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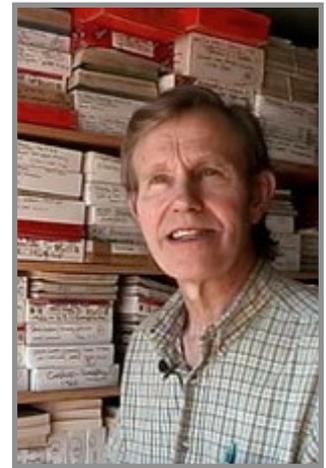
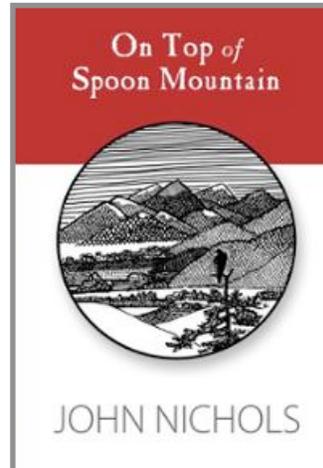
Quoth the Raven

If you have lived in New Mexico for any amount of time, you have probably heard the name John Nichols. He is most widely known for the novel **The Milagro Beanfield War**, the first in a trilogy set in Northern New Mexico. Its success led to his invitation to write the screen play for the movie with the same title. His most recent novel may be a bit of an autobiographical sketch in that Jonathan Kepler, the main character, is an over the hill author/screen writer who, when approaching his sixty-fifth birthday, decides he needs to rekindle his relationships with family, friends and Mother Nature.

Featured This Month

On Top of Spoon Mountain by John Nichols
On Top of Spoon Mountain is the tale of a man who has let himself lapse into an obese asthmatic with heart problems. He has been divorced three times and is currently involved with a woman whose ex is insanely jealous and under a restraining order to keep away (which he doesn't). He describes himself as .." an almost sixty-five-year-old man with a bad heart condition, asthma, a potbelly and zero equilibrium. Just for starters, I won't even mention my personal life." A visit to the emergency room with symptoms of a heart attack awakens his desire to get back to nature and family; to relive happier times with his now adult children by inviting them to celebrate his birthday with a last climb to the top of 13,000 foot Spoon Mountain.

His children had been suspicious of their father's mental state long before this invitation. He had taken up conversing with ravens, bought his granddaughter, Lizzy, a raven-speak CD and had spent most of his visitations with her parked behind Bob's Diner watching, listening and interpreting the dumpster-diving ravens. To attempt a climb to the top of any mountain in his current state of health, they felt



would not just be insane, it would be suicidal.

When his children absolutely forbid him to attempt the climb and refuse to accompany him, he strikes out on his own to conquer the mountain and hopefully regain a sense of value from his family, friends and mostly himself.

Nichols' ability to poke fun and crack jokes about even the most deadly situations takes the reader on a rollercoaster ride from the depths of near death to the heights of love. It is possibly another story of love conquers all but told in a way that only he could accomplish. In short, a thoroughly enjoyable read filled with laugh-out-loud passages intermingled with a few tears and in the end, maybe a few lessons learned.

Introduction and review by Robbin Brodsky

Notes from the Library Board

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New at the Library

Films on DVD

The Crew ... In Which We Serve
The Italian Job ... My Big Fat Greek Wedding
Ninotchka ... The Palm Beach Story
Pinky ... Sophie's Choice ...Cleopatra
Water for Elephants ... All About Eve
The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants
The Day of the Jackal ... The Dead
Gone with the Wind ... Norma Rae
The Great Northfield Minnesota Raid
Million Dollar Baby ... The Pianist
Seraphim Falls ... To Kill a Mockingbird
The Wicker Man
Close Encounters of the Third Kind

Films on VHS

Any Given Sunday ... Extreme Measures
Maverick ... Remember the Titans
The Spitfire Grill

Classics

Madame de Treymes, and Others by Edith Wharton
Roman Fever, and Other Stories by Edith Wharton
For Whom the Bell Tolls by Ernest Hemingway

Mystery

A Question of Belief by Donna Leon
Quietly in Their Sleep by Donna Leon
Die a Stranger by Steve Hamilton
The Affair by Lee Child
Bait by Kenneth Abel
The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds by Alexander McCall Smith

Fiction

Randy Lopez Goes Home by Rudolfo Anaya
The Round House by Louise Erdrich

Nonfiction

Let Me Be Free by David Lavender
New Mexico Rocks & Minerals by Frank Kimbler
Box of Light/Caja de Luz by Susan Gardner
The Other Rodeo by M E (Jr.) Gomez

Audio Book (CD)

Dead Watch by John Sandford

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Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, April 17

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

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<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

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

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