

BookGuide Bulletin

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



Newsletter

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This Month!

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Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

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

September 1 – Marlene Cupp kicks off the new season!
September 8 – "Psychological Suspense" – Ruth Rendell and similar authors
September 15 – "The Devil in the White City" – Come discuss this year's **One Book One Lincoln** selection!
September 22 – "The Big Easy" – Fiction set in New Orleans
September 29 – "Recent and Readable"

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

September 25 – First new session for the Fall season!

Just Desserts Mystery Discussion Group – Downtown [Thur. 7 p.m.]

September 28 – "Haunted Ground" by Erin Hart

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

September 14 – "Rothchild's Fiddle" by Anton Chekov
September 28 – "On Happiness" by Aristotle

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

New Booklists

The following are either "new" booklists available on the BookGuide site this past month, or existing lists we'd like to shine a light on!

[The Black Detective](#) **NEW!!**

Mysteries, set in various different time periods, featuring detectives of African-American descent.

[By the Numbers](#) **NEW!!**

Have you read "One" by Richard Bach? How about "50" by Avery Corman? Are you tempted by "1633" by Eric Flint and David Weber? Sampled "Zero" by Eric Lustbader? Or do you just want to journey to "2010" with Arthur C. Clarke? These and many more titles featuring merely numbers as titles are assembled in this quirky new booklist.

[TV Tie-Ins](#) **NEW!!**

If you're looking for some entertaining novels based on popular existing television series, check out this list!

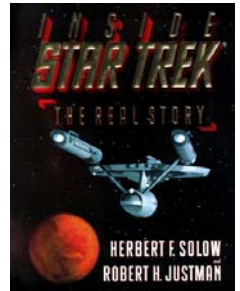
[Star Trek: The Reading List](#)

Celebrate 40 years of Star Trek history by exploring this exhaustive list of every original novel every professionally published which has been set in the **Star Trek** universe.

September 8th is Star Trek's 40th Anniversary!

Here is a short list of some popular non-fiction books, available from the library, about the Star Trek universe. The libraries own literally hundreds of Star Trek novels, and dozens of books about Star Trek, its actors and its influences. To see a complete listing of such material available for check-out, search our online catalog under "Subject: Star Trek" or "Subject: Star Trek Fiction" (or the same for the various Star Trek spin-off series)

- *All I Really Need to Know I Learned From Watching Star Trek* by Dave Marinaccio [158.1 Mar]
- *Make it So: Leadership Lessons from Star Trek the Next Generation* by Wess Roberts [303.34 Rob]
- *Star Trek, I'm Working on That* by William Shatner [500.5 Sha]
- *Beyond Star Trek: Physics From Alien Invasions to the End of Time* by Lawrence M. Krauss [523.01 Kra]
- *A Trekker's Guide to Collectibles With Valures* by Jeffrey B. Snyder [745.1 qSny]
- *Beam Me Up, Scotty* by James Doohan [791.452 Doo]
- *Warped Factors: A Neurotic's Guide to the Universe* by Walter Koenig [791.452 Koe]
- *Beyond Uhura* by Nichelle Nichols [791.452 Nic]
- *I Am Spock* by Leonard Nimoy [791.452 Nim]
- *Star Trek Creator: The Authorized Biography of Gene Roddenberry* by David Alexander [791.452 RodYa]
- *To the Stars* by George Takei [791.452 Tak]
- *The Star Fleet Technical Manual* by Franz Joseph Designs [791.457 qJos]
- *Star Trek Chronology: The History of the Future* by Michael Okuda [791.457 qStaYo]
- *The Star Trek Encyclopedia* by Michael Okuda [791.457 qStaYo]
- *The Star Trek Concordance* by BjoTrimble [791.457 qStaYt]
- Harlan Ellison's "The City on the Edge of Forever" by Ellison [791.457 StaYe]
- *The Klingon Dictionary* by Marc Okrand [791.457 StaYo]
- *Inside Star Trek: The Real Story* by Herb Solow [791.457 StaYs]
- *The Making of Star Trek* by Stephen E. Whitfield [791.457 StaYw]
- *STARLink: A Star Trek Letterzine* [locally produced 1991-1994] [found in the Heritage Room of Nebraska Authors]



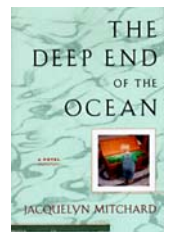
Celebrity Guest Reviewer



KFOR on-air personality Cathy Blythe joins us as our Celebrity Reviewer this month in **The Bulletin**. Here's what struck her fancy:

"In recent years one of my favorite fiction books was [The Deep End of the Ocean](#) by Jacquelyn Mitchard. This book grabs you from the start, as the story unfolds of an abducted child - 3-year-old Ben Cappadora. His mom, Beth had taken her three children with her to

Chicago, where she was to attend her 15th high school reunion. Ben's older brother Vincent was supposed to have been keeping track of his two younger siblings, 3-year-old Ben and little sister Kerry as they were in the middle of a crowded hotel lobby checking into the hotel. In the blink of an eye, Ben had vanished. This book takes the reader on the journey from the initial kidnapping through..."



Cathy Blythe

Talk Radio Personality – Host of Problems & Solutions on KFOR 1240 AM

[Read the rest of this review on the BookGuide web site!](#)

Reviewer Profile

Our featured Reviewer for September 2006 is **Cindy C.**, the Head of the Technical Processes Department at the downtown Bennett Martin Public Library. Cindy has worked for the library in a number of different capacities and has been a frequent contributor to the Staff Recommendations displays in the library. Reading has always been a part of her life, and we thank her for responding to our request for thoughts on books and reading:



"During grade school I lived in a small town in Kansas and then we moved to Oklahoma City when I was in the sixth grade. We always had books and magazines in the house and my mother would read bedtime stories and Mother Goose rhymes to us. I vaguely remember learning to read with Dick and Jane and after that there was no stopping me.

I remember riding my bicycle to the small library in our town. It was in the basement of one of the "downtown" buildings. I was enamored of Uncle Wiggly at one point but also tore through all the Nancy Drew and Hardy Boy books within reach. My grandfather, bless his heart, would bring 5 or 6 hardcover books for me every time he visited. He must have had a wonderful consultant at the department store in Wichita where he made his purchases because the books were always age-appropriate and fairly good literature.

I would read by flashlight under the covers and I particularly remember "Charlotte's Web" was the first book that made me cry. I could get so engrossed in a book that I would not hear my mother calling. I think it drove her nuts at times.

How important are books and reading to me?

Reading is still a great way to relax and to learn new things! So I would say that books and reading are vital for me. I must have a book at hand! Once in the mid-sixties my husband and I were on a train in Europe. We had purchased a copy of "The Hobbit" and we both wanted to read it. So we tore it apart and I would hand more pages over to him as soon as I'd finished them.

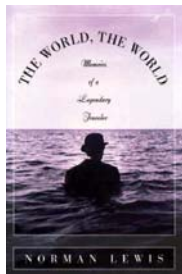
How do I select what book to read next?

I select books to read by reading reviews, by what mood I'm in (I don't like depressing or gory books - sorry Stephen King), by serendipity, or by...

[See the complete profile, and a list of Patty's reviews on the BookGuide Web site](#)

Staff Reviews

Norman Lewis was a writer who covered areas of the globe not normally visited by outsiders. He visited Indo-China in 1950, Burma before the communists, tribal India, and various locales in South America. He wrote an expose on the brutal, genocidal treatment of the Indians in Brazil in 1969 which led to the founding of Survival International, a world-wide organization working for tribal peoples' rights. *The World, the World* describes Lewis's life and travels. He truly had a way of picking out the most striking or bizarre happenings that occurred during his trips. His sympathy for the foibles of mankind also comes through in his writing. If you like reading about other people's lives, this book will be enjoyed.



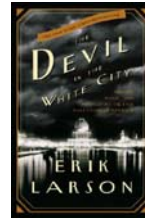
--Reviewed by Cindy C.

Collection Management Dept. – Bennett Martin Public Library

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



The official selection for the 2006 **One Book – One Lincoln** community reading was announced on August 28th – Erik Larson's best-selling 2003 non-fiction book *The Devil in the White City*. This engaging look back at the monumental effort to create the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition (a.k.a. World's Fair) in Chicago, and the dark side of one of America's first serial killers, who preyed on the Fair's attendees, is sure to capture the interest of many of Lincoln's readers.



You will find numerous reviews, background information about the book, author, themes and settings of the selected title at our official [One Book – One Lincoln – 2006](#) web site. We encourage you to discuss the book with other readers on your own, join any of the planned discussion groups, attend one of the special programs built around the themes of the book, or join our online Discussion Forums, where you can post your comments about the book and respond to comments left by other participants.

Web sites for Readers



Readers of *The BookGuide Bulletin* get a sneak peek at the newest "Reader" feature, soon to be unveiled on the BookGuide site of the Lincoln City Libraries: **NextReads**!

Produced by the same knowledgeable and helpful folks who bring us the **NovelList** database (definitely worth checking into, if you haven't done so already), **NextReads** is a special collection of thematic newsletters that will be published once per month (or once every other month) in 20 different categories.

Regular readers of The BookGuide Bulletin may recall mention in our July 2006 issue of a new feature we were preparing to launch, called **Checklists**. Well, about the

Checklists

same time as we were starting to work on **Checklists**, **NextReads** became available to us. With **Checklists**, we were planning to put out only 4 to 6 thematic booklist/newsletters monthly, around themes such as "Mysteries", "Romance Fiction", "SciFi" and "Business & Marketing". **NextReads** covers these categories and many more. Beginning in Mid-September, library patrons will be able to visit the [BookGuide site](#), click on the **NextReads** logo (shown above), and sign up to receive regular newsletters in any of the following popular categories:

Science Fiction	Romance	Armchair Travel	Business & Marketing
Do-It-Yourself	Fantasy	Biography & Memoir	Spirituality & Religion
Audiobooks	Horror	Inspirational Fiction	Mind & Body Fitness
Teen Scene	Mystery	Historical Fiction	History & Current Events
Fiction A-to-Z	Pop Culture	Nature & Science	Thrillers & Suspense

In addition, BookGuide staff will be able to create additional regular "customized" newsletters, focusing on subjects such as "Nebraska Authors", "Local Book Group Selections", etc. Each issue of each newsletter will be delivered to you through your e-mail, and will highlight new additions to the library collection as well as looking back on some older titles that still deserve the attention.

So...Return to [BookGuide](#) later in September, and check out our new **NextReads** service – we're excited about it. We hope you will be too!

In the Future...

The Writing Life...Author Interviews returns in our October issue. We have several author interviews in the works!

We're very interested in hearing from you regarding what you'd be interested in seeing here in this short e-newsletter each month. If you have any suggestions or comments to offer us about **BookGuide** or the **BookGuide Bulletin**, please drop us an e-mail at:

bookguide@lincolnlibraries.org



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