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A Little Town in New Mexico

We've probably all seen the standard disclaimer at the end of a movie: "The events and characters depicted are fictitious. Any similarity to actual persons, living or dead, is purely coincidental." Maybe in this book too....

Featured This Month

Sweeney by Robert Julyan

I would not normally quote the book description from the back cover of a book, but this one hits the nail right on the head. I couldn't think of a better way to get across the flavor of the book without revealing the surprise that is a part of the fun of reading this book.

Author of numerous New Mexico-related books, Robert Julyan visited many communities like Sweeney while researching his Place Names of New Mexico. Julyan lives in Carnuel, a small community just outside Albuquerque. This is his first novel.

Population 856 and falling, the fictional New Mexico town of Sweeney was born in the early twentieth century during a brief homesteader boom that coincided with an ephemeral rainy cycle. Hopeful settlers laid out farmsteads all over the plains, post offices sprouted in general stores and ranch headquarters, and towns like Sweeney sprang up like mushrooms after a rain. But then the rains failed and the farmers moved on or became ranchers whose stock could survive on the tough, short grass. When the dirt roads were paved in the 1950s and the remaining population could travel elsewhere for cheaper goods and services, the little communities wilted and died.

Yet somehow Sweeney survived. Until now. Only its few remaining citizens care whether it lives or dies, and a handful of them concoct a plot to draw attention to their hometown. This quixotic tale of Sweeney's journey of survival and self-discovery



offers a wry glimpse of the oddities and opportunities of small-town life, featuring aliens, nudists, naked bull riders, Druids, phony Indians, real Indians, and above all, Sweeney's crazy citizens, because, as one of them says, "Crazy ideas are the only kind that work around here."

The only thing this description leaves out is that the book is filled with a number of believable and likeable characters—along with a few that are a little harder to like. I hope that this is the first of many novels by this author.

Review by Joe Diel

Notes From the Library Board

The Annual Meeting of the Hillsboro Community Library was held on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at the HCC. We are happy to report that the Library is solvent (with income last year slightly exceeding expenses) and solid (now boasting 6637 items!). We welcome Carleton Hasbrook as a new Board member and thank out-going Board member Sandy Ficklin for her years of service.

SPECIAL THANKS THIS MONTH TO:
DON MAWHINNEY, RUTH FORD, AND MICHELE DIEL
FOR THEIR GENEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LIBRARY

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New at the Library

Mystery

Queen of the Night by J A Jance
Trial by Fire by J A Jance
The Last Patriot by Brad Thor
Death Assemblage by Susan Miller
The Siren Queen by Fiona Buckley
Jane and the Canterbury Tale by Stephanie Barron
Pirate King by Laurie King
Explosive Eighteen by Janet Evanovich
Smokin' Seventeen by Janet Evanovich
Sweetheart by Chelsea Cain
One Good Turn by Kate Atkinson
When Will There Be Good News by Kate Atkinson
Started Early, Took My Dog by Kate Atkinson

Films

On DVD

Mildred Pierce ... Gran Torino ... Spider-man 2
Get Carter ... Mrs. Soffel ... Agatha Christie's Poirot
Steve McQueen Collection (Bullitt, Papillon)

On VHS

Blade Runner ... Kundun ... Zeus and Roxanne
Mapp & Lucia, Series 1 & 2

Non-fiction

Captain Jack Crawford by Darlis Miller
Navajos Wear Nikes by Jim Kristofic
A Guide to Plants of the Northern Chihuahuan Desert by Carolyn Dodson
Tempest over Teapot Dome-The Story of Alobert B Fall by David Strattonj
Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand
The Classic Fairy Tales by Iona and Peter Opie
The Fort Bayard Story by Neta Pope and Andrea Jaquez
Texas, New Mexico and the Compromise of 1850 by Mark Stegmaier
The Hermosa Story by Father Francis Stanley
The Grafton Story by Father Francis Stanley
The Kingston Story by Father Francis Stanley
The Lake Valley Story by Father Francis Stanley

Classics

The Distracted Preacher by Thomas Hardy
Romola by George Eliot
Under the Greenwood Tree by Thomas Hardy
The Woodlanders by Thomas Hardy
Obscure Destinies by Willa Cather
Adam Bede by George Eliot
Felix Holt by George Eliot
Scenes of Clerical Life by George Eliot
Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
Kept in the Dark by Anthony Trollope

Fiction

The Sisters Brothers by Patrick DeWitt
Devil in the Junior League by Linda Francis Lee
Rhino Ranch by Larry McMurtry
The Red Convertible by Louise Erdrich
The Sirens of Titan by Kurt Vonnegut, jr
Breakfast of Champions by Kurt Vonnegut, jr
Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts
La Ranfla & other New Mexico Stories by M.Egan
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

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

Bookmobile: Wednesday, February 15

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

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

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