



# Chapter Notes

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## Welcome

**Become a Member!** Joining the WNBA Charlotte Chapter is easy. Go to our new website at [www.WNBA-Charlotte.org](http://www.WNBA-Charlotte.org) and complete the online membership form, submitting your payment through PayPal. Or print out the form, fill it out, and send it to us with your check payable to WNBA. (Mailing address below.) To request a printed membership form, you also can email us at [wnbacharlotte@earthlink.net](mailto:wnbacharlotte@earthlink.net).

Our membership rate is \$40 per year. Seniors 65 and older and currently enrolled students receive a discounted rate of \$20 per year.

**Benefits of Membership:** Meet like-minded people and help bring fun, book and literacy-focused events to the community, while learning more about the book world through our regular members' meetings. Whether you're a book industry pro-

fessional, a book club member, or someone who loves books, you're welcome in WNBA!

As a member of the Charlotte Chapter of the WNBA, you are automatically a member of the national WNBA organization as well. Your dues entitle you to full access to the national website ([www.wnba-books.org](http://www.wnba-books.org)), including the password-protected member directory used for networking opportunities.

**Already a member?** If you haven't already renewed your membership for our 2011-2012 year, which began in June, please renew and update your membership info online or send your check and membership form payable to WNBA, to:

Sally Brewster, Park Road Books  
4139 Park Road, Charlotte, NC, 28209

## Check out our new Website!

The Charlotte Chapter of the WNBA is pleased to announce the launch of our brand new website, <http://WNBA-Charlotte.org>, designed to give our current and potential members an idea of what the Charlotte chapter has to offer. It's the place to go to for information about our chapter, upcoming events, membership, National WNBA news and more. Parts of the site are still under development, so be sure to check back for updates. We hope you enjoy our new site and we look forward to hearing from you!

## Upcoming Events

### **Annual Bookswap and Networking Social**

Monday, January 9  
Time and location to follow

Bring books that you would like to swap and peruse through others books for some new gems. Any leftover books at the end of the evening will be donated. Come meet your fellow WNBA members and bring a friend!

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### Upcoming Events

#### **Rules for a Romance-Novel Marriage**

Monday, February 13

Time and location to follow

Charla Muller will discuss how you can incorporate romance into your real-life relationships, based on her readings of many romance books and the formulas behind them. Jessica Daitch will also give a couple reviews of some romance novels.

#### **From Book Idea to the Book Shelf: The process & business of publishing**

Monday, March 12

Time and location to follow

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### Events Recap

#### **Kick-off Networking Social**

This event kicked off the 2011-2012 WNBA programming year, and the weather was perfect as we mingled at Zink American Kitchen on their outdoor patio. We had a great turnout, and enjoyed reconnecting with old and new WNBA members.

#### **Rock & Read**

WNBA had a table at the 2nd Annual Rock & Read 5K Run/Walk, hosted by The Friends of the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library to support the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library system. Thank you to the WNBA volunteers who worked the table, bringing treats, a prize and free books. The event was a blast for volunteers and runners/walkers alike!



**Jerri and Jenni Franz**

#### **WNBA Charlotte's Second Annual BIBLIOFEAST Book & Author Dinner *Celebrating National Reading Group Month in October***

Our second BIBLIOFEAST dinner took place on October 10, and this year we had nine authors! Every one of them was so interesting and willing to answer any question we threw their way, too! The event was held at Maggiano's so everyone who attended got to enjoy a fabulous Italian meal while the authors rotated around to different tables to tell us more about themselves and their books.

Park Road Books made all the books available for purchase at the event as well as at the store, so guests could pick up their favorites, get an autograph and start reading immediately. If you missed the event, here are the authors who were at BIBLIOFEAST this year, along with their featured books. If you'd like to know more about them, go to our website and check out the info pages about these great authors: <http://wnba-charlotte.org/wnba/calendar/bibliofeast-2011/>

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### *Events Recap (continued)*

**Ellen Baker, I GAVE MY HEART TO KNOW THIS**, Random House, hardcover fiction

**Ann Hite, GHOST ON BLACK MOUNTAIN**, Gallery Books/S&S, paperback fiction

**Marjorie Hudson, ACCIDENTAL BIRDS OF THE CAROLINAS**, Press 53, paperback short stories

**Heather Newton, UNDER THE MERCY TREES**, HarperCollins, paperback fiction

*A 2011 Great Group Reads selection*

**Valerie Nieman, BLOOD CLAY**, Press 53, paperback fiction

**Michael Parker, THE WATERY PART OF THE WORLD**, Algonquin, hardcover fiction

**Drew Perry, THIS IS JUST EXACTLY LIKE YOU**, Penguin, paperback fiction

**John Milliken Thompson, THE RESERVOIR**, Other Press, paperback fiction

**Marybeth Whalen, SHE MAKES IT LOOK EASY**, David C. Cook, paperback fiction

We have many people to thank for their help in making this event a big success: our guest authors themselves and their publishers; our own members who sponsored our authors' dinners; all of our members who helped organize and run BIBLIOFEAST this year; and WNBA National and National Reading Group Month and its sponsors -- Copia™ - Read Better Together; HarperCollins Publishers (Harper Paperbacks, Harper Perennial, Amistad, Ecco, William Morrow, & William Morrow Paperbacks); Ingram Content Group; SONY Style / SONY Reader™ Store. **THANK YOU ALL!**



See more BIBLIOFEAST photos on our website!

<http://wnba-charlotte.org/thanks-to-everyone-who-made-bibliofeast-2011-a-big-success/>

### **Discussing book clubs and a book club discussion**

Carin Siegfried led the discussion of book clubs, and a book club discussion, offering great book club tips and tricks, pitfalls to avoid, and solutions to issues your book club might have. In addition, we discussed *Crescent* by Diana Abu-Jaber. Great job, Carin!

## *Charlotte Writers Club*

WBNA is happy to be partnering with the Charlotte Writers' Club and will provide updates to WNBA members of their news and events. The Charlotte Writer's Club, established in 1922, is an organization of individuals who value the written word. It offers critique groups, workshops and monthly meetings with speakers who address a variety of topics on all forms of writing, publishing and finding the writer within. The club also sponsors numerous writing contests.

## *Industry News*

### **Disney Donates to First Book**

As part of the D23 Expo celebration, a Disney fan event, Disney donated \$500,000 and eight million books to First Book. First Book is a national nonprofit organization that provides books to children in need. To read more, [click here](#).

### **New Chapter**

We're excited to announce that a WNBA chapter has been formed in New Orleans!

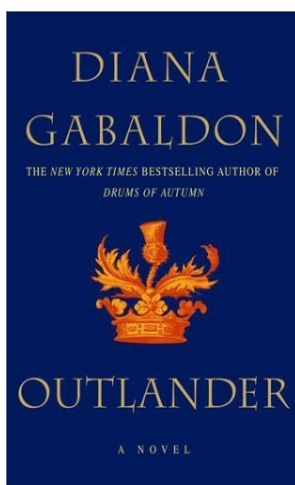
Congratulations to the officers for getting the chapter started:

### **World Book Night Comes to the U.S.**

[World Book Night](#) is a U.K. charity created to promote books and reading, and it had its first World Book Night event in the U.K. on March 5, 2011 – one million books were given away across the U.K. and Ireland. Now they are launching in the U.S. with the goal of giving away one million books across the country! The event is to be held on April 23, 2011 – to learn more, [click here for the full article](#).

Susan Larson — President  
Amy Loewry — Vice President  
Peggy Kohlepp — Treasurer  
Chris Wiltz — Secretary

## *Blurbalicious*



### **Outlander**

by Diana Gabaldon

I first read this when I was a teenager (I believe it first came out in 1991), and immediately loved it: romance, time travel, with tons of history. This is the first novel in a series, which currently stands at seven titles and is still going, usually with a new novel every few years. Gabaldon describes characters so that they seem real, people I can immediately like, dislike, fear and love. And the way she colorfully depicts each detail in every scene engulfs me in her books. This book is why I've wanted to visit Scotland for years – and I just picked up Outlander to reread it, as I finally made my trip to Scotland in July and I wanted to be fresh on all the wonderful sites the book had me excited to visit.

The book begins in 1946 with Claire and her husband, Frank, as they vacation in Scotland. Claire is a nurse and Frank a history professor. In the midst of their va-

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### *Blurbalicious (continued)*

cation (a second honeymoon, really) Claire is transported by a set of standing stones into the year 1743. It takes her a while to really believe what's happened to her, and to grasp that the men galloping around on horses with their muskets aren't professionals reenacting history for tourists. Once she does come to terms with the fact that she's in 1743, separated by more than 200 years from her husband, things happen quite quickly. In order to avoid being handed over to an evil captain who thinks she's a spy, Claire ends up marrying Jamie, one of the young highland clansmen, and things get more and more interesting from there...

This book stands the test of time, and I still recommend it often. The author has books outside of this series as well, and has also turned *Outlander* into a graphic novel.

- Amanda Phillips

### *Chapter Footnotes*

**Have questions or comments? Feel free to send us an email--**

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