

SILVER BAY YMCA of the Adirondacks

2009 Book Talk Summer Reading List

Week 1 (Thursday June 25): **Snow Flower and the Secret Fan** by Lisa See.

Historical fiction. 1800s rural remote China steeped in traditional ways. Story of life long friendship of two women.

Week 2 (Thurs. July 2): **Lost and Found** by Jacqueline Sheehan

Contemporary Fiction. Part suspense. Grief stricken young widow moves to remote Maine island to become an Animal Warden. Befriends a dog shot with an arrow.

Week 3 (Thurs. July 9): **Don't Look Back** by Karin Fossum

Contemporary psychological suspense. Translated from Norwegian. Town torn asunder by a murder of a teenager. Inspector Sejer must cajole secrets from insular small town folks.

Week 4 (Thurs. July 16): **Story of a Marriage** by Andrew Sean Greer

Very short. Historical fiction. Psychological and poetic. Explores sexual and racial issues in 1950s and explores secrets hidden within a marriage.

Week 5 (Thurs. July 23): **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society** by Mary Ann Shafer and Annie Barrows

Historical fiction. WWII occupied British islands. Stories of humor, friendship, love and heroism.

Week 6 (Thurs. July 30): **The Road** by Cormac McCarthy

Searing futuristic post apocalyptic time. Journey of father and son to survive. A reflection of the best worst of which human kind is capable.

Week 7 (Thurs. Aug, 6): **Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a boy soldier** by Ishmael Beah

Contemporary Non Fiction. 1990s Africa. Young boy reluctantly swept into civil war in Sierra Leone. At times a devastating yet also a hopeful story.

Week 8 (Thurs. Aug. 13): **The Reserve** by Russell Banks

Historical fiction. 1930s Adirondack preserve. Class divisions between less privileged locals and wealthy vacationers. Death, romance, adultery and murder.

JOIN US EVERY THURSDAY MORNING FROM 9:00 TO 10:00am on the Boathouse porch (or if rain, the Library). Come share discussion of the featured book AND share other books you have read and enjoyed in the past. (Featured books of the week are available in limited supply in the library).