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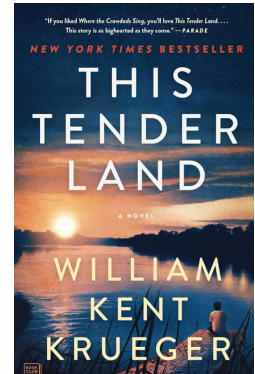
MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH
March 2 –Read Across America Day
March 8—International Women’s Day
March 14—National Pi Day
March 17—St. Patrick’s Day
March 20—World Storytelling Day
March 21—Spring into a Good Book Day
March 30—Pencil Day/Write a Your Story



FEATURE OF THE MONTH



I would like to introduce you to William Kent Krueger, one of my favorite Minnesota authors. He writes mostly Native American Literature and Historical Fiction. *This Tender Land* is one of my favorites. This quote is from Parade: “If you liked *Where the Crawdads Sing*, you will love *This Tender Land*...This story is as big-hearted as they come.”



Amazon’s summary says, “In the Summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota’s Gilead River, Odie O’Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent’s wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother, Albert, their best friend, Mose and a brokenhearted little girl name Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds. With the feel of a modern classic, *This Tender Land* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams and makes us whole.”

Twenty-one of Kruger’s books are a series of mysteries, the stories center on an issue of great importance in the Native American community—Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP). I find these extremely “good reads” and his descriptions of the northern Minnesota area is exceptionally good. Try William Kent Krueger’s books! I have not found them in California used bookstores however! I hope you enjoy them.



Reggie Mattox
ESO Chairman

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

March 2—Dr. Seuss (Theodor Seuss Geisel)—*Cat in the Hat* and more than 60 other children’s books

March 4—Khaled Hossenini—*The Kite Runner*

March 8—Kenneth Graham—Children’s author, *Wind in the Willows*

March 22—James Patterson—his latest book released last month

Paranoia

March 22--Billy Collins—Poet Laureate of the US from 2001 to 2003

Whale Day and Other Poems

March 26—Thomas Lanier Williams III—pen name Tennessee



“You know you’ve read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.”
by Paul Sweeney



Convention may seem a long way off, but May will be here before we know it. Our speaker for the ESO breakfast will be Linda Joy Myers. Linda Joy Myers loved listening to her grandmother’s stories about World War II and she was passionate about the unfairness of the war. They watched the black and white documentaries of the war when Linda was about 13 and these two things led to her passion about history. Much later she searched for the truth about the stories she remembered from WWII and explored the unknown history of Paris following the fall of France. Her new book is from this era, a story of war, love, and courage.

Linda Joy Myers may be best known for her founding of the National Association of Memoir Writers and the author of four books on memoir writing. She is an author, teacher, writing coach and speaker. Remember to sign up for the ESO Breakfast and enjoy hearing another wonderful author speak!

ZOOM BOOK CLUB

Our next Zoom Book Club meeting will be April 23 at 5:00 p. m.

I hope we have some history lovers in the group as I would like everyone to read *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn. This fits into American History or Historical Fiction categories. Kate Quinn is a great author, and I hope you enjoy this book.

One last note—

The reports are in, and the judges have read and reviewed them. I was hoping for more, but I am pleased with those I did receive. Thank you all for your hard work. We had 49 members receiving certificates this year! They read 2,930 books! Twenty-five new members joined the ESO reading challenges!



