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Game Show...

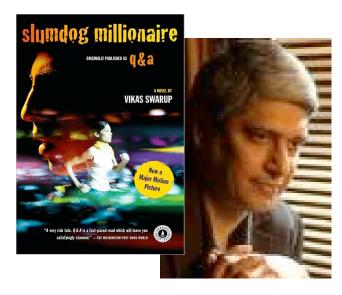
"How could you possibly know that??!!"

Every now and then, having posed the right question to some arcane answer on Final Jeopardy, I would be amused to hear my son's incredulous reaction. "I've been around a few more years than you," I'd remind him, "and you pick up a few things along the way." But as our featured novel poses, in some places, even a young life can pick up quite a wealth of experience along the way.

Featured This Month:

Slumdog Millionaire (Q & A) by Vikas Swarup Ram Mohammad Thomas should have been enjoying the triumph of a lifetime. Instead, he finds himself arrested, thrown into jail in Mumbai, and tortured for a confession to fraud. He must be guilty. After all, how could a poor orphan from streets, a humble uneducated waiter, possibly answer all twelve questions on the Indian version of *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?*

Rescued by a sympathetic lawyer, Ram insists that he won the prize of a billion rupees fair and square—and he can explain his extraordinary feat to his lawyer (and to the reader now hooked and listening in). Perhaps, he explains, his luck has been a series of extraordinary coincidences, but even the longest odds sometimes do come up, and he is willing to reveal how he did it, question by question. Each chapter addresses one question and takes us non-chronologically through an episode in Ram's extraordinary life. Of course Ram knows the initials on the cross of Christ -- from his adoption as a foundling on the door of a Christian missionary. His movie trivia answer comes directly from serving the Bollywood star herself. His knowledge of the works of a famous folk singer are the product of a sinister apprenticeship whose horrific end he barely escapes. And the culmination of his game show success reveals a surprising purpose beyond the billionrupee prize.



The novel is a Dickensian tale of life on the streets of modern India, a country of great wealth and progress living alongside abject poverty and brutal exploitation. Ram has earned each of his answers in a life filled with adventure, friendship, narrow escapes, and incredible optimism in the face of daunting challenges. He's a winner.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Library Board Notes:

Come and visit the newly reorganized Betty Reynolds Reading Room where you can enjoy the Southwest history collection, magazines, and reference materials in comfort and quiet.

Our Bullock's receipt program has just a month and a half to go. Any receipt dated till July 31 can earn the library a 2% rebate toward new books. Turn in receipts at the Library circulation desk.

A real life mystery! Our copy of *The Eleventh Man* has disappeared. If found, please return home.

WiFi is on the way! Watch this space for future notice. The Library is becoming unwired!



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New Additions at the Library:

Fiction

Blaze: A Novel by Richard Bachman (Stephen King) Large Print
Death Match by Lincoln Child
The Elephanta Suite by Paul Theroux
The Secret Between Us by Barbara Delinsky
Under the Tonto Rim by Zane Grey
The Warrior's Path by Louis L'Amour
The Other Boleyn Girl by Phillippa Gregory
The Amateur Marriage by Anne Tyler
That Camden Summer by LaVyrle Spencer
Davisadero by Michael Ondaatje
Slumdog Millionaire by Vikas Swarup
The Lost Book of Tales by J R R Tolkien,
Unfinished Tales by J R R Tolkien

Mark of the Lion (3 volume series):
A Voice in the Wind, An Echo in the Darkness,
As Sure as the Dawn by Francine Rivers

Mystery

Tea Time for the Traditionally Built Book #10 in the No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith

Cold Moon by Jeffery Deaver, **The Sleeping Doll** by Jeffery Deaver **The Broken Windo** by Jeffery Deaver

And in Large Print:

Santa Cruise: A Holiday Mystery at Sea by Mary Higgins Clark and Carol Higgins Clark Metro Girl by Janet Evanovich Motor Mouth by Janet Evanovich Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich Dark Harbor by Stuart Woods Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods Full House by Janet Evanovich

Films (DVD)

In Place Out of Time ... Never Been Kissed

Classics

The Complete Works of William Shakespeare, All the Plays, All the Poems, 2 volumes

Non-Fiction

The Art and Times of Bill Rakocy: 60 Years of Sketch Book & Fine Art Recollections by Bill Rakocy

Bill Rakocy Presents: Taos Artists Founders Plus Others by Bill Rakocy All I really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten by Robert Fulghum

Buddhism Plain and Simple by Steve Hagen **South, A Memoir of the Endurance Voyage** by Ernest Shackleton

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Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 6:30 – 8:30pm Wed. 1:00 – 4:00pm
Thurs: 6:30–8:30pm Fri: 10:00am – 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

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