

Fall Virtual Author Events

Georgie Blalock
SEPTEMBER 10, 4 p.m.



Georgie Blalock is an amateur historian and movie buff who loves combining her different passions through historical fiction, and a healthy dose of period piece films. When not writing, she can be found prowling the non-fiction history section of the library or the British film listings on Netflix. Georgie writes

historical romance under the name Georgie Lee.

Karin Crilly
OCTOBER 8, 4 p.m.



Karin Crilly is a former Marriage, Family and Child Therapist, and counseled as well as taught adults, adolescents and children. She retired from counseling in 2012 to fulfill her lifelong dream of living in France. She planned to stay one year, but stayed two, learning the language, new cooking skills and

immersing herself in the culture. Karin wrote a memoir of her adventure entitled, "The Blue Satin Nightgown, My French Makeover at age 78". She lives in Laguna Beach.

Jan Moran
NOVEMBER 5, 4 p.m.



Jan Moran is a writer of various genres. She has written historical novels, a contemporary beach series, and a California contemporary series. Her latest book, "The Chocolatier", is a historical novel set in the 1950's of a young widow, who attempts to unite her son with her late husband's family in

Amalfi, Italy. However, she begins to question whether she actually knew who her husband really was. She lives in Southern California and has a son, daughter-in-law, and granddaughter.

Gregg Hurwitz
SEPTEMBER 24, 4 p.m.



Gregg Hurwitz is the New York Times #1 internationally bestselling author of 22 thrillers, a screenwriter and comic book writer. His latest book is the thriller "Into the Fire", which continues the Orphan X assassin series. Gregg lives with his three Rhodesian ridgebacks in Los Angeles.

Mary Anna Evans
OCTOBER 22, 4 p.m.



Mary Anna Evans has degrees in physics and engineering but her real love is the past. She has written a crime series of 13 books, with her main character, Faye Longchamp who is an archaeologist. The latest book is entitled "Wrecked" and involves a suspicious drowning death of a friend,

who had believed he had found a famous shipwreck. Mary Anna lives and teaches fiction and non-fiction in Oklahoma, and has three children.

Greta Boris
NOVEMBER 19, 4 p.m.



Greta Boris is a former journalist who now writes psychological thrillers. She is the author of the series "The 7 Deadly Sins" and the latest release is "A Pinch of Gluttony", the 5th book in the series. The main character of this novel is chef Honey Wells, and she and her husband discover a dead body on a hike

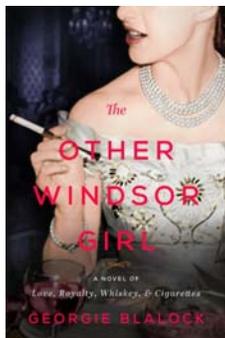
through a canyon. Greta lives in Orange County, CA.

For registration: All virtual talks are free to FOTL members and the general public. If you're reading this online, here is a direct link https://www.fotlhb.com/programs--special-events_1.html; otherwise you can register at our website FOTLHB.com and look under Programs and Special Events. Small donations of say, \$5 or \$10, would be appreciated and can be done on the website. Registration begins four weeks before each talk.

book BUZZ

Book Reviews by FOTL Members

The Other Windsor Girl: A Novel of Princess Margaret
by Georgie Blalock
Reviewed by Betty Iseri



Are you an Anglophile? This book by Georgie Blalock is a historical novel which takes facts from Princess Margaret's life. Impoverished royal, Vera Strathmore, a writer whose cousin is in Margaret's social set, meets Princess Margaret because her writing is amusing to the Princess. Vera also

becomes part of the social set and goes out to clubs and parties attended by the Princess. A whole new world is opened up to her, as she becomes part of the royal society when she is appointed Margaret's lady in waiting. Read this novel if you are intrigued by royalty and/or want to find out how the Princess lived.

* **BRANCH LIBRARY** *
* **NEWS UPDATE** *
* All book drops are open to the public. *
* However, curbside service for check-outs *
* is only available at the Central Library as *
* of mid-July. Branch Managers are catch- *
* ing on their "behind the scenes" work *
* that sometimes falls by the wayside. *
* Shelving books that have been returned, *
* "weeding" out items that haven't circulat- *
* ed recently, as well as shifting existing *
* books to make more space for new arri- *
* vals all are tasks that need to be done. All *
* of this hard work will pay off when staff *
* can begin welcoming back patrons to *
* branches which are tidy and up-to-date! *
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1928-2020 Ethel Watts

Long-time Friends of the Library Board Member



Whoever first coined the phrase, "a life well-lived," Ethel Jean Watts lived it. Born in Garfield, New Jersey in 1928, she first set foot on her path to a career in the California aerospace industry at age 16, enrolling at Penn State University, studying math and physics. She received a Bachelor's degree in both areas, and continued on for a Master's in physics.

Undaunted by a then male-dominated industry, she began at North American Aviation in California and ended her career at the Aerospace Corporation in 1992. After her retirement, she dedicated her time and talent to the Friends of the Library at the Central Library. She was on the board until 2017, a period of 25 years, most of the time as Treasurer, but also a three year stint as President of the Board. At the end of her service, the Board unanimously voted her the "Treasurer Emeritus."

We have much to thank her for, and yet we were just informed that her estate has left a bequest to the Library. While joining Ethel's dearest friends in sorrow for her passing in June at age 92, we celebrate her "life well-lived."

Message from the FOTL President



Dina Chavez

It is hard to believe that we are approaching fall of this very trying year. I hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well.

Our Programs committee has a full lineup of Author Talks for Fall that will be offered *free* via Zoom. These diverse authors offer a range of genres from historical fiction, thrillers, non-fiction travels and true event archeological mysteries. We hope you will join us from the comfort of your home, as we discover new authors in a new and exciting way that you won't want to miss.

We have also rolled out our new membership platform, JointIt, which offers our members new ways to interact with the FOTL. Members can view, update and renew memberships, add photos to personal profiles and register for FOTL programs all from one interactive platform.

We all miss our wonderful Gift Shop and Used Books Store greatly and we are working to ensure that when we re-open we will be able to browse and shop safely.

I want to thank all of our hardworking board members for their dedication and commitment to the FOTL and welcome our newest members and those who are taking on new roles.

Message from the Library Director



Stephanie Beverage

We made it through the Summer!

The Library was able to pivot and still provide services over the summer thanks to our online tools, resources and programs. An entirely virtual Summer Reading program was a great success. We were able to launch curbside service, and we keep adding elements to enhance services, while keeping you and our staff as safe.

As you may have heard, all City governments are dealing with budget deficits and challenges. The Library had a significant budget reduction, and the City is working on reducing the overall city workforce through a separation incentive program. We expect that a number of longtime library staff members will be leaving us by the end of October. We will be reorganizing and rethinking what we do, and how we do it, to meet your needs and to help keep our city moving forward.

All of you, our dedicated volunteers, continue to make a huge difference for us. The ongoing support of the Friends will ensure that we can continue to provide books and resources to the community, as we navigate through this next phase of the pandemic.

Stay safe!

Calendar of Fall Events

September 7

September 8, 10:00 a.m.

September 10, 4:00 p.m.

September 24, 4:00 p.m.

October 8, 4:00 p.m.

October 13, 10:00 a.m.

October 22, 4:00 p.m.

November 5, 4:00 p.m.

November 10, 10:00 a.m.

November 11

November 19, 4:00 p.m.

November 26 – 27

Labor Day, Library Holiday

FOTL Executive Board Meeting

Virtual Author Event, Georgie Blalock

Virtual Author Event, Gregg Hurwitz

Virtual Author Event, Karin Crilly

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Virtual Author Event, Mary Anna Evans

Virtual Author Event, Jan Moran

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Veterans Day, Library Holiday

Virtual Author Event, Greta Boris

Thanksgiving Holiday, Library Holiday





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Website: www.hbpl.org
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