



The Twelfth Annual Virginia Festival of the Book *March 22-26, 2006*

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For Book Clubs!

Thursday, March 23, 2 p.m. Barnes & Noble

Stories from Appalachia

Ron Rash (*The World Made Straight*), Gwyn Rubio (*The Woodsman's Daughter*), James Person (*Earl Hamner: From Walton's Mountain to Tomorrow*) and Joe Jackson (*How I Left the Great State of Tennessee and Went on to Better Things*).
(Appalachian College Association)

Thursday, March 23, 4 p.m., McIntire Room, Central Library

Family Feud: Novelist Jeanne Ray

Jeanne Ray (*Romeo and Juliet Get Lucky*).

Thursday, March 23, 8 p.m. Culbreth Theatre

An Evening of Fiction: Mary Doria Russell

Mary Doria Russell (*A Thread of Grace*), author of science fiction bestsellers *The Sparrow* and *Children of God*, will discuss her new historical fiction, set in Italy in World War II.

Friday, March 24 10 a.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Foreign Worlds, Dangerous Settings

Masha Hamilton (*The Distance Between Us*), Leora Skolkin-Smith (*Edges: O Israel, O Palestine*), and Uzodinma Iweala (*Beasts of No Nations*).

Friday, March 24, 10 a.m. UVa Bookstore

Dark Humor: A Fiction Panel

Kurtis Davidson (*What the Shadow Told Me*), N.M. Kelby (*Whale Season*), and Richard Galli (*Of Rice and Men*).

Friday, March 24, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble

Family Sagas

Jennifer Haigh (*Baker Towers*), Daniela Kuper (*Hunger and Thirst*), Carter Taylor Seaton (*Father's Troubles*).

Friday, March 24, noon, Central Library

Book Club Selection: A Sunday In June

Author Phyllis Alesia Perry (*A Sunday in June*).
(African American Authors Book Club)

Friday, March 24, noon, UVa Bookstore

Found Families: A Fiction Reading

Judith Hendricks (*The Baker's Apprentice*), Dave King (*The Ha-Ha*), and Michael Parker (*If You Want Me to Stay*).

Friday, March 24, 2 p.m. Central Library

Jewish Men and the Novel

Andrew Furman (*Alligators May Be Present*), Edward Schwarzschild (*Responsible Men*), and Roy Hoffman (*Chicken Dreaming Corn*).

Friday, March 24, 2 p.m., Barnes & Noble

Reading Groups and Book Clubs

Masha Hamilton (*The Distance Between Us*), Sheila Curran (*Diana Lively Is Falling Down*), Matthew Sharpe (*The Sleeping Father*), and bookseller Robert Segedy chat about lively book discussions.
Sponsored and moderated by *Reading Group Choices* publisher Barbara Drummond Mead.

Friday, March 24, 4 p.m., New Dominion Bookshop

The Truth About Fact and Fiction

Peter Quinn (*Hour of the Cat*), James Morrow (*The Last Witchfinder*), Daniela Kuper (*Hunger and Thirst*), and Julian Rubinstein (*The Ballad of the Whiskey Robber*).

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m. New Dominion Bookshop

Disparate Housewives: Fiction Panel

Complex and coping female characters with Sharon Baldacci (*A Sundog Moment*), Mary Guterson (*We Are All Fine Here*), and Melanie Lynne Hauser (*Confessions of Super Mom*).

Saturday, March 25, 10 a.m., Barnes & Noble

Looking for Love: Fiction

Lynn Isenberg (*The Funeral Planner*), Judi McCoy (*Wanted: One Sexy Night*), Cassandra Darden Bell (*Mississippi Blues*), and Cheri Paris Edwards (*Plenty Good Room*).

Saturday, March 25, noon, Central Library

New Voices: Fiction Reading

Brandon Massey (*Within the Shadows*), Cassandra Darden Bell (*Mississippi Blues*), and Cheri Paris Edwards (*Plenty Good Room*).

Saturday, March 25, 4 p.m., New Dominion Bookshop

The Time is Right: Historical Fiction

Stories that step back in time with Susann Cokal (*Breath and Bones*), Starling Lawrence (*The Lightning Keeper*), and Joseph Kanon (*Alibi*).