

# Chapter Notes

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## Welcome

### **Welcome back!**

The Women's National Book Association (WNBA)-Charlotte is thrilled to welcome old and new members to the 2012-2013 programming year! Since our inception in 2009, we've seen the WNBA-Charlotte grow from a handful of enthusiastic women to a diverse group of professionals (men and women!) representing many different aspects of the book world. Our group claims writers, editors, publishers, agents, publicists, librarians, reviewers, reporters and enthusiastic readers. We welcome everyone who believes in the power of the written word. We hope you will enjoy our upcoming programs, and we encourage your frequent participation and suggestions for the future.

Please remember to renew your membership! Joining the WNBA Charlotte Chapter is easy. There are three ways:

1. Go to our website at [www.WNBA-Charlotte.org](http://www.WNBA-Charlotte.org) and complete the online membership form, submitting your payment through PayPal.
2. Print out the form, fill it out, and send it to us with your check payable to WNBA. Mail it to Park Road Books, Attn: WNBA, 139 Park Road, Charlotte, NC 28209
3. Request a printed membership form by emailing: [wnbacharlotte@earthlink.net](mailto:wnbacharlotte@earthlink.net).

Our membership rate is \$40 per year; Seniors 65+ and enrolled students: \$20 per year

Why Join? Meet like-minded people and help bring fun, book/literacy-focused events to the community, while learning more about the book world through our regular members' meetings. Whether you're a book industry professional, a book club member, or someone who loves books, you're welcome in WNBA! Also, as a member of the Charlotte Chapter, you are automatically a member of the national WNBA as well. Your dues entitle you to full access to the national website ([www.wnbabooks.org](http://www.wnbabooks.org)), including the password protected member directory used for networking opportunities.

Please note – membership renews every fall, so current members, you need to re-submit your information and pay your dues now. We hope you'll extend your membership and join us regularly for events! Thank you!

### **Member Testimonial:**

*I joined the WNBA to familiarize myself with the publishing industry on a practical level. As an aspiring author, I find New York a bit frightening and far away. WNBA members are accessible local professionals with experience and connections that reach beyond my little cul-de-sac. As a book lover, I find WNBA members make the best kind of friends too.*

-- Carolyn Abiad

## *WNBA – Charlotte Online!*

Want to know what's going on with WNBA-Charlotte? Visit our website [WNBA-Charlotte.org](http://WNBA-Charlotte.org), which has up to date information about upcoming and past events. You can learn more about membership and the National WNBA as well. Also, check out the blog roll! (And let us know if you need to be added!)

WNBA-Charlotte embraces social media, too! You can interact with us on Facebook by clicking "like" at our dedicated page at [www.facebook.com/WNBACharlotte](http://www.facebook.com/WNBACharlotte). On our Facebook page we also post about other book-related events, so that you won't miss out on any book happenings!

Find us on Linked In at **Women's National Book Association - Charlotte Chapter**

Follow us on Twitter, too. Our handle is **@WNBA\_Charlotte**.

You can also follow the national organization at [www.wnba-books.org](http://www.wnba-books.org). On Facebook, go to [www.facebook.com/WomensNationalBookAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/WomensNationalBookAssociation), and on Twitter go to @WNBA\_NATL\_UN.

## *Upcoming Events*

### **October Meeting – Monday, October 22**

*Book lovers, join us for*

#### **BIBLIOFEAST: A Literary "Moveable Feast"**

WNBA-Charlotte's Annual Book & Author Dinner Celebrating 2012 National Reading Group Month

WHAT: A "moveable feast" dinner featuring 8 to 10 critically acclaimed authors

WHERE: Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant, Palermo Room

SouthPark Mall, 4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte, NC

WHEN: Monday evening, October 22, 2012 / 6:00-9:00 PM

Cocktails 6:00 PM (cash bar); Dinner 6:45 PM

Both WNBA members and the public are welcome!

TICKETS: WNBA members \$45; non-members \$55

Purchase online at [www.WNBA-Charlotte.org](http://www.WNBA-Charlotte.org) – credit cards processed through PayPal

Purchase at Park Road Books, 4139 Park Road, Charlotte, 704-525-9239 – cash, check only.

#### **SCHEDULED TO APPEAR**

Mark de Castrique, *The 13<sup>th</sup> Target*, Poisoned Pen Press, mystery

Emily Colin, *The Memory Thief*, Ballantine Books, fiction

Debra Dean, *The Mirrored World*, HarperCollins, fiction

Mary Glickman, *One More River* and *Home in the Morning*, Open Road Media, fiction

Judy Goldman, *Losing My Sister*, John F. Blair, Publisher, memoir

Shira Nayman, *A Mind of Winter*, Akashic Books, fiction

Elena Passarello, *Let Me Clear My Throat*, Sarabande Books, essays

Wendy Welch, *The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap*, St. Martin's Press/Macmillan, memoir

Members: Help us spread the word and sell tickets! Even invite your own book club to purchase a table. Go to our website at <http://wnba-charlotte.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/08/Bibliofeast-2012-tickets-flyer-090912.pdf> and get the downloadable BIBLIOFEAST flyer to distribute and share!

### *Upcoming Events (continued)*

#### **November Meeting – Monday, November 12**

WHAT: *All about Cookbooks, plus pot luck supper and optional wine tasting!*

WHEN: Monday, November 12, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

WHERE: Total Wine in the Providence Promenade  
(intersection of I485, exit 57, and Providence Road).

Admission is free, optional wine tasting is \$15/person.

Please bring a dish to share – a favorite recipe, a new recipe from one of our featured cookbooks, etc. More information coming soon!

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### *Events Recap*

#### **SEPTEMBER 10: Drink and Meet at Zink!**

Our annual drinks and networking event took place at Zink in SouthPark on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. It was fun to meet up with old friends and meet new members as we gathered for a much needed drink on the lovely outside patio. At the event, the WNBA-Charlotte board was officially nominated and approved by the nearly 30 people in attendance. WNBA-Charlotte President Susan Walker also highlighted some upcoming events, including the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual BiblioFeast.



*Photos courtesy of Jessica Daitch*

## *Events Recap (continued)*

### **Great Group Reads 2012!**

Annually, select members of the WNBA read through diverse new novels to select those that make for the best conversations at reading groups. Our WNBA-Charlotte member Kristen Knox is one of the readers, and she is also starting a reading group from this list (and past years' lists). If you would like to join the reading group, please email her at [whitreidsmama@yahoo.com](mailto:whitreidsmama@yahoo.com)

#### **The 2012 Great Group Reads are:**

*The Absolutist* by John Boyne  
*An Age of Madness* by David Maine  
*The Art of Fielding* by Chad Harbach  
*The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker  
*Blue Asylum* by Kathy Hepinstall  
*Boleto* by Alyson Hagy  
*The Dovekeepers* by Alice Hoffman  
*Equal of the Sun* by Anita Amirrezvani  
*Faith* by Jennifer Haigh  
*A Land More Kind Than Home* by Wiley Cash  
*I Married You for Happiness* by Lily Tuck  
*In the Shadow of the Banyan* by Vaddey Ratner  
*The O'Briens* by Peter Behrens  
*The Orchardist* by Amanda Coplin  
*The Right-Hand Shore* by Christopher Tilghman  
*Running the Rift* by Naomi Benaron  
*Salvage the Bones* by Jesmyn Ward  
*The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey  
*What Alice Forgot* by Liane Moriarty  
*Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?* by Jeannette Winterson

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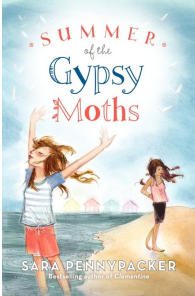
## *Industry News*

On September 27, J.K. Rowling published her first adult and non-Hogwarts-based book called *The Casual Vacancy*, published by Little, Brown and Company. The book, which *The New York Times* describes as a novel about "an unexplained death and a raucous parish council election in the fictional English town of Pagford," is highly anticipated and you can count on heavy promotion. For example, Rowling's first televised interview about the novel was on ABC's Good Morning America on September 26. The NYT also reports that she will appear at one event in the United States in an onstage interview at Jazz at Lincoln Center with the author Ann Patchett on Oct. 16. (Of interest, Ann Patchett was named as the winner of the 2012-2013 WNBA Award. The award is presented by WNBA to a living American woman who derives part or all of her income from books or the allied arts and has done meritorious work in the world of books beyond the duties or responsibilities of her profession or occupation. )

Publisher's Weekly reports that "More than half the consumers of books classified for young adults aren't all that young. According to a new study, fully 55% of buyers of works that publishers designate for kids aged 12 to 17 -- known as YA books -- are 18 or older, with the largest segment aged 30 to 44, a group that alone accounted for 28% of YA sales. And adults aren't just purchasing for others -- when asked about the intended recipient, they report that 78% of the time they are purchasing books for their own reading. The insights are courtesy of *Understanding the Children's Book Consumer in the Digital Age*, an ongoing biannual study from Bowker Market Research that explores the changing nature of publishing for kids."

## Blurbalicious

Thank you to member Carol Baldwin for allowing us to re-print a review from her blog. Carol frequently reviews young adult and books for boys and girls on her blog, which can be found at [www.carolbaldwinblog.blogspot.com](http://www.carolbaldwinblog.blogspot.com)



### *Summer of the Gypsy Moths* Sara Pennypacker

On the surface, *Summer of the Gypsy Moths* by Sara Pennypacker (Balzar & Bray, 2012), is the story of two girls who form an unlikely alliance and friendship. But dig deeper, and you'll find ties like, "strands of spider silk: practically invisible, maybe, but strong as steel" which are woven throughout this middle grade novel.

Stella and Angel barely talk to one another in the small house they share with Stella's great-aunt Louise, a caretaker for a small group of rental cottages on Cape Cod. When Louise dies suddenly the girls are forced to work together in order to survive.

The girls meet the job at hand—keeping the cottages open for the summer season—and develop trust and affection for one another. This is shown dramatically when Stella gives Angel, who deeply fears the ocean, her first swimming lesson.

*"Angel," I said. "Take a deep breath and fell your lungs, then fall back. I'll catch you. Fall back."*

*"I can't," Angel said.*

*"You can. I'll catch you."*

*"You swear"*

*"I swear."*

*Angel fell back and I caught her shoulders. "Now arms out and relax. You're floating."*

Both Stella and Angel wrestle with feeling abandoned by their families and part of the book's triumph is how they each discover a place to belong. Since I am writing a book with the theme of an unlikely friendship between two girls, I noticed how Pennypacker expertly showed each girl using the friendship to meet their own goals.

If you read this book with your daughter or students, consider the role that the gypsy moths play (their name means "destroyer"), as well as the seagulls, blueberry bushes, and the simple acts of gardening, and cleaning. Pennypacker brings a lot to this book; I hope you and a young reader savor it together.

## Book Club News You Can Use



On Facebook, Something to Read About: The Simon & Schuster Book Club is the online community for all things book clubs. You can join Something to Read About for exclusive excerpts, book club discussions, giveaways, book club samplers, author chats, behind-the-scene photos, videos, reading group guides, and much, much more!

You can also visit <http://readinggroups.simonandschuster.com/> to get more reading group suggestions in a variety of different genres. Enjoy!

## Chapter Footnotes

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

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