

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Holidays with the Family

What could be a more typical holiday sentiment than the yearning of the grand matriarch to reunite the whole family for one glorious Christmas at home? That's the aspiration of Enid Lambert, one of the five main characters of Jonathan Franzen's acclaimed novel of a truly dysfunctional American family. But the journey to a family reunion requires a few corrections in course by all of the Lambert clan.

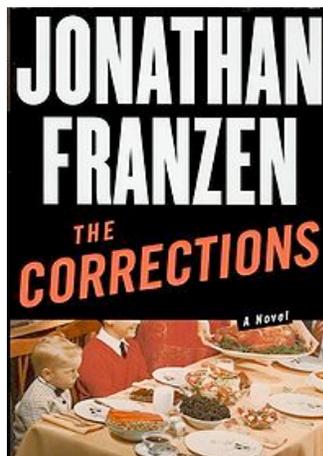
Featured This Month:

The Corrections by Jonathan Franzen

Alfred Lambert, a retired railroad engineer, is slowly succumbing to dementia and Parkinson's disease, though his wife Enid is in fervent denial that anything is wrong in a relationship that has not been relating for years. However, there is enough grasp of reality to lend urgency to Enid's appeal to their three children that they return to their Midwest hometown, St. Jude (the patron saint of the hopeless), to celebrate one last Christmas together. Unfortunately, none of kids is very enthused about coming back to the home they had been too happy to escape--even though for all of them, it seems they jumped out of the frying pan and into the fire.

The oldest son Gary *seems* quite successful -- a banker who has caught the wave of the 1990's tech boom. It's too bad that he's married to a manipulative wife, who in the guise of caring about his being depressed, feeds his paranoia that his whole family is plotting against him. They are. The middle son Chip has philandered himself out of a tenured professorship at a college and winds up running an internet fraud in Lithuania. Hey, it's a living. The youngest child, daughter Denise, is the chef of a hot new Philadelphia restaurant (signature dish: sauerkraut) until she, too, sabotages herself in a love affair with her patron. And his wife.

The plot follows the misadventures of the family members as they lurch toward the denouement of the



reunion at Christmas, particularly through a hilarious disaster on a vacation cruise that Enid and Alfred take to admire the fall foliage in Nova Scotia. More than the leaves fall.

Winner of the National Book Award for 2001, Franzen's novel is also a portrait of that time in the 1990's when America was characterized by extravagance, economically and culturally, until at last the correction arrived and the bubble burst.

Review by MaryAnne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Announcing: **NEW WINTER HOURS!** The Library is changing its Tuesday and Thursday evening hours to the afternoon, opening at 3:30 pm and closing at 5:30 pm. Please plan on coming earlier (and getting home before dark)!

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library will take place on Friday, February 11, at 1:30 pm in the Betty Reynolds Reading Room. Business will include elections to the Board, financial information, and a review of Library activities over the past year. Anyone interested in running for the Board should contact Cindy Cornell at cindycornell@hotmail.com or 895-5090.

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New at the Library

Non-fiction

Blood Desert by Renny Golden
How to Draw What You See by Rudy De Reyna
The Silent Passage Menopause by Gail Sheehy
The Evolution of God by Robert Wright
Sarah Johnson's Mount Vernon-The Forgotten History of an American Shrine by Scott Casper
Stiff by Mary Roach
Glenn Beck's Common Sense by Glenn Beck
The Black Swan by Nassim Taleb

Large Print Fiction

Just One Look by Harlan Coben

Mystery

Coyote Wind by Peter Bowen
Notches by Peter Bowen
Thunder Horse by Peter Bowen
Killing Critics by Carol O'Connell
The Black Book by Ian Rankin
Knots and Crosses by Ian Rankin
Plum Lovin' by Janet Evanovich

Fiction

The Dark Tide by Andrew Gross
Twenty-Seven Bones by Jonathan Nasaw
Double Cross Blind by Joel N. Ross
Let the Great World Spin by Colum McCann
Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by J.Ford
Just One Look by Harlan Coben
Promise Me by Harlan Coben
The Woods by Harlan Coben
Can't Wait to Get to Heaven by Fanie Flagg

Juvenile Non-Fiction:

Visual Encyclopedia of Science by var. authors
The Way Life Works by M. Hoagland & B.Dodson

Films

Lagaan: Once upon a Time in India (DVD)
Angels in America (DVD)
Ulee's Gold (Video)

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

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm
No Holiday closures this month

Bookmobile: Wednesday, January 19

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

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