

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### Just a Couple Less Than Nine

Cats are a lot of fun on the internet, but at home they are often seen as independent and aloof. It is said that “cats have nine lives” because they are so adept at getting into and out of risky situations. Dogs, on the other hand, are seen as much steadier personalities, widely considered to have evolved over thousands of years toward becoming the perfect human companions, indeed, man’s best friend. American journalist and humorist W. Bruce Cameron’s series of novels poses an imaginative idea: what if dogs had the singular souls that their human friends ascribe to them, but multiple lives?

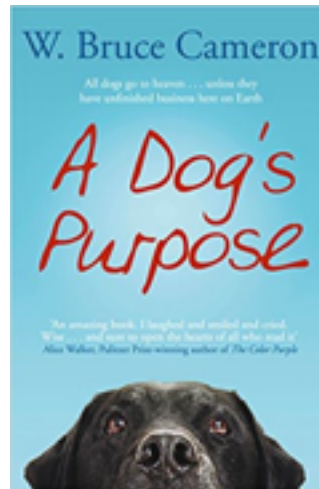
### Featured this Month

#### A Dog’s Purpose by Bruce Cameron

If you like dogs, or think you understand dogs, or want to understand dogs better, you will enjoy this book, whether you like fiction or non-fiction. It is an autobiography of/by a dog. When you read it, it seems like non-fiction, until you remind yourself that dogs cannot write.

Being well written and being written from a dog’s point of view while not being a fantasy, by itself is very interesting. That, along with all the emotional highs and lows, and never having the reader think “that can’t be true” or “that doesn’t sound right to me”, as well as the essentially real situations that the dog gets himself into or circumstances he is put into, makes this book exceptional and very difficult to put down.

Written like an autobiography by a dog, as you read it, many times you will find yourself thinking thoughts like “now I understand why my dog does that”, or “aha, that makes sense to me”, or “oh yeah, I never thought of that”. So it’s an interesting and somewhat instructive book on interacting with dogs, as well as a wonderful and fast read. As a result of having read this book, I do look at my dog differently than I had been doing, and I think I understand her



better than I did before reading the book, especially in how she reacts to what I say and do.

What I’ve written above might make you think this book sounds like an instruction manual on how to interact with your dog. It’s not that. It’s a very well-written, believable story about the many adventures the hero of the book (the dog) goes through, written from a dog’s point of view. Summarizing the plot even a little bit won’t be fair for the potential reader because you’ll want to experience every aspect of this terrific book without any advance information of what you will experience as you read it. This is a remarkable story of one dog’s search for his purpose over the course of several lives. More than just another charming dog story, **A Dog’s Purpose** touches on the universal quest for an answer to life’s most basic question: Why are we here?

*Review by Stan Brodsky*

#### Bookmobile Schedule

**Wednesday, August 23, September 20**

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

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## New at the Library

### Non Fiction

**The Artist's Way: *A Spiritual Path to Higher Creativity*** by Julia Cameron  
**Wild** by Cheryl Strayed  
**Soiled Doves: *Prostitution in the Early West*** by Anne Seagraves  
**Confinement in the Land of Enchantment** by Sarah Payne  
**Maya Yucatan: *An Artist's Journey*** by P. Hofstetter  
**A Settling of Accounts: *The Journals of Don Diego de Vargas, New Mexico, 1700-1704***  
**Whither the Waters: *Mapping the Great Basin from Bernardo de Miera to John C. Fremont*** by John L. Kessell  
**My Heart Belongs to Nature** by John Nichols  
**LIFE Story** by Gerald Moore  
**Rabbit Creek Country** by Jon Thiem  
**Let's Roll This Train** by Lenton Malry  
**The Architecture of Change** by Jerilou Hammett  
**Rio** by Melissa Savage  
**Hillbilly Elegy** by J D Vance  
**Liebling's War** by A J Liebling  
**Traditions of the Osage *collected and translated*** by Francis La Flesche  
**Under the Palace Portal** by Karl Hoerig  
**Deep Waters** by Alan Kishbaugh  
**Jack Campbell** by Jack Campbell  
**I Found Someone to Play With, *A Biography: Larry LeGrande, The Last Member of the Satchel Page All-Stars*** by M.M. Angelo and J.J. Angelo  
**The Psychopath Test** by Jon Ronson  
**Killers of the Flower Moon: *The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*** by David Grann  
**The Ranger Biographies: *Those Who Served 1910-1921*** by Charles H. Harris III, Frances E. Harris, and Louis R. Sadler  
**The Cooking with Kids Cookbook** by Lynn Walters and Jane Stacey  
**Apache Land from Those Who Lived It** by Keith Humphries  
**All the Wrong Places** by Philip Connors  
**American Serengeti** by Dan Flores

### Mystery

**Victims** by Jonathan Kellerman  
**The Snowman** by Jo Nesbo  
**Die Again** by Tess Gerritsen  
**Night School** by Lee Child  
**Less Than a Treason** by Dana Stabenow  
**G-Man** by Stephen Hunter  
**Statute of Limitations** by Steven F. Havill

### Science Fiction

**I, Robot** by Isaac Asimov

### Audiobooks

**Water for Elephants** by Sara Gruen  
**Badlands** by C.J. Box

### Fiction

**A Man Called Ove** by Fredrik Backman  
**Silver Hill-*a novel of Territorial New Mexico*** by Jal Mora  
**The Annual Big Arsenic Fishing Contest** by John Nichols  
**Magpie's Blanket** by Kimberly Schmidt  
**Long Night Moon** by Sue Boggio & Mare Pearl  
**The Japanese Lover** by Isabel Allende

### Juvenile Fiction

**A Wonder Book for Boys and Girls** by Nathaniel Hawthorne

### Maps

**Southwestern New Mexico Birding Trail**

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit  
<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