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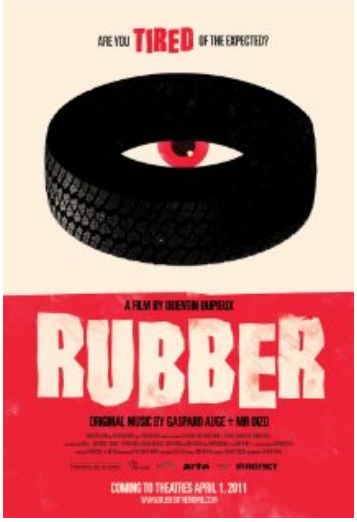
Rubber



The first thing I want to tell you about *Rubber*, directed and written by Quentin Dupieux, is that I really wanted to hate this film. I mean it, I really wanted to hate the film; but I couldn?t. **Read more »**
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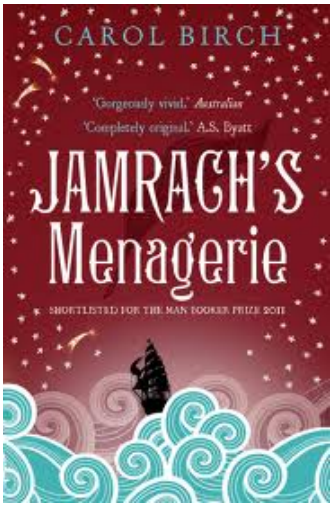
"Why Do We Care About Literary Awards?"



Asking that question is Mark O'Connell at The Millions. He makes a good point: it is kind of ridiculous how seriously people take these things, how offended people can get if their favorite isn't chosen. There's no way for one award to please everyone, to choose the one book that is truly, objectively the best--there is very little "objective" anything when it comes to art. However, for librarians these awards are pretty indispensable. You'll see plenty of posts on this blog, for example, about winners and shortlists. We use them when deciding what to buy, what to recommend to people, what to read ourselves. Maybe it would be better if everyone read all of the books and judged every one for themselves, but that's never going to happen. **Read more »**
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Hot Chelle Rae: Tonight Tonight

I decided to take a look at Freegal again to see what was going on. I noticed that along the left hand side of the website are the top ten downloads from our library patrons. Next to that are the national top ten downloads from other people across the country. **Read more »**
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The Prisoner

In the late 60?s we were in the Vietnam War and the Cold War with Russia still seemed like a serious threat. Spy shows and movies like the James Bond series and the Man from U.N.C.L.E. were popular. Patrick McGoohan was an actor in one of the more popular ones known as Danger Man in Great Britain and Secret Agent Man in the U.S. and he asked himself a question; ?What would happen if an agent with very sensitive knowledge should resign from the service without giving a clear reason for his doing so??
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Tuning in Two

The best part about the Monroe County Public Library's dvd collection is that there's always something good on the shelf that you haven't seen yet. Most people forget about this because they are focused on new titles and other popular items. **Read more »**
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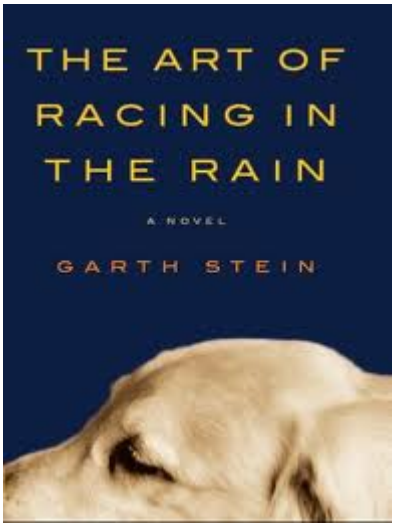

It's hard to believe we will soon be entering the dog days of August. And speaking of dogs, our book for discussion this month features a lab-terrier mix, the very lovable Enzo, who does all that he can to pull a family together during a custody battle. And what can be more interesting than a philosophical dog? In The Art of Racing in the Rain Enzo is sure that next time around, he will return as a human being. But is he already human enough? Come join Elizabeth next Sunday in discussing this wonderful dog and his great love for his family.

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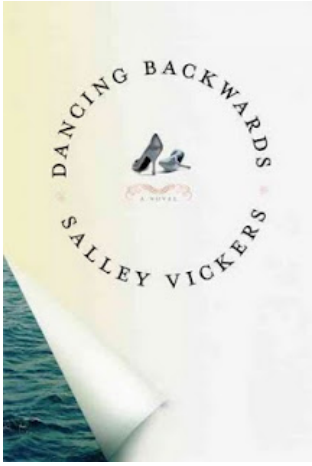
Dancing Backwards



If you've never taken a cruise and are considering one, this novel paints this form of travel in a good light, especially if you are thinking of a transatlantic one. Recently-widowed Violet Hetherington impulsively decides to visit a dear male friend from her youth in New York City and treats herself to a good berth with a balcony. Not only does she describe the foibles and habits of the upper classes, but she also details everyday encounters

with the ship's staff.
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The Rite

I love exorcism movies! I don't know why I enjoy them so much. I think it has something to do with watching Poltergeist and the Exorcist on television when I was child. The latest exorcism movie that it out is called, "The Rite". The library has seven copies available. **Read more »**
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Martial Arts Films

I watched a fun movie yesterday, *The Warrior's Way*, a recently released DVD that is a martial arts/western mashup. Starring Dong-gun Jang, Kate Bosworth and Geoffrey Rush this visually striking film follows Yang (Jang), a warrior assassin who goes on the run to the American West after disavowing his clan by refusing to kill a baby- the last surviving member of an enemy clan. **Read more »**
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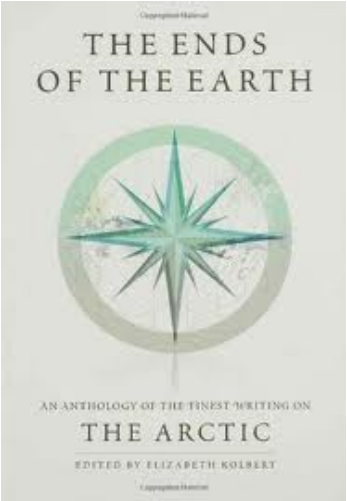
The Ends of the Earth: An Anthology of the Finest Writing on the Arctic and Antarctic



OK, here's my technique to get through these incredibly hot days. Wet your hair--I mean really soak your mane without drying it, fill a huge glass with ice cubes and read a book about the arctic or antarctic. In five New Orleans' summers, I covered a lot of very northern and very southern territory including many of the authors represented in The Ends of the Earth.

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