The Friends of Bozeman Public Library Book Club

The Friends Book Club cordially invites all interested readers to attend the monthly meetings. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7:30 – 9 p.m. in the Large Community Meeting Room. A limited number of copies of the book selected are available for members to borrow. Bozeman Public Library also attempts to provide copies of the selection in large type and CD format. For more information about the Friends of the Library Book Club please call 582-2410 or visit www.bozemanlibrary.org.

2009 selections

Wednesday, January 7, 2009—The Chocolate War by Robert Cormier
A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

Wednesday, February 4, 2009 — The Portrait of a Lady by Henry James
A richly imagined study of an American heiress who turns away her suitors in an effort to first establish—and then protect—her independence. But Isabel's pursuit of spiritual freedom collapses when she meets the captivating Gilbert Osmond.

Wednesday, March 4, 2009 — The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society by Mary Ann Shaffer
The letters comprising this small charming novel begin in 1946, when single, 30-something author Juliet Ashton writes to her publisher to say she is tired of covering the sunny side of war and its aftermath. When Guernsey farmer Dawsey Adams finds Juliet's name in a used book and invites articulate—and not-so-articulate—neighbors to write Juliet with their stories, the book's epistolary circle widens, putting Juliet back in the path of war stories.

Wednesday April 1, 2009 - The Lemon Tree: an Arab, a Jew, and the Heart of the Middle East by Sandy Tolan
In 1967, not long after the Six-Day War, three young Arab men ventured into the town of Ramle, in what is now Jewish Israel. They were cousins, on a pilgrimage to see their childhood homes; their families had been driven out of Palestine nearly twenty years earlier. One cousin had a door slammed in his face, and another found his old house had been converted into a school. But the third, Bashir Al-Khairi, was met at the door by a young woman called Dalia, who invited them in. This act of faith in the face of many years of animosity is the starting point for a true story of a remarkable relationship between two families, one Arab, one Jewish.

Wednesday, May 6, 2009 — Our Story Begins: New and Selected Stories by Tobias Wolff
The first published collection in over a decade, with ten potent new tales that, along with 21 classics, display his mastery over a quarter century.

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