

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Start at the Beginning

Big book news at the end of last month was the publication in the United States of the final book of the Stieg Larsson “Millennium” trilogy—a series of detective novels that takes place on the dark side of Sweden. You can begin with the first novel, recently acquired by the Library, and follow the adventures of crusading journalist, Michael Blomquist, and Larsson’s remarkable heroine—Lisbeth Salander, a goth-styling autodidact and computer wizard. She’s the girl with the dragon tattoo.

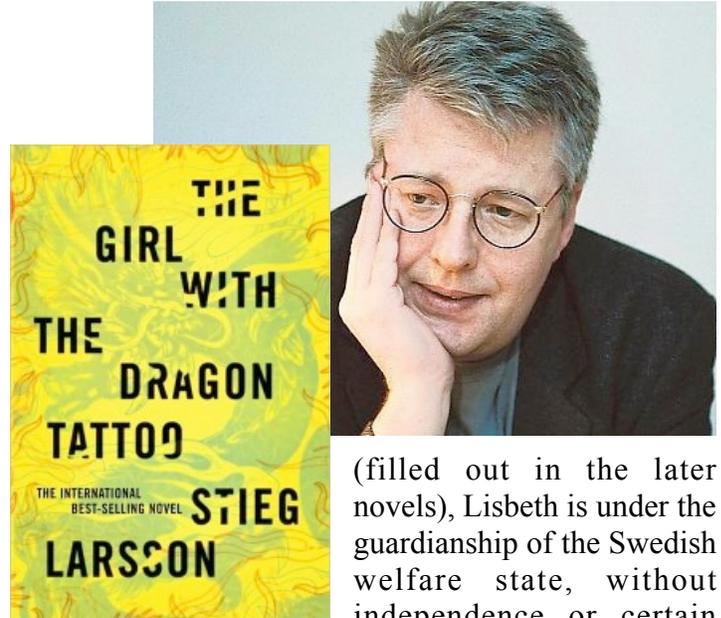
Featured This Month:

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

We meet Michael Blomquist at a low point in his career; he’s on his way to prison for libeling a high-flying Swedish industrialist—and he doesn’t know what went wrong. Blomquist is sure that Erik Wennerstrom is crooked, but that somehow he’s managed to set Blomquist up and escape justice. And injustice is something Blomquist (and probably Larsson) feel in the bone.

With his magazine—*Millennium*—in trouble, Blomquist accepts a strange commission offered by Henrik Vanger, another VIP businessman. Ostensibly Blomquist will rehabilitate his reputation by writing a history of the Vanger family, but what Henrik really wants the journalist to uncover is the mysterious fate his grandniece Harriet who disappeared nearly forty years ago and who, Vanger believes, was murdered by someone in or close to the family. If Blomquist can solve this mystery, Vanger will provide the goods on Wennerstrom.

So what does Blomquist need most?—a researcher and investigator who knows how to find obscure information. Enter Lisbeth Salander, a young woman with some of her own ideas about justice. Anti-social and misunderstood, with a horrifying childhood



(filled out in the later novels), Lisbeth is under the guardianship of the Swedish welfare state, without independence or certain civil rights, making her vulnerable to those in the system whom power has corrupted. Yet, she is gifted—with a cold-blooded determination and astounding intellectual and technological skills that will make her enemies rue the day they thought they had her pegged as pierced and tattooed trash.

Together Blomquist and Salander unravel the dark secrets of the Vanger family, turn the tables on Wennerstrom and balance the scales of justice—none too delicately.

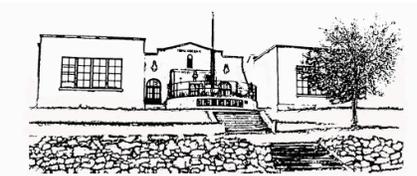
(A note: this novel, titled in Swedish “Men Who Hate Women” takes misogyny as an overriding theme and contains some graphically described scenes of violence.)

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Thanks to all who have baked—and bought—at the Library’s First-Saturday-of-the-Month Bake Sales.

There will be no bake sale in July, due to the Independence Day holiday, but look for us again in August out in front of the Post Office.



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New at the Library

Fiction

Lyric of the Circle Heart by William Eastline
The Elegance of the Hedgehog by Muriel Barbery
The Color Purple by Alice Walker

Classic Fiction

Collected Short Stories of Edith Wharton
A Mary Austin Reader
Pylon by William Faulkner

Non Fiction

Great Short Works of Edgar Allan Poe
Where Have All the Leaders Gone? by Lee Iacocca
Historic Walking Tour of Mesilla, NM by Vesta Siemers
The Log of a Timber Cruiser by William Pinkney Lawson

Poetry

Norton Anthology of Poetry collected by Arthur Eastman
American Negro Poetry collected by Arna Bontemps
The Colossus and Other Poems by Sylvia Plath
Seven Centuries of Verse collected by A. Smith
In the Winter of Cities and collected poems by Tennessee Williams
The Modern Poets collected by Malcolm Brinnin
Selected Poems by Emily Dickinson

Plays

The Iceman Cometh by Eugene O'Neill
The Dresser by Ronald Harwood
No Exit and Three Other Plays by Jean-Paul Sartre
Four Major Plays by Henrik Ibsen
Mother Courage by Bertolt Brecht
The Persecution & Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat.... by Peter Weiss
Salt of the Earth by Michael Wilson
Our Town: A Play in Three Acts by Thornton Wilder
Arms and the Man by [George] Bernard Shaw

Large Print

The Stolen Blue by Judith Van Gieson

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