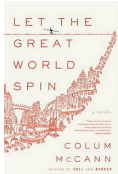


Let the great world spin : a novel

March 2011 Books Plus Discussion



The seasons are turning again, and it's almost time for our 2011 One Book One

Bloomington selection--Colum McCann's Let the Great World Spin. Set in 1974, this National Book Award winner chronicles the day Philippe Petit tightroped across the space between the two World Trade Towers. In masterful prose, McCann chronicles how various strangers reacted to this event. It's a book about the interrelationships between the residents of a great city, and how one man's quest for adventure brings hope, fear, and wonder to the people standing below. Jonathan Mahler of the New York Times called it "one of the most electric, profound novels I have read in years."

Come share your thoughts, questions, and reactions to this compelling novel. For more information about this and upcoming programs, including films related to the One Book, One Bloomington selection, please see below. Hope you will join us for this year's community discussion of *Let the Great World Spin*.

Books Plus

Books Plus meets the first Sunday of each month. All are welcome. Join the discussion or simply come to listen. No registration necessary. Drop in.
2 p.m., First Sundays

March 6 -- *Let the Great World Spin* by Colum McCann -- One Book One Bloomington Community Read!

Discussion Leader: Wendy Rubin

"In McCann's wise and elegiac novel of origins and consequences, each of his finely drawn, unexpectedly connected characters balances above an abyss, evincing great courage with every step." - BookList

April 3 -- Framing the Silence: The Myriad Forms of Poetry

Discussion Leader: Dory Lynch

"Poetry is thoughts that breathe, and words that burn." - Thomas Gray

In honor of the 16th National Poetry Month, we'll celebrate poetry in various forms including: haiku, villanelles, sonnets, and sestinas. Please bring a poem or two that you really enjoy in any form written by you or your favorite poet. Reading poetry out loud is the best way to experience poetry; it will touch both your mind and heart.

May 1 -- The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain

Discussion Leader: Elizabeth Gray

"All modern literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn. It is the best

book we've had." ~Ernest Hemingway

Learn about other discussions, a related MCPL film series and other information regarding our 2011 community read on the [One Book One Bloomington website](#).

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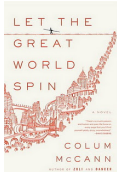
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One Book One Bloomington 2011



Last night, the 2011 One Book, One Bloomington Community Read title was announced

on WFHB's Interchange radio program.

This year, the community voted for [Let the Great World Spin](#) by Colum McCann.

Frank McCourt had this to say about this National Book Award winner, "trust me, this is the sort of book that you will take off your shelf over and over again as the years go along. It's a story of the early 1970s, but it's also the story of our present times. And it is, in many ways, a story of a moment of lasting redemption even in the face of all the evidence....I didn't want to stop turning the pages. I'm really not sure what McCann will do after this, but this is a great New York book, not just for New Yorkers but for anyone who walks any sort of tightrope at all. And yes, it doesn't surprise me that it takes an Irishman to capture the heart of the city." This novel captures the spirit of America in a time of transition, promise, and soon-to-be-ended innocence.

Please visit [One Book One Bloomington](#) for information on public book discussions, a related film festival and additional resources about the book and author. Or listen to the podcast of last night's Interchange radio broadcast on the WFHB website.

Check out *Let the Great World Spin* today...join our Community Read this spring!

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