

BookGuide Bulletin



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

Newsletter

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Book Talks & Book Discussion Groups

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

Feb 21 Book Sharing opportunity

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

Feb 1 Recent and Readable [Sarah]

Feb 8 The Good Life [Meredith]

Feb 15 Love for Sale [Lisa]

Feb 22 T.B.A.

Feb 29 Checkmate! [Jim]

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

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

Feb 4 If I'd Only Met... [Pam]

Feb 11 Susan's Picks [Susan]

Feb 18 [closed for Presidents Day holiday]

Feb 25 For the Young at Heart [Shannon]

Mar 3 Beware the Ides of March [Layne]

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

Feb 28 "Grave Mistake" by Ngaio Marsh

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

[co-sponsored by the Lincoln City Libraries]

Feb 14 Smith – "Wealth of Nations"

Feb 28 Shakespeare – "Antony and Cleopatra"

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

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.**

[If You Like...Danielle Steel](#)

Danielle Steel's latest, Honor Thyself, premiered on the New York Times bestsellers list in its first week of release. Check out some of these authors, who write in styles similar to Steel's.

[The Thriller Awards](#)

This relatively new award honors works of literature in the genre of thrillers and suspense.

PODCASTING...

Now at a Library Web Site Near You!

We're pleased to announce a new way in which you can enjoy book discussions via the library – **audio podcasts!** We hope to tape a number of upcoming Books Talk sessions and make them available to download (or subscribe to via RSS feeds).



Our first program is already available on-line. You can find it either on the BookGuide site – look for the PODCAST graphic next to the titles of Books Talk presentations – or on the main Lincoln City Libraries site – click on the "Blogs and Podcasts" link at the top of the page to get started. And don't forget to add the Podcasts feed to your RSS feed aggregator if you'd like to automatically receive future Podcasts, too!

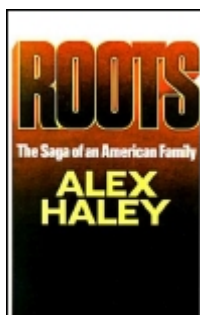
<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org> or
<http://www.lincolnlibraries.org/depts/bookguide/lists/booktalkbooklists.htm>

FOCUS ON: *Black History Month*

February is annually recognized as **Black History Month** – an opportunity to explore the cultural identity and contributions of African Americans in the fabric of the American experience. Here's a small selection of relatively recent titles related to Black History. For more, try a catalog subject search under "**African-Americans – History**".

- Legacy: Treasures of Black History, by Thomas C. Battle [305.8 qAfrYb]
- Slavery and the Making of America, by James Oliver Horton [326 Hor]
- Chicken Soup for the African-American Soul, by James Canfield [305.8 AfrYc]
- Reparations for American Slavery, by James Haley [305.8 AfrYh]
- Setting the Record Straight: American History in Black and White, by David Barton [DVD 305.8 AfrYb]
- The Colors of Courage, by Margaret Creighton [973.734 Cre]
- The Black Washingtonians, by the Anacostia Museum [975.4 Ana]
- This Far by Faith: The African American Religious Experience, by Juan Williams [323.4 Wil]
- American Nightmare: The History of Jim Crow, by Jerrold M. Packard [305.8 AfrYp]
- In the Black: A History of African-Americans on Wall Street, by Gregory S. Bell [305.8 AfrYb]

Read...Discuss...Repeat!



In honor of **Black History Month**, the February selection for BookGuide's [Read...Discuss...Repeat!](#) feature is Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize-winning biographical novel, *Roots*. 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!

See book reviews, site update announcements and literary news in the BookGuide Blog – visit us at <http://bookguideatcl.blogspot.com> and leave your own responses to our on-line postings! We also encourage you to subscribe to the RSS feed for the BookGuide Blog – so you're right on top of news and information about the BookGuide site!

welcome to a new... Reviewer Profile



Our featured Reviewer for February 2008 was **Julie H.** Julie has worked for the Lincoln City Libraries for several years, starting in the Reference Department downtown, and is now at the Walt Branch Library. Her reviews show up with some regularity on our Staff Recommendations displays and on the BookGuide web site. Reading and reviewing books is an integral aspect of her life, as she indicates in her answers to our questions about books and reading:

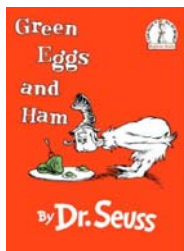
Would you care to share any personal info with our readers -- such as where you grew up, what you read as a child, etc.?



I have lived in several different parts of America. I was born in New Ulm, MN. My parents then moved to Mission Viejo, CA. After only one year it was on to Lennox, SD and soon thereafter to Sioux Falls, SD. Sioux Falls was where I spent the majority of my life, and where I began my library career. Reading and libraries have always been a big part of my life. I started volunteering at the library in Sioux Falls when I was 14, and when I turned sixteen they encouraged me to apply to work there. They offered lots of words of wisdom, and when I went off to college at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion, I worked in the periodicals department of the library. After graduation my husband and I moved here to Lincoln and I naturally came to the library to work. I now have completed my masters degree in Library Science, and look forward to many more years of librarianship.

How long have you been an active reader, and were there any particular books or authors or other people that "made you a reader"?

I started reading at the very young age of three – books like Hop on Pop and Green Eggs and Ham. My mother was a preschool teacher and worked at teaching us to love books from birth. Some of my earliest memories are of the nice librarian in Lennox and all of the wonderful books in spinning racks. It would always be a big part of our downtown trip – stop at the fabric store in the basement of the drugstore, and then go to the library. I read everything I could get my hands on. By second grade I was reading all of my mom's old Nancy Drew books and Chronicles of Narnia, and the Goosebumps series. By the time I was 10 I was reading all the books I was allowed to check out from the library, and then I'd start on my mom's pile, which would include adult authors like Agatha Christie, Mary Higgins Clark, Lilian Jackson Braun, and Stephen King, and my interests have only diversified since then. I can't say that any author, specifically, has changed my life.



How important are books and reading to you?

Books and reading are extremely important to me. I always have at least one book in progress, and I have a to-read list of over 150 titles. If we go on vacation, I always have to pack several books – you never know if the weather will be bad or if the wait at the airport will be longer than expected. My husband and I also collect books – at last count we owned more than 700 books. I'm also the family member who gets the kids books for Christmas. I can't help it. Books have always opened new worlds for me, so I expect them to delight others as well.

How do you select what books to read next?

I have about 15 favorite authors that write series, so they always have something to keep me going. I also get recommendations from co-workers, from customers, and from books that catch my eye when I'm working. [continued on-line...]

[See Julie's complete Reviewer Profile \(and her reviews\)](#)

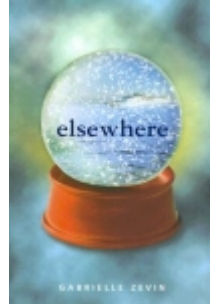
You can see previous profiles of other BookGuide reviewers, by visiting the [Staff Recommendations Index by Reviewers](#) page on the BookGuide web site, and clicking on the **Staff Profile** links next to the reviewers' names!

Staff Reviews

Elsewhere

By Gabrielle Zevin

Elsewhere is an entertaining, poignant story about a teenager whose life on Earth is cut short. This is the story about her life after death. Liz wakes to find herself en route to the strangest place you can imagine. It is Elsewhere - where you go to live after you die. The unusual part: you get younger every day, and one day will be young enough to be reborn as an infant on Earth. Grow with Liz as she tries to handle the unfairness of her situation -- she will never become old enough to get her driver's license. She doesn't get to go the prom. Find out who did and didn't come to her funeral. And most importantly, as all teenagers will, she dreams of finding her first love - but will anyone want to love her? Will Liz ever fit in here? And isn't it weird to live with a grandma who is no older than your mom?



Reviewed by **Julie H.**
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You can see other 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

[Fiction Set in China and Japan](#) -- submitted by **Library Lass**

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