

HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

A Dog's Life

One theory of the evolution of dogs from their wild forebears is that they were the failures of the pack — outcasts who came slinking to the human fireside scrounging for scraps and learning to be amenable and servile in exchange for the comforts of domestication. Accordingly, it was only later that dogs were imbued with the character we see in them now as man's best friend. Our featured book this month is told from the point of view of one such noble savage—a down and out mongrel with some keen insights about the "superior" species.

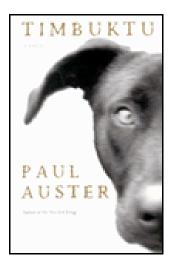


Timbuktu by Paul Auster

Mr. Bones, "a mutt of no particular worth or distinction," is worried about his master, a homeless vagabond named Willy G. Christmas -- and with good reason. Willy's grasp of reality is about as tenuous as his hold on life, as he embarks on a journey intended to establish a legacy for himself and a secure future for his only dependent -a dog who has a sharper bead on life and humanity than Willie does. Alas, Willie's plans soon go awry and so begins the adventure of Mr. Bones to find his way on his own to the nirvana that Willie has often spoken about, a place whimsically named "Timbuktu."

Mr.Bones's travels in search of food, shelter, and companionship take him through territory that is both familiar and yet lighted from a different angle than we are accustomed to seeing it—somewhere around the knees. From cadging a meal on the streets to avoiding the animal control officer though casual attachments to formal adoption, Mr. Bones is guided by his own sharp intelligence and by Willie's lingering presence in his mind. Full of keen observation and wry humor, Mr. Bones is an excellent observer of his "best friends" and his picaresque adventures are both touching and





humorous, an utterly engaging dog's eye view of the world. Finally, our hero's recognition of "Timbuktu" is a bittersweet affirmation of the loyalty and truth we ascribe to our canine companions.

Review by MaryAnne Ciancia

Library Board Notes

Going shopping in TorC? Please save your Bullocks receipts and turn them in to the Library. Bullocks Cash for Clubs program will rebate 2% of our total for the purchase of new books and media!

Don't forget our Bake Sale! Every first Saturday in the front of the Post Office there are great homemade baked goods for sale. All proceeds go to help fund the Library collection and services like our new WiFi and long distance phone!

The Book Fest is Coming Up! On March 14 at the HCC auditorium from 3:00 – 6:00pm come and hear local authors and featured writers, Louis Jenkins and Connie Wanek, read from their latest works! Readings, discussion, great books for sale, and the Library will be sponsoring a Book-Rummage table.



New at the Library

Non Fiction

Dogs Never Lie About Love by Jeffrey Masson **The Open Road-The Global Journey of the 14th Dalai Lama** by Pico Iyer

DVD Movies

Paths of Glory
A Bridge Too Far
12 Angry Men
The Apartment
Marty
The Pink Panther
All the Kings Men
The Queen
A Fistful of Dollars
Every Time We Say Goodbye
Judgment at Nuremberg
Tom Jones
West Side Story

VHS Movies

Runaway Bride Alice in Wonderland Peggy Sue Got Married Smilla's Sense of Snow

Fiction

Oscar and Lucinda by Peter Carey
The Master Butchers Singing Club by Loiuse
Erdrich

Large Print

Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse by Louise Erdrich Odd Thomas by Dean Koontz

Classic

Pickwick Papers by Charles Dickens Novels and Tales of Robert Loius Stevenson Ride with Me by Thomas Costain

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

Bookmobile: Wednesday, March 17 Hillsboro:1:00 –2:00pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30pm

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