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A Biography and a Memoir

Emmanuel Carrère's approach to writing biography is interesting in that he incorporates the research and interviews he undertakes to understand the life of another. Thus the reader, like Carrère, is able to build up an understanding of how others think about the subject. An added benefit in this work is to read about the life of a significant person whose historic insignificance would not likely warrant a biography.

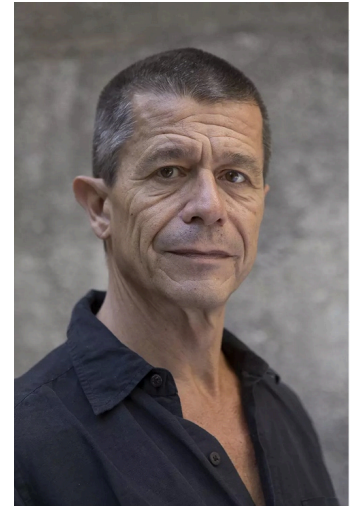
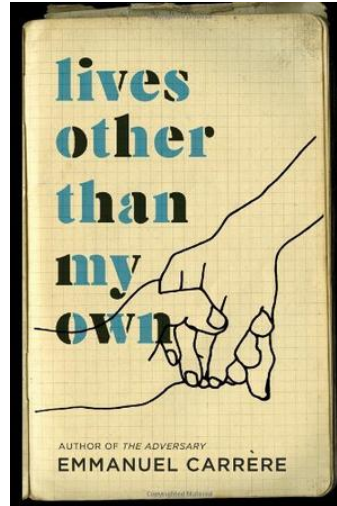
Featured this Month

Lives Other Than My Own, a Memoir by Emmanuel Carrère, translated by Linda Coverdale.

This memoir by Carrère is framed by the deaths of two Juliettes. The first occurs when Carrère and his partner, Hélène, are vacationing in Sri Lanka during Christmas 2004. On this day, the Indian Ocean Tidal Wave swept the island nation. Among the 35,000 deaths in Sri Lanka, one was four year old Juliette, the daughter of another French couple visiting the island.

In many respects the death of young Juliette is Carrère's 'appetizer' to get the reader to pick up the book. After all, who is not interested in first-hand accounts of natural disasters? The real 'meat' of this book, however, is Carrère's combination of memoir and biography of the second Juliette, the sister of Carrère's partner, Hélène.

Shortly after Carrère and Hélène return to France from Sri Lanka, Hélène learns that her sister, Juliette, a young mother of 3 daughters, has been diagnosed with advanced lung cancer. On the day of Juliette's death Hélène's family is asked to visit the home of Juliette's dearest friend and colleague, Étienne, a fellow judge in a French civil court. In addition to both being judges, Juliette and Étienne shared a passion for justice for the most vulnerable populations. Perhaps as important, both had suffered with adolescent cancers that left each of them lame.



Carrère was a quiet observer during this meeting between Étienne and Hélène's family as Étienne spoke of Juliette's qualities and skills as a judge. He also spoke of the foundational experience of having had an adolescent cancer and especially of the first night spent alone in the hospital knowing that the possibility of death is a new reality. Étienne later said directly to Carrère "You ought to think over what I said about the first night. Perhaps it's something for you".

Thus begins Carrère's work on the second half of this book. What follows is his interviews with those who were closest to Juliette. While this description sounds more like a biography, it truly is a memoir. It is a memoir first of tragedy and survival, how deep interpersonal weavings enrich life and how Carrère's interviews have affected both his interior and social life.

Introduction and review by Deb Nicholl

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 6:00pm
Thursday~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturday ~ 12:00pm - 2:00pm

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New at the Library

Fiction

My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman
The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (and Their Muses) by Terri-Lynne DeFino
Oh William! by Elizabeth Strout
Violeta by Isabel Allende
The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead
A Hundred Pieces of Me by Lucy Dillon
The Last Flight by Julie Clark
The Witching Hour by Anne Rice
The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead

Nonfiction

Mindfulness for Beginners by Jon Kabat-Zinn
Animal Speak by Ted Andrews
The Trauma of an American Education by Teague Skye
Notes of a Native Son by James Baldwin
Master ASL! by Jason Zinza
Outlaw by C.L. Sonnichsen
Alias Billy the Kid by C.L. Sonnichsen and W.V. Morrison
Making Peace with Cochise by JA Sladen
Spying on the South by T. Horwitz
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
Villa Raids Columbus by Bill Rakocy
Southwestern Book Trails by Lawrence Powell
Shawls, Crinoline, Filigree by Carmen Espinosa
Another Verdict for Oliver Lee by W.H.Hutchinson
A Thoreau Handbook by Walter Harding
Race with the Wind by Martha Fall Bethune
Ancient Ruins of the Southwest by David G.Noble
Wilderness of the Gila by Elizabeth McFarland
The Discovery of New Mexico by Adolph Bandelier
Exploring New Mexico Wine Country by Babs Suzanne Harrison and Stefan Eduard Rada
American Nations by Colin Woodard
La Posta by David G. Thomas
Daughters of the West by Anne Seagraves
The File: Origins of the Munich Massacre by San Charles Haddad

Mystery

The Crow Girl by E.A. Sund
Shadows Reel by C.J. Box
Hope to Die by James Patterson
All the Missing Girls by Megan Miranda
Antler Dust by Mark Stevens
Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
Buried by the Roan by Mark Stevens
Lila by Marilynne Robinson
State of Terror by Hillary Clinton & Louise Penny

DVD's

Superman...Superman II ... Superman III
Superman IV... Jungle Book ...Ikiru ... 21 grams
Killer Elite ... Midsomer Murders ... Paulie
Evan Almighty ... Kiss of the Spiderwoman
Bagdad Cafe ... Brother From Another Planet
Walkabout ...Swimming to Cambodia ...Titus
The Last Seduction ... Pow Wow Highway
Peabody and Sherman ...Smoke Signals

Juvenile

The Very First Thanksgiving by Bea Bragg

Board Notes

The Library Bake Sale will be held on
Saturday May 14, 10am-1:00pm at the P.O
in conjunction with the Hillsboro Street Fair

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesdays —May 18, June 22, July 20
Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:45am- 11:00am
Hillsboro Post Office 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Kingston Fire Station 2:30-3:30 pm

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