

May Book Club Notes

From Helen Huntley

Thursday, May 16

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

Windfall: The Prairie Woman Who Lost Her Way and the Great Granddaughter Who Found Her

By Erika Bolstad

Erika Bolstad's great grandmother Anna claimed a homestead in North Dakota as a single woman and ended up with mineral rights that passed down to her descendants. What might they be worth? In her quest to find out, Bolstad investigates Anna's tragic life and the workings of the oil industry and shares her personal story. ***She will appear via Zoom to answer our questions.***

Meet Erika Bolstad

Erika Bolstad is a journalist and documentary filmmaker, writing about politics and environment.

TV interview

<https://www.king5.com/video/entertainment/television/programs/new-day-northwest/family-history-wealth-and-climate-change-in-windfall-new-day-nw/281-7ef0d42d-0668-4cce-aa1a-b0db82d833ac>

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Thoughts from a Page Podcast

<https://www.thoughtsfromapage.com/interview-with-erika-bolstad-windfall/>

Fast forward to 6:50 minute mark. Ends 34:13

Institutionalization of Women

In the 1800s and early 1900s, it was not unusual for women like Anna to be shipped off to an insane asylum for postpartum depression or behavior their husbands considered odd. If this topic interests you, I highly recommend **The Woman They Could Not Silence: The Shocking Story of a Woman Who Dared to Fight Back** by Kate Moore.

Coming Up Next

Thursday, June 20

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

Birding While Indian: A Mixed Blood Memoir

By Thomas C. Gannon

Thomas Gannon takes us along on birding adventures while telling the story of his life growing up in the Great Plains as the child of a Lakota and French mother and an Irish father. Gannon is a keen observer of birds and of our society's treatment of Native Americans. The result is a rich reflection not only on one man's life but on the transformative power of building a deeper relationship with the natural world. ***Author Gannon will appear via Zoom to answer our questions.***

Thursday, July 18

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

Saving Yellowstone

By Megan Kate Nelson

Historian Megan Kate Nelson tells the story of the creation of the world's first national park through its important players--explorers, scientists, artists, politicians, financiers and the Lakota who were displaced. It's all set against the background of post-Civil War Reconstruction and a still-divided nation. ***Author Nelson will appear via Zoom to answer our questions.***

Thursday, August 15

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

Murder on the Red River

By Marcie R. Rendon

Cash Blackbear, a young Ojibwe woman traumatized by a childhood spent in foster homes, earns a living driving grain trucks and playing pool in seedy bars. She teams up with the sheriff, her only friend, to solve the murders of two farm workers killed for their paychecks. ***Author Rendon will appear via Zoom to answer our questions.***