

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Politics, Then and Now

Doris Kearns Goodwin's biography of President Abraham Lincoln has enjoyed a bit of a resurgence with the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation and the Oscar nominations of Steven Spielberg's drama *Lincoln*, which is based partly on this Pulitzer Prize winning book. Having recently seen the movie, and having been impressed by the number of analogies to our political times, I picked up the book to delve deeper into that crucial time in American history and the personalities who lived in and shaped it.

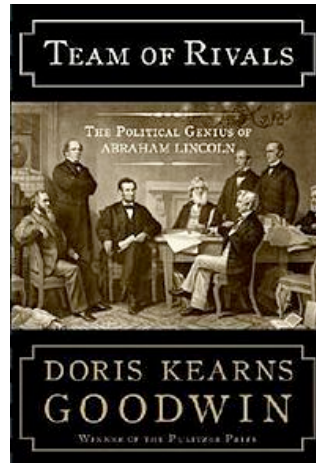
Featured This Month

Team of Rivals - by Doris Kearns Goodwin

The story opens with the presidential election season of 1860. Three great statesmen of the newly formed Republican party each believe that he has the nomination in the bag only to have the prize slide away into the hands of a little known frontier lawyer, twice defeated for the US Senate, whose brilliant campaign strategy has been to recognize how each man's flaws has made him anathema to some faction of the party and to position himself as everyone's *second* choice. So it was that the greatest of our presidents won his office, and astonishingly, brought along his three rivals into his administration as vital members of his cabinet.

Goodwin then tracks back to give us a look at these men. While Lincoln's humble origins are familiar, she brings to light and life the affable, classically educated patrician New Yorker, William Henry Seward, the Secretary of State; the competent but jealous and ambitious Salmon P. Chase, who became Secretary of the Treasury; and the devoted family man and elder statesman Edward Bates, Lincoln's Attorney General.

No sooner is Lincoln inaugurated than the nation is plunged into civil war, and we learn how many



anticipated that a cabinet of such strong and divided personalities would create an internal war, but Goodwin goes on to relate though a narrative woven of momentous historical events and intimate anecdotes how Lincoln valued these men who originally opposed and underestimated him and made of them all, together, the leaders who saved the nation.

Not a military history but a character-driven one, *Team of Rivals* depicts the politics of the 1860's as an art as shrewd as our own, but one that strove for unity and was guided by a great moral vision. Its lessons would be well applied to our own times.

Introduction and review by MaryAnne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Lassie Come Home!

Yes, we are missing you, Lassie, and any number of your friends --books that have stayed out well past their due dates.

Dear friends, please look though your shelves, and if you have an unreturned Library book, bring that Lassie back home. Or if you need her a little longer, just give us a call and we'll re-up your loan.



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New at the Library

Mystery

Painted Ladies by Robert B. Parker
Night Work by Steve Hamilton
Cold Steel Rain by Kenneth Abel
8th Confession by James Patterson
Edge of Nowhere by Elizabeth George
Sonora Rising by Darrell James
Nazareth Child by Darrell James
Cutting Season by Attica Locke
Champagne: the Farewell by Janet Hubbard
Bookplate Special by Lorna Barrett
Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie by Alan Bradley
Templar Magician by Paul Doherty
Faithful Place by Tana French
Await Your Reply by Dan Chaon
Aunt Dimity and the Family Tree by N.Atherton
The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz
77 Shadow Street by Dean Koontz
Empire of Gold by Andy McDermott
Ghost Hero by S J Rozan
Worst Case by James Patterson
I, Alex Cross by James Patterson
Black Widow by Randy White
Persuader by Lee Child
To the Grave by Carlene Thompson
Pretty Little Things by Julliane Hoffman
Under the Skin by Vicki Lane
Acqua Alta by Donna Leon
Born in Death by J D Robb (*Large print*)
Innocent in Death by J D Robb (*Large print*)
Strangers in Death by J D Robb (*Large print*)
Lost Hours by Karen White
A Cold Day in Paradise by Steve Hamilton
Blood is the Sky by Steve Hamilton

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Fiction

Gods and Generals by Jeff Shaara
Last Full Measure by Jeff Shaara
My Name Is Red by Orhan Pamuk
Adrenaline by Jeff Abbott
Red Hot Lies by Laura Caldwell
Rough Justice by Jack Higgins
Herzog by Saul Bellow
A Death in the Family by James Agee
The Face Thief by Eli Gottlieb
So Cold the River by Michael Koryta
Silver Girl by Elin Hilderbrand
The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
The Defector by Daniel Silva

Non-Fiction

The Best of James Herriot by James Herriot
The Opatas by David Yetman
The Main Stalk by John Farella
This House of Sky by Ivan Doig
War by Sebastian Junger
The Warmth of Other Suns by Isabel Wilkerson
Javelina Place by Y.A. Schnoeker-Shorb and T L. Shorb
Adobe Angels: *The Ghosts of Las Cruces and Southern New Mexico* by Antonio R. Garcez
The United States Marshals of New Mexico and Arizona Territories 1846-1912 by Larry D. Ball

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, January 23

Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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