary school.

Books are very important to me; they teach and entertain, and allow one to forget the world and relax. I listen to books-on-tape while running errands around town, quilting, or doing chores around the house.

I have my favorites that I revisit once a year ("On the Night of the Seventh Moon" by Victoria Holt, "Busman's Honeymoon" by Dorothy L. Sayers, or almost any Ellery Queen, Rex Stout, or Holmes mystery), otherwise I go with my mood.

I enjoy murder mysteries, biographies, and non-fiction. I prefer cozy mysteries and old-style mysteries, not hard-boiled or gory. Several classic science fiction/fantasy titles are also favorites. I prefer series. If I like the characters, I wish to continue that relationship in subsequent stories. I avoid sad books (you won't find me re-reading "Old Yeller") or books that make you outraged

over injustices – too much of that in the real world, I don't need to be "entertained" by it.

Part of the enjoyment of reading is talking about what you've just experienced in the book. Writing reviews or doing book talks allows me to share books and hopefully convince others to read titles that I've enjoyed.

If there was only one author I could convince people to read, that author would be: Ellery Queen. Well-written, easy-to-read mysteries, fair to the reader with the clues, is a series with several likable characters, not gory or filled with foul language. Takes place in 1930-1950 New York City. Only a few stinkers in the bunch!"

[See this profile and a list of Charlotte's reviews](#)

## Web sites for Readers



Check out our new page of [Romance Fiction Resources for Readers & Writers](#) !!

May is **Get Caught Reading Month!** To find out more about this national tradition, visit the [Get Caught Reading](#) Web site, established by the Association of American Publishers.



**Starting May 9<sup>th</sup> and continuing through August 29<sup>th</sup>**

Following the success of our **Bethany** and **Gere Branch Book Talks**, and the popular launch of the new **Just Desserts** mystery discussion group last month, we invite readers to attend our brand-new series of open-air **Courtyard Book Chats** at the downtown library. Held on alternating Tuesdays, from Noon to 1:00 p.m. in the central Courtyard of the Bennett Martin Public Library, the **Courtyard Book Chats** will give interested readers a chance to eat their bagged lunch and listen to a themed book talk from one of the library's famed team of book discussion leaders.

In May, on the 9<sup>th</sup>, you'll have a chance to hear Suzan Connell, head of the library's Collection Management department, talk about the *Hot New Titles* currently on order for the library for this Summer and Fall. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, you can also sit in as Lisa Voss, coordinator of the **Gere Book Talks** group shares some of her personal favorites.



Don't forget – you've got access 24/7/365 to the online Discussion Forums on the BookGuide Web site. We've currently got five separate discussion forums available to the general public:

### Book Lovers' Forum

for general book/author/reading/writing questions and topics

### Teen Post Place

especially for Teens – discussing books/gaming/sports/etc.

and our three "special event" forums:

### One Book – One Lincoln

discuss anything to do with this annual community reading program

### Mayhem in the Midlands

discuss anything to do with this annual Mystery fiction conference in Omaha

### Turning the Pages of Romance

discuss anything to do with this annual Romance fiction conference in Lincoln

All it takes to register (free!) to use the forums is a valid e-mail address and your choice of online "handle". All of our Forums are moderated – meaning that the initial posting of new topics have to be approved by one of our Forum moderators. However, replies to existing Forum topics will appear immediately.

If you'd like to register for a Forum account

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