

A READING CLUB?

Share good books and share a common experience with others. Good reads are cherished building stones in building new friendships and strengthening long established associations.

In some literary genres authors are known more for the body of their work, than for any individual title. Many inspirational authors are known for books published in series, tracking a particular cast of characters, or for books published in collections built around a particular theme. A reading club differs from a book club as the club considers the work of an author each month, instead of focusing on a single book. In this way, participants may learn of new books by familiar authors as well as new authors who have partnered with, or are similar to, well know author "friends."

When available, movies also can provide insight into an author's work and will be added to the schedule whenever possible.

AN INSPIRATIONAL READING CLUB?

A good novel provides a whole life experience with personal motivations "fleshed" out in ways that extend beyond the limits of non-fictional and information reading. This higher form of realism extends greater understanding to daily living when characters successfully face the challenges of life and living with values the reader also holds dear.

THE INSPIRATIONAL READING CLUB

The Inspirational Reading Club of the Sevier County Public Library meets the third Wednesday of each month at 1:00 pm at the Seymour Branch Library, 137 W. Macon Lane, Seymour TN. For more information call Tony Krug at 573-0728.

Please plan to join us for a late (brown bag) lunch or for just a little time away from a hectic schedule.

We want to hear about your favorite or most meaningful series, title, characters, and situations.

SCHEDULE

July

Author of the Month

Kristen Heitzmann

Wednesday, July 16, 1 pm

August

Author of the Month

Dee Henderson

Wednesday, August 13, 1 pm

September

Author of the Month

Wanda Brunstetter

Wednesday, September 10, 1 pm

October

Author of the Month

Ted Dekker

Wednesday, October 8, 1 pm

November

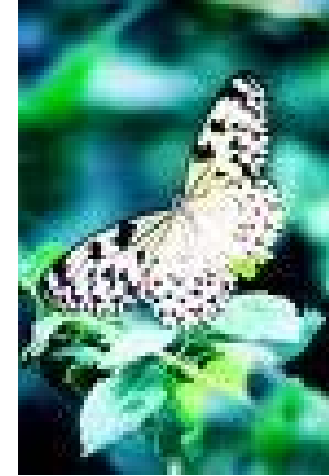
Author of the Month

Al Lacy

Wednesday, November 12, 1 pm

Inspirational Reading Club

(July 2008 – Kristen Heitzmann)



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Kristen Heitzmann

Once Kristen realized the stories in her head were truly a calling from the Lord, she made writing not just a passion, but a ministry.

Writing is not only a passion for Kristen, it is a commission, her way of sharing the themes of grace and forgiveness and dependence on Christ. She believes God gave her a voice, and she joyfully uses

the talent for His glory.

CONTEMPORARY NOVELS

Freefall (S)

When a young woman stumbles out of the Hanalei Mountains on the island of Kauai with no memory of who she is or how she got there, Cameron Pierce reluctantly agrees to investigate the mysterious circumstances surrounding her arrival. As pieces begin to fall into place, he suspects her injuries were no accident, but he's far from convinced she's an innocent victim. And there's that nagging feeling he's seen her somewhere before....

Now known as Jade, the woman begins to recall fragments of what led her to this place, and she realizes the danger isn't over. Jade and the cynical Hawaiian investigator attempt to reconstruct the threads of her identity, but the stakes are far higher than either expected.

Halos (M, S)

The halo she glimpsed around the sun was the first sign that this might be it--the place she was searching for. Filled with hope and promise, Alessi Moore pulls into Charity amidst her first real snowfall. Enraptured by the pure, serene beauty of the little town, she just knows something good is coming.

But her almost heavenly impression is quickly dashed by an unforeseen loss. Left with nothing but the clothes on her back, Alessi is cast into the care of a reluctant party. Yet in a place where nothing could be wrong, darkness sometimes lurks.

A Rush of Wings (M, S)

Though her panic is real, Noelle St. Claire is uncertain what danger she is fleeing. Fragmented images and slivers of memory have driven her to abandon her wealthy, sheltered life for the hope of a haven--remote and safe.

Noelle's arrival at the Rocky Mountain horse ranch owned by Rick Spencer and his brother Morgan causes more than a little stir. Beautiful, vulnerable, yet strangely secretive, Noelle is an enigma the two contrasting brothers seek to unlock. Is her impenetrable shell protecting her from true danger--or imagined fears?

The Still of Night (S)

Known professionally as the "success guru," Morgan Spencer is the turn-around genius who revitalizes failing corporations. His gift for identifying problems and finding solutions extends to the personal lives of his friends and acquaintances.

But the one life he can't seem to set straight is his own. Behind his charming rebel facade is a need that drives him toward success--and emptiness.

Then Jill Runyan reenters his life with news that will either set him free or bring him to his knees.

Twilight (K, S)

Cal Morrison was the best firefighter the town of Montrose had seen, until a tragedy left him with a fear he couldn't shake. When Laurie Prelane arrives with two children in tow, Cal's memories of a love once lost are stirred even though he's no longer the person she once knew. But why has she returned?

Laurie thought marriage would give her everything she longed for--money, prestige, and an escape from small-town life. With that dream shattered, Laurie is determined to make it on her own for the sake of her kids. But danger has followed her, threatening all she holds dear. Can Cal still be the hero she so desperately needs?

Secrets Trilogy

Secrets (S)

The old villa needed what Rese Barrett could do as well as any man on the crew. Trained by the best, she had honed her skills with a passion for quality, an eye for detail, and no room for compromise. Renovation was her joy--taking something old and making it new without changing the heart if it. But this time the inn she restored was hers, and this time she worked alone....

The answers were there if he could find them, and the commission from his grandmother Antonia compelled him to do so. Brash and impulsive, Lance Michelli arrived at the inn sure of his quest and sensing his right. After all, it was part of his heritage.

Chef, musician, and spellbinder, Lance talked his way into her plans before she'd even made them and had Rese telling secrets she'd never before revealed. He spoke of faith as if he could touch it, but how much more was left unsaid?

Unforgotten (M, S)

Lance Michelli had traveled to his grandmother Antonia's old villa in Sonoma to find the truth behind the secrets of her past. There he met Rese Barrett, the woman who now owns the villa and hides secrets of her own. Now Lance has returned to his grandmother with both Rese and the answers he has found. But Antonia refuses to hear what he has to say. Has she really misunderstood the events of that dark night so long ago? Antonia sends Lance on another quest. But this time he discovers that the past has influenced the present far more than anyone realizes. Lance is caught between the two women he loves as he uncovers unforgotten truths that could change them all forever.

Echoes (S)

Rese is not sure what to make of Lance Michelli's healing gift, but she feels protective of this humbled version of the swaggering man who turned her life inside out. As they find new footing, the

Sonoma villa they once intended as an inn becomes a refuge for the downtrodden--including Lance's sister Sofie.

Driven to protect the weak and innocent, Child Protective Service worker Matt Hammond responds to a call and finds an infant abandoned to the care of an odd assortment of misfits. He reserves judgment on the unconventional caregivers--who both concern and fascinate him--but he is especially drawn to Sofie, the mesmerizing woman with a dancer's poise, eyes like dark copper pennies--and scars on her wrists.

HISTORICAL NOVELS

Diamond of the Rockies series

The town of Crystal, Colorado, is known as the diamond of the Rockies, but Carina Maria DiGratia finds its beautiful name belies its harsh way of life. Still, it offers her an independence she never would have had back in California and she's determined to make her own way of life now. Trying her best to survive in a world of prospectors, gold mines, scoundrels, and cheats, Carina tries to sort out the turmoil of her own heart while surrounded by the turmoil of the rough world. Romantic and emotional, this series takes you into the life of one woman as she searches for the things of value and meaning in this world. Will the faith, love, and hope she finds be enough to quell her aching soul?

1. The Rose Legacy (M, K, S)
2. Sweet Boundless (S)
3. The Tender Vine (S)

Rocky Mountain Legacy series

Kristen Heitzmann's Rocky Mountain Legacy is a world of rugged landscapes, heartrending choices, and one courageous woman determined to live in the shadow of the mountains. Abigail Martin is a headstrong young woman who believes frontier life in the rugged Colorado Rockies possesses all the world she could ever want. As a woman who listens to her heart, Abbie is determined to wait for the best--even if it means dashing the hopes of her childhood friend and holding out for a love as consuming as her beloved mountains. Montgomery Farrel is a handsome, refined gentleman who sees in Abbie a reflection of the pristine, untamed land he has come to call his own. Though he finds her penchant for adventure a refreshing change from the southern belles of his upbringing, Monte also holds honor above every virtue--even love. Their lives will be forever changed as they surrender to a destiny greater than the one their dreams hold.

1. Honor's Pledge (S, K)
2. Honor's Price (S)
3. Honor's Quest (S)
4. Honor's Disguise (S)
5. Honor's Reward

Holding codes: M=Main Library, Sevierville; K=Kodak Branch; S=Seymour Branch