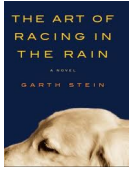


August Books Plus



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.

For more details of this and future programs, please see below.

Books Plus meets the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Join the discussion or simply come to listen.

2 p.m., First Sundays

August 7 -- The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Discussion Leader: Elizabeth Gray

"The Art of Racing in The Rain has everything: love, tragedy, redemption, danger, and--most especially--the canine narrator Enzo. This old soul of a dog has much to teach us about being human." - Sara Gruen, Author of *Water for Elephants*

September 5 -- Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson

Discussion Leader: Sarah Bowman

"There is a great deal going on in these pages--sharply observed domestic comedy, late-life romance, culture clash, a dash of P. G. Wodehouse, and a pinch of religious fundamentalism. First novelist Simonson handles it all with great aplomb, and her Major, with his keen sense of both honor and absurdity, is the perfect lens through which to view contemporary England." -- BookList

October 3 -- Half Broke Horses: a True-life novel by Jeannette Wall

Discussion leader: Dory Lynch

"Told in a natural, offhand voice that is utterly enthralling, this is essential reading for anyone who loves good fiction - or any work about the American West." - Barbara Hoffert, *Library Journal*

November 7 -- Miracle at St. Anna by James McBride

Discussion Leader: Wendy Rubin

"In *Miracle at St. Anna*, James McBride, author of the bestselling memoir *The Color of Water*, tells a war story that, like all great tales of conflict, connects the enormous tragedy of war with the intimate stories of individual soldiers." - Paul Ford

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