

MORNING BOOKS IN JULY AND AUGUST

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Join the dedicated readers of Morning Books over the summer, as we explore a tale of psychological tension – or possibly ghosts? – and an intriguing story of a journey through Texas in the 1870s.

Monday, **July 10**, we will meet to examine the life and works of Shirley Jackson. We'll read The Haunting of Hill House, a suspenseful dive into a fragile psyche and a house reputed to be haunted. It begins when a New England woman agrees to participate in a scientific study of the supernatural. Cathy de Mayo will host at 1046 N. Cheyenne St., Orange 92869, with Dana Cox providing treats. Please RSVP to demayos@ca.rr.com or call 714-202-5131 if you plan to attend.

Monday, **Aug. 14**, we will discuss News of the World by Paulette Jiles, the story of a man traveling through post-Civil War Texas carrying news of the outside world to residents of small, isolated towns. His journey becomes complicated when he agrees to transport a Kiowa girl back to her family. Nancy Ivary will host at 12965 Villa Rose Dr., Santa Ana 92705, with Cathy de Mayo providing treats. Please RSVP to mnivary@cox.net or call 714-730-7273 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN SEPTEMBER

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Join Morning Books on Monday, Sept. 11, as we review The Ginger Tree by Oswald Wynd. This 1992 novel adapted for a BBC series uses diary entries and letters to relate the story of a 1903 affair between a Scottish woman and a married Japanese nobleman, with lasting consequences. Barbara Lubke will lead the discussion at the home of Marci Cortese, 12884 Elizabeth Way, Tustin 92780, with Jan Hiles providing treats. Please RSVP to marcicortese@aol.com or 714-508-9842 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN OCTOBER

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **Oct. 9**, as we review Last Bus to Wisdom by Ivan Doig. This final novel by the wonderful Montana author (The Whistling Season) follows the travels – or perhaps the escape? – of an 11-year-old boy and his grandfather. Judith Ramazzina will lead the discussion at the home of Linda Jennings, 350 South B Street, Tustin 92780, with Tarry Goeden providing treats. Please RSVP to lindacjennings@hotmail.com or call 714-731-2380 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN NOVEMBER

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **Nov. 13**, as we review La Rose by Louise Erdrich. This tale steeped in Native American culture opens with a tragic accident and explores the emotional ramifications that follow. Chris Byrd will lead the discussion at the home of Dana Cox, 2402 Santiago St., Santa Ana 92706, with Sue Johnson providing treats. Please RSVP to dbcdb49@gmail.com or call 714-486-3600 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN DECEMBER

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **Dec. 11** at noon for our fun, annual holiday luncheon.

Dana Cox and Chris Byrd have planned a festive meal at 17th Street Grill, located at Yorba and 17th streets in Enderle Center, Tustin. Cost is \$30 per person, payable at the door.

But we will need your **RSVP ASAP** if you want to attend! Please email Dana Cox at dbcdb49@gmail.com or call 714-486-3600 before Friday, Dec. 8.

Hope to see you there!

MORNING BOOKS IN JANUARY

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Join Morning Books on Monday, Jan. 8, as we review Open Secrets by Alice Munro. This powerful short story collection delves into the lives, secrets and relationships of residents of small Canadian towns, among others. Munro was awarded the 2013 Nobel Prize in Literature, and if you haven't read her thoughtful work, this is your chance. Jan Hiles will lead the discussion at the home of Melissa Figge, 665 W. Main St., Tustin 92780, with Barbara Lubke providing treats. Please RSVP to mfigge1@yahoo.com or call 949-929-9252 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN FEBRUARY

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **Feb. 12**, as we review The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupery. This timeless tale of a boy who falls to earth from a tiny asteroid was selected as our “classic read” for the year. Sherry Friend will lead the discussion at the home of Tarry Goeden, 13522 Sussex Pl., Santa Ana 92705, with Ann Ryan providing treats. Please RSVP to aauxtustinpres@gmail.com or call 714-730-4050 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN MARCH

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **March 12**, as we review Hillbilly Elegy by J.D. Vance. This searing sociological work of nonfiction and memoir examines the lives of Appalachians trapped financially and emotionally in a desolate Rust Belt town. Dana Cox will lead the discussion at the home of Judith Ramazzina, 10442 Brightwood Dr., Santa Ana 92705, with Cathy de Mayo providing treats. Please RSVP to judith.ramazzina@dslextre.me or call 657-210-0549 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN APRIL

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **April 9**, as we review My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante. The mean streets of impoverished Naples in the 1950s provide the setting for this tale of the transformative friendship between two Italian women. Nancy Chapel will lead the discussion at the home of Nancy Gerhard, 14231 Clarissa Lane, Santa Ana 92705, with Carol Clark providing treats. Please RSVP to gerhard_nancy@yahoo.com or call 714-544-1095 if you plan to attend.

MORNING BOOKS IN MAY

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Join Morning Books on Monday, May 14, as we review Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue. This fascinating immigrant story follows a couple from Cameroon to New York City, detailing the challenges they face establishing new lives in a new land. Carol Clark will lead the discussion at the home of Barbara Lubke, 9756 Rangeview Dr., Santa Ana 92705, with Judith Ramazzina providing treats.

Please RSVP to Barbara.Lubke@hotmail.com or call 714-538-5888 if you plan to attend. And three suggestions: (1) plan to carpool, (2) request directions from Barbara rather than using a GPS and (3) look for the cat mailbox, turn right and follow the private drive to its end.

MORNING BOOKS IN JUNE

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Join Morning Books on Monday, **June 11**, as we select books to read during the coming year at our annual Potluck Luncheon. We also will elect a new chairperson or co-chairs to lead the group into 2018-19.

Before Wednesday, June 6, please email the titles of books you'd like to suggest plus a brief plot description to Cathy de Mayo at demayos@ca.rr.com.

Our potluck will be held at the home of Sue Johnson, 19852 Highcrest Circle, Santa Ana 92705. Please RSVP to SKGJohnson@msn.com or call 714-363-3898 if you plan to attend. Let her know if you will be bringing a main dish salad; a side salad; rolls/bread and butter; a dessert; or beverages.