

BookGuide Bulletin



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Newsletter

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

We're playing catch-up this month, wrapping up some **BookGuide** related projects as we near the end of the year. This has led to this smaller-than-usual issue of *The BookGuide Bulletin* for December. We'll be back again in 2007, with all-new reviewer profiles, author interviews, web site recommendations, and hints on how to get the most of the resources at the library and on the BookGuide site. In the meantime, we wish all our readers a happy and healthy holiday season and year's end. See you next year!!

This Month!

Book Talks/Discussion Groups for December
New and Featured Booklists
Web feature for Readers: the new **NextReads** service
[Spotlight Booklist](#): Holiday Titles

Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

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

December 1 – Sarah Easton from the Bookmobile will share!
December 8 – Marcy will share some of her favorite recent reads
December 15 – "Forgotten History" – Sandy will share some of her favorites, including [American Gunfight](#) [last of '06]

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

December 4 – Vicki will tell us about books that make great gifts!
December 11 – Pat will share books from the 2006 American Library Association "Notable Books" list

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

This group is on hiatus during November and December – we encourage interested participants to read an Ed McBain (or Evan Hunter) novel and comment about it in the [Online Discussion Forums](#)

Great Books Discussion Group [Gere Branch, Thursdays 6:45-8:45 p.m.]

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December 14 – "Alienated Labor" by Marx

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! Click the booklist titles to connect to the on-line versions!

[The Audie Awards](#) **NEW!!**

Looking for a good "read" to "listen" to? Check out some of these books-on-CD or books-on-tape that won the awards for best Recorded Books or Spoken Word Recordings!.

[The Booker Prize](#) **NEW!!**

By popular demand, we've added a booklist to BookGuide that includes all the past winners of the prestigious Man Booker Prize, for fiction by authors from the British Commonwealth and Ireland.

[If You Like...P.G. Wodehouse](#) **NEW!!**

Nobody writes quite like P.G. Wodehouse – the master of the farcical British class-conscious satire. But if you like his sense of humor, you might light a few of these titles!

[The Spur Awards](#) **UPDATED!!**

We've recently added titles from the 2005 and 2006 Spur Awards for winners in various categories of Western fiction.

[December is Christmas / Hanukkah / Kwanzaa](#)

December is a significant holiday month for people of a variety of faiths and persuasions. Here's a selection of newer titles – both fiction and non-fiction – that address topics associated with the various year-end celebrations:

- > *Chrimukkah: Everything You Need to Know to Celebrate the Hybrid Holiday* by Ron Gompertz [394.26 ChrYg]
- > *Betty Crocker Christmas Cookbook* by Betty Crocker [641.568 Cro]
- > *Celebrating Christmas Ornaments* by Nina Chertoff [745.594 Che]
- > *Creating Your Perfect Christmas* by Antonia Swinson [745.594 qSwi]
- > *Wintersong* by Sarah McLachlan [Compact Disc 394 McL]
- > *Finding Noel* by Richard Paul Evans
- > *I'll Be Home for Christmas* by Linda Lael Miller
- > *A Christmas Secret* by Anne Perry
- > *The Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery* by Mary and Carol Higgins Clark
- > *A Plentiful Harvest* by Terrie Williams [170.44 Wil]
- > *Kwanzaa Crafts* by Marcia Odle McNair [745.594 McN]
- > *Holiday Blues: Rediscovering the Art of Celebration* by Herbert Rappaport [616.852 Rap]
- > *The Winter Solstice: The Sacred Traditions of Christmas* by John Matthews [394.26 ChrYm]
- > *Celebrations* by Sharon Bennett [745.594 qBen]
- > *Celebrating Holidays Scrapbook Style* by Memory Makers [745.59 qMem]

Readers of *The BookGuide Bulletin* have flocked to our new **NextReads** newsletters service!. The Lincoln City Libraries' BookGuide service launched this new feature in October 2006, and by the end of November, over 75 people had subscribed to one or more of the NextReads newsletters.



If you weren't in the first wave of BookGuide visitors who've already sampled this new series of thematic booklists, we encourage you to visit the [BookGuide](#) site, click on the **NextReads** logo (at right), and sign up to receive regular e-mail newsletters in any of the 24 popular categories. [Shortcut: [click here to go directly to our NextReads information page](#)]

In addition to the 20 newsletters provided by the NextReads organization, BookGuide staff are creating four original new newsletters tailored to the interests of our local readers. Those "original" newsletters are:

Award Winners BookGuide Staff Faves From Nebraska Large Type

For the curious among you, the top ten favorite lists so far (based on # of subscribers) are (in order): **Fiction A-Z**, **Mystery**, **BookGuide Staff Faves**, **Thrillers & Suspense**, and **Historical Fiction**.

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