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Off to the Races

Dick Francis was one of the most successful post-war National Hunt jockeys in England. The winner of over 350 races, he was champion jockey in 1953/54 and rode for HM Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. On his retirement from the sport, he went on to write forty-one bestselling novels from which our library has collected twelve. Against the backdrop of the British racing world, Dick Francis explores murder, kidnapping and financial crime involving the industry's principal players—owners, trainers, officials, and race goers.

Featured This Month:

Mystery Novels of Dick Francis

Many of Francis's main characters are jockeys or ex-jockeys turned investigators by chance and circumstance. Although there is no single main character throughout his novels, the author brings a certain comradeship and integrity to each of his protagonists whose strength of character and sense of honesty often get him into trouble and whose determination and resourcefulness get him out again. Set in a variety of venues, from England to California, Australia and the Caribbean, the circumstances of Dick Francis's novels are as varied as the mysteries his characters solve.

In *Come to Grief*, ex-champion jockey turned investigator Sid Halley uncovers a heinous crime committed by a friend whom he—and everyone else—has held in affection bordering on love. To find the truth, Sid is sent spinning into pulverizing days of hard, rational detection and heart-searching torments while other people's miseries explode all around him.

In *Decider*, architect, engineer, and builder Lee Morris is drawn into the fray between the warring factions of the Stratton family, owners of a failing racetrack. When the infighting turns violent and with multi-millions on the line, Lee wrestles with the most critical decision of his life. One path leads to safety, the other to disaster, even death.



With *Second Wind*, Dick Francis explores greed and international intrigue. Off on a hurricane-chasing adventure with a fellow weather forecaster, TV meteorologist Perry Stuart comes face-to-face with his own mortality when the small airplane they are piloting is downed in heavy seas by the fierce winds of the hurricane. Finally stranded on a tiny Caribbean island, Perry explores for food and finds instead the last thing he expects on the deserted island. Back in England and safe at last, the secrets he uncovered on the island lead to threats and danger as deadly as anything in nature.

If you love horses, mysteries, and any things British, you will love the mysteries of Dick Francis.

Review by Cindy Cornell

Special Events:

Hillsboro BookFest 2009

Saturday, March 14 - 9:45 a.m to 4:30 p.m.
Hillsboro Community Center

Local authors and poets with selected readings, slide presentations and book signings! Booksellers with reasonably priced, hard-to-find, often rare publications on a wide range of subjects!

Free Admission

Lunch and refreshments available for purchase.
Local cafes and art galleries open during the day.



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New at the Library:

Mystery

- Web of Evil** by J A Jance
- Last Breath** by Mariah Stewart
- The 6th Target** by James Patterson
- Invisible Prey** by John Sanford
- The Alienist** by Caleb Carr

Fiction

- A Small Town in Germany** by John Le Carre'
- The Last Hostage** by John J. Nance.
- Medusa's Child** by John J. Nance
- A Star Called Henry** by Roddy Doyle
- The Eleventh Man** by Ivan Doig
- The Ezekiel Option** by Joel Rosenberg
- The Last Days** by Joel Rosenberg

Juvenile Fiction

- Maya Nuki, Girl Who Ran** by Kenneth Thomasma
- The First Tortilla** by Rudolfo Anaya
- Einging It** by Catherine Coulter

Films on DVD

Sweet Land

Autumn in New York (VHS)

Classic Comedy

- Africa Screams - Abbott & Costello*
- At War with the Army - Jerry Lewis & Dean Martin*
- Road to Bali - Bob Hope & Bing Crosby*
- The Flying Deuces - Laurel & Hardy*
- Best of Lucy and Friends*

Classic Family TV:

- Adventures of Ozzie and Harriet*
- The Dick Van Dyke Show*
- The Andy Griffith Show*
- The Jack Benny Program*
- Make Room for Daddy (Danny Thomas Show)*
- Life with Elizabeth*

Double Disc Set:

- Journey to the Center of the Earth*
- Jules Verne's Mysterious Island*

Non Fiction

- Pecos Ruins** by the School of American Research
- Zuni El Morro** by the School of American Research
- Nobody's Son** by Luis Urrea
- Across the Wire: Life and Hard Times on the Mexican Border** by Luis Alberto Urrea
- Anasazi America** by David E. Stuart
- Dine bahane: The Navajo Creation Story** by Paul G. Zolbrod
- Growing Desert Plants - from Windowsill to Garden** by Theodore B. Hodoba
- High and Dry: The Texas-New Mexico Struggle for the Pecos River** by G. Emlen Hall
- Native Peoples of the Southwest** by Trudy Griffin-Pierce
- A Painter's Kitchen: Recipes from the kitchen of Georgia O'Keeffe** by Margaret Wood
- The Paleontology of New Mexico** by Barry S. Kues
- Speak Like Singing: Classics of Native American Literature** by Kenneth Lincoln
- Swept Under the Rug: A Hidden History of Navajo Weaving** by Kathy M'Closkey
- Winter of the Holy Iron** by Joseph Marshall III
- Working in the Dark: Reflections of a Poet of the Barrio** by Jimmy Santiago Baca

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
 Tues. 6:30 – 8:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
 Thurs: 6:30–8:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
 Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit
<http://www.zianet.com/hbolib>

Bookmobile: Wednesday, March 18
 Hillsboro, 1:00–3:00 pm Kingston, 3:30 - 4:30pm

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