

BOOKIES 2010 Schedule

January 20—*Dandelion Wine* by Ray Bradbury

The year is 1928 and to Douglas Spaulding, age 12, the first morning of summer is filled with promise. Soon there will be brand new sneakers, the first dandelion harvest and the growing wonder of his own “aliveness.”

February 17—*The Beekeeper’s Apprentice* by Laurie King

Young Mary Russell is taken on as an apprentice in the art of detection by Sherlock Holmes in this mystery novel spanning the turbulent years of World War I Britain.

March 17-- *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro

Three graduates of Hailsham, an elite English boarding school, meet years later and gradually piece together the truth about their school in this “masterpiece of misdirection.”

April 21—*One Vacant Chair*—by Joe Coomer

Sara and her Aunt Edna travel from the dry Texas plains to the misty Scottish highlands to scatter the ashes of their grandmother/mother in this novel of a journey of discovery.

May 19—*The Road From Coorain* by Jill Conway (non-fiction)

Jill Conway’s life as president of Smith College and professor at MIT is far removed from her childhood on Coorain, a 32,000 acre sheep station in Australia. Here, she relates her story, filled with her love for the land and her family.

June 23—*The Commoner* by John Schwartz (note date change to 4th Wednesday)

Based on the life of Empress Michiko, this novel gives the reader a look into the secret world of Japan’s Chrysanthemum Throne , the oldest continuing hereditary monarchy in the world.

July 21—*Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson

Trond Sander is a man nearing the end of his life but in this novel he reflects back on the summer he was fifteen. Who could have foreseen the consequences of two teenage boys setting out to “joyride” a neighbor’s horses?

August 18—*The Widow’s War* by Sally Gunning

When Lyddie Berry is widowed in the years before the American Revolution she begins a “war” against the prevailing ideas about a woman’s place.

September 15—*The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls (non-fiction)

Author Walls relates the struggles of herself and her siblings while growing up in the chaotic household of her free-spirited parents, a place where artistic expression was encouraged but food, clothing and medical care were in short supply.

October 20—*Leisure Seeker* by Michael Zadoorian

Octogenarians Ella and John have decided to re-take control of their lives from their doctors and children, escaping in their 1978 Leisure Seeker RV for a road trip along Route 66, headed for Disneyland.

November 17—*The Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown

On a languid Vermont summer day, Alice MacCauley celebrates her tenth birthday and meets two people who will change the course of her life.