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Out of the Comfort Zone

Reading is a matter of personal preferences, and I have mine. My last review for this rag, title *Joe*, was about a journalist going back to a mess in his hometown after years away. In plot, it hit close to home.

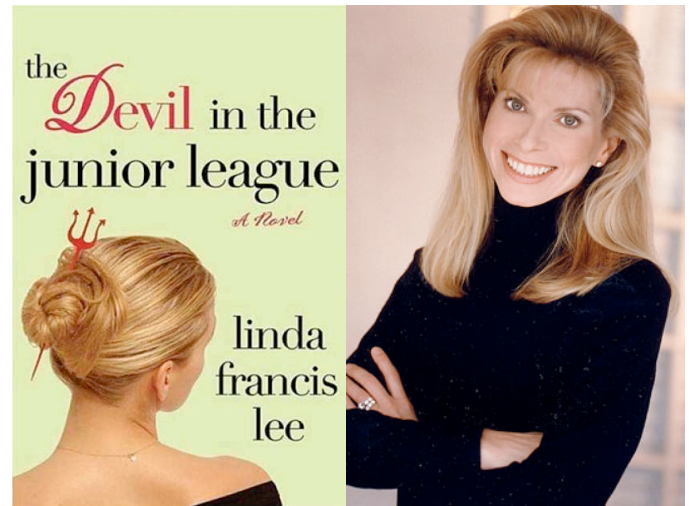
The review the year before that was *Sex, Death, and Fly Fishing*, by John Gierach. Two subjects I can relate to, although I know considerably more about one than the other. Neither book has been checked out since, so I thought perhaps I should broaden my horizons and choose a less familiar subject.

And so after just passing one of life's milestones and reflecting on what I've missed out on through the years, I was struck by the thought that I knew next to nothing about what goes on in women's clubs. Imagine my excitement when sorting through a donation of books to the library that I came across *The Devil in the Junior League* by Linda Francis Lee, an exposé about the inner goings on in a chapter of the Junior League in Willow Creek, Texas.

Featured This Month

The Devil in the Junior League by Linda Francis Lee

Ms. Lee, a former Junior Leaguer herself (given the tell-all of her revelations, I suspect she is no longer welcome in certain circles), knows of what she speaks. The author pulls no punches and can be downright catty when it comes to opinions about appropriate dress for various occasions. To that end, *Devil* is very much a novel of manners—both ill and proper. Moreover, there's no mistaking the connection between the author and the novel's heroine, the Texas beauty Fredericka Mercedes Hildebrand Ware. Ms. Lee's glamour shot on the dust jacket is a dead ringer for Fredericka as described, and the author is likewise a former Texas



debutante from a wealthy and prestigious family. Think Jane Austen with less formal language, big hair, and a Texas twang.

I like a tale with a little action, and this one has plenty to burn, as Frede dumps her husband's underwear and sock drawers in a rage when she becomes aware that he's been cheating with a woman well down the social scale. When the tryst becomes known, we gasp when Frede asks the maid to fetch the scissors, fearing the worst. Ah, but it's just to snip the handsome infidel from some snapshots. Life goes on for Fredericka Mercedes Hildebrand.

If you're a reader who likes conflict, and I do, this one will have you wringing your hands. Consider being of a certain status in a small town, then finding out that you're not the wealthy person you thought you were. Even worse, our heroine is put in the untenable position of having to sponsor Junior League membership for her tacky neighbor, Nikki, who cracks her gum and dresses off the rack at J.C. Penney's. What could be more tragic?

I won't spoil the ending.

Introduction and Review by Stephen Siegfried

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New at the Library

Non-fiction

Bell Ranch: *Cattle Ranching in the Southwest, 1824-1947* by David Remley
Hemingway: *A Desperate Life* (Poems) by David Ray
The Electric Kool-Aid Acid Test by Tom Wolfe

Mystery

The Black Cat by Martha Grimes
The Deer Leap by Martha Grimes
Dust by Martha Grimes
The Grave Maurice by Martha Grimes
The Old Fox Deceiv'd by Martha Grimes
The Old Wine Shades by Martha Grimes
The Winds of Change by Martha Grimes
Blood from a Stone by Donna Leon
Fatal Remedies by Donna Leon
A Sea of Troubles by Donna Leon
Cruzatte and Maria by Peter Bowen
The Enemy by Lee Child
The Second Opinion by Michael Palmer
Red Mesa by Aimee and David Thurlo

Films on DVD

Gettysburg

Fiction

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller
High Fidelity by Nick Hornby
In Other Rooms, Other Wonders by Daniyal Mueenuddin
A Lion Among Men by Gregory Maguire
Mirror Mirror by Gregory Maguire
The Shadow of the Wind by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
The Devil Wears Prada by Lauren Weisberger

Notes from the Library Board

APPRECIATIONS!!!

A huge THANK YOU to all the Library volunteers who worked on Christmas in the Foothills at the Bake Sale and on the \$49.95 Auctions Book Bag!

Special kudos to Diane Bellack who heads the Library Bake Sale, which has broken all records this year.

Volunteers –don't forget December 17, –our Volunteers Appreciation Pizza Party -- 5pm-7pm at the HCC kitchen!

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

Bookmobile: Wednesday, December 21

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

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