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A Freshman Novel

John Cornell reviews Rita Popp’s first novel in this Newsletter. In her website, Popp tells her readers “I enjoy writing twisty fiction of various lengths—micro and flash fiction, short and long stories, and novels. My amateur detective, Bethany Jarviss, the grants administrator for her family’s charitable foundation, has complicated relationships with her family and cowboy boyfriend. She uses her sharp mind and engaging personality to solve crimes that threaten to shake up the lives of people she loves. I write about her and other characters in my home office in Colorado, my cabin in the New Mexico Mountains, or wherever I go with my laptop.”



Featured this Month

The First Fiancée by Rita A. Popp

Bethany Jarviss, an amateur sleuth, has been summoned to the mountains of New Mexico by her sister Joni. Joni and her fiancée, Matt, are busy getting their newly remodeled Lodge ready for their big grand opening. But there is a complication, the remains of Matt’s first fiancée, Krystal, have just been discovered in a deep ravine, after disappearing mysteriously 7 years ago. Matt has become the primary person of interest. Bethany soon learns that Matt has a temper when things don’t always go his way, but Joni is convinced he’s being wrongly accused. As Bethany starts questioning the local townspeople, she not only discovers their varied histories but also Krystal’s colorful and disturbing past. The plot has as many twists and turns as New Mexico’s roadways but in the end, Bethany discovers the truth.

The author and her husband spent many years in academia in Las Cruces, so it was nice to have the

references to the culture and similar towns and areas in New Mexico. As stated by another reviewer there is a comparison to Jessica Fletcher and Nancy Drew Mysteries. I would agree but at a little more adult level. It’s a fun read that will hold your interest. It is a nice addition to the HCL New Mexico section.

Reviewed by John Cornell

Library Hours:

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

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New at the Library

Fiction

Greenwood- by Michael Christie
Leaving Time- by Jodi Picoult
Station Eleven- by Emily St John Mandel
Mexican Gothic- by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Rules of Civility - by Amor Towles
The Covenant of Water - by Abraham Verghese
The Wind Knows My Name- by Isabel Allende
Normal People by Sally Rooney
The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo- by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Nonfiction

Fly Fish- Taos · Santa Fe, New Mexico by Taylor Streit
The Revolutionary Samuel Adams- by Stacy Schiff
Caste- by Isabel Wilkerson
Life in the Pueblo- by Kathryn Kamp
New Mexico Gardener's Guide - by Judith Phillips
A Field Guide to Grasses of New Mexico- by Kelly Allred
Solito- A Memoir by Javier Zamora
Clanlands- by Sam Heughan & Graham McTavish
From the Ashes- My Story of Being Metis, Homeless and Finding My Way by Jesse Thistle
How the Word Is Passed- A Reckoning With the History of Slavery Across America by Clint Smith

Mystery

Beach House- by James Patterson
The Thomas Berryman Number- by James Patterson

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Each time a patron enters the library, their name will be placed in the hat. At the end of each month, one name will be drawn from the hat and that person will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Coas Bookstores, Inc.

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on for
Saturdays, Sept 2 and Oct 7
10:00am -1:00pm
Come and get your goodies!

Bookmobile Schedule

Service is cancelled until further notice. Books by mail is available for patrons through their office in Los Lunas. Please call 505-841-5250 or email them at sl.rbmw@dca.nm.gov
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