

February Book Club Notes from Helen

Thursday, February 15

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire That Saved America

By Timoth Egan

Timothy Egan combines a dramatic story of fire with fascinating profiles of Teddy Roosevelt and Gifford Pinchot as they try to save our forests and wilderness. The Big Burn consumed more than 3-million western acres in 1910, helping justify the existence of the U.S. Forest Service.

Here are some resources to enhance your reading experience. Enjoy!

Timothy Egan Talks About The Big Burn

A short summary of the book

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bi1V2DFGods&ab_channel=bordersmedia

(4:45)

An entertaining author talk

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?290712-1/the-big-burn>

(56:32)

An American Experience Documentary Film

<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/americanexperience/films/burn/#part01>

(52.12)

For further thoughts about fire control, read “A Grim Climate Lesson from the Canadian Wildfires” by NY Times writer David Wallace-Wells, found in the Dropbox folder.

Coming up next:

Thursday, March 21

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Medicine Walk

By Richard Wagamese

Walk with an Ojibwe man and the 16-year-old son he abandoned at birth on a final journey toward his death. Along the way, Eldon Starlight shares his story of poverty, Korean War trauma, love found and lost and self-destructive behavior. It's a journey you won't forget.

Thursday, April 18
11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Doc

By Mary Doria Russell

Doc brings to life the Old West's famous gambling dentist, Dr. John Henry "Doc" Holliday and his compatriot, Wyatt Earp. Travel back in time to 1878 as we visit the cow town of Dodge City, Kansas, filled with saloons and drunk Texas cowboys just off the trail.