

HILLSBORD COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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Browsing for a Book with a Medallion

I watch for books bearing the laurel wreath of having won an award. I was intrigued to spot one on the cover and murmured a low "whoa!" when I noted this one won the Philip K. Dick Award. Now, Philip K. Dick wrote mostly short stories but the lexicon includes some blockbuster celluloid: "Total Recall," "Minority Report," and the recently remade "Blade Runner."

Featured this Month

The Book Of The Unnamed Midwife by Meg Elison

The Book Of The Unnamed Midwife carefully unspools the apocalyptic future rendered by a virus targeting pregnant women and newborns. The story opens with Karen's awakening from the fever dream which has taken so many already. Her world seems to have come to a complete standstill; but when it starts spinning, there is little left but survival in a world gone beyond madness.

She shaves her head, puts on a compression vest, starts speaking in a lowered register, and begins a trek out of San Francisco searching for a life worth living. Her training as a midwife seems for naught; there are so few women and though few survive pregnancy, almost none survive birth. She walks into legend and this book is her journal of dystopian survival. (A warning: if you don't care for bad language, this is not your read.)

The Book Of The Unnamed Midwife is gripping in its descriptions, a tale deftly written and realistically furnished with an almost Mad Max cast of characters. It is not easy, but it is as real as Elison can make it and, once begun, you will simply have to finish the tale she tells.

Introduction and Review by Carol Borselo



Notes from the Library Board

The Library Board encourages all of our patrons to come out for Hillsboro's biggest event of the year —

Christmas in the Foothills!!

Not only will the Library Bake sale be offering its best selection of homemade goodies at their fiesta table in the HCC kitchen, but patrons will be able to browse and buy one of a kind arts and crafts from local artists.

Proceeds from the event go to support local organizations including your Library. Come for the fun!



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New at the Library

Non Fiction

The Worst Hard Time: *The Untold Story of those who survived the Great American Dust Bowl* by Timothy Egan **The End of Loyalty-***The Rise and Fall of Good Jobs in America* by Rick Wartzman **Empire of the Summer Moon-***Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches* by S C Gwynne

Mystery

Navajo Autumn by R Allen Chappell Winter's Child by Margaret Coel The Color of Fear by Marcia Muller Mojado -book 4 Navajo Nation Mysteries by R Allen Chappell When the Devil Doesn't Show by Christine Barber

Science Fiction

The Naturalist by Andrew Mayne **Book of the Unnamed Midwife** by Meg Elison

Fiction

Novels 1987-1997: Last Three Novels of Kurt Vonnegut by Kurt Vonnegut Shiver by Maggie Stiefvater Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater A Legacy of Spies by John Le Carre Camino Island by John Grisham

Books on CD

Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly Night School by Lee Child

Published by THE HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY P.O.BOX 205, HILLSBORO NM 88042 (575-895-3349)

Films on DVD

The Dancer Upstairs Femme Fatale Flight of the Phoenix The Honeymooners Snakes on a Plane Broken Horses Moneyball Me and Earl and the Dying Girl Cake Carol **Married Life** Eve in the Sky **Irrational Man Body Double Extremely Loud & Incredibly Close Little Black Book** Waiting to Exhale The Diary of a Teenage Girl The Last Ride Manglehorn

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

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 Schedule Third Wednesday of the Month December 13 Hillsboro 1:00- 2:00 Kingston 2:30- 3:30