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Vanishing Life

Among some primitive peoples, photography is a taboo—a theft of personal essence or soul. Edward S. Curtis would have found some truth in that belief. Through his work, a life's mission and career, we have thousands of photographs of the persons, lives and culture of some 80 tribes of Native Americans at the turn of the last century, a history preserved. Our featured book this month tells a modern tale around this epic project to preserve a part of the lost American West.

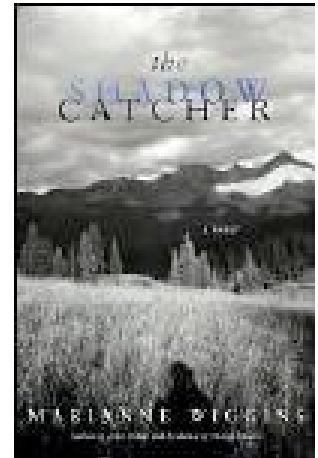
Featured This Month:

The Shadow Catcher by Marianne Wiggins

In her fiction based on the extraordinary life of Edward S. Curtis, legendary Western photographer. Ms. Wiggins, a finalist for the National Book Award, seamlessly interweaves two eras and two lives, that of Curtis and also that of her own father.

Curtis was a man who, out of a commitment to his nation, set out on a task to photograph every native tribe west of the Mississippi, including the natives of Alaska, before they vanished into dust and their tribal customs disappeared. And he miraculously got the job done.

Narrated in the first person, the story begins in Hollywood, where producers are discussing a biopic based on the romanticized life of Curtis. The narrator gets a call from a hospital in Las Vegas with startling information that a man claiming to be her father is dying, but her father had passed away twenty years earlier! Intrigued, she drives to Vegas in order to ease her mind about this mysterious man. She discovers that he has a companion, an Indian who eventually tells her the real story of this fraudulent person, and presents her with a rare white turquoise bracelet, which eventually ties into the life of Edward S. Curtis.



Intrigued, the author begins a search to unravel the “real” Curtis. She also explores her father's enigmatic wanderlust in a parallel story, then skillfully weaves a narrative based on the lives of both men.

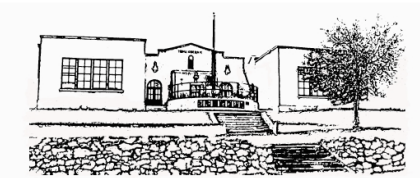
Review by Sandy Ficklin

Library Board Notes

Don't forget that the Library offers some great services besides our books and movies. You can get online with the Library computers or use the WiFi connection with your own laptop. For a very small fee you can send or receive a fax or make copies of documents. The Library also offers limited long distance calling. Stop by and enjoy all that the Library has to offer.

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



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New at the Library

Non Fiction

Away From Home: American Indian Boarding School Experiences edited by Margaret Archuleta
An American Family: The Buckleys by R. Buckley
The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
On Speaking Terms by Connie Wanek
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls
The Land of Little Rain by Mary Austin
Passion and Prejudice by Sallie Bingham
The High Cost of Denying Rivers Their Floodplains by Sallie Bingham

Videos

Adaptation ... The Boxer
Hiroshima: Out of the Ashes
Nurse Betty ... Cold Sweat
Broadway Melody of 1936

Fiction

The Help by Kathryn Stockett
The Dance House by Joe Marshall
Guitars and Adobes, and the Uncollected Stories of Fray Angelico Chavez, ed. by Ellen McCracken
The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver
Twilight by Stephanie Meyer
The Guardian by Nicholas Sparks,
Dear John by Nicholas Sparks
True Believer by Nicholas Sparks
The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout
Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stenger
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khaled Hosseini
Cathedral of the Sea by Ildefonso Falcones
Red Car by Sallie Bingham
Transgressions by Sallie Bingham
Straight Man by Sallie Bingham
Cory's Feast by Sallie Bingham

Mystery

Eclipse by Richard North Patterson
The Whole Truth by David Baldacci
The Quickie by James Patterson
Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Steig Larsson
Bleeding Hearts by Susan Wittig Albert
Chile Death by Susan Wittig Albert
Dead Man's Bones by Susan Wittig Albert
A Dilly of a Death by Susan Wittig Albert
Indigo Dying by Susan Wittig Albert
Night and Day by Robert B. Parker
Brother Odd by Dean Koontz,
Forever Odd by Dean Koontz,
Odd Thomas by Dean Koontz

Books on CD

Fear of the Dark by Walter Mosley

Large Print

Up Country by Nelson DeMille
Brother Odd by Dean Koontz
Forever Odd by Dean Koontz
Fire and Ice by J A Jance

Classic

Catcher in the Rye by J D Salinger

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

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