

The  
Center for Lifelong Learning  
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Date: April 20, 2009

To: Theology and Literature Study Group Members

From: Cheryl Vaughan

At the April meeting, we discussed the mixed reviews of *Everything Is Illuminated* to the strains of jazz outside our window. Regardless of our views on the book itself, the subject matter provided a rich ground for items of discussion.

We also discussed possibilities for the continuation of the book group after June. As you may have heard, the seminary is having to implement budgetary cutbacks which include the Theology and Literature Book Group. The group unanimously agreed that this group must not end. Therefore we (the group members present and the seminary) have made the following arrangements: After June, the group will continue with as a volunteer organization. We will have a volunteer from the group to send out the email notices to the group. Group members need to provide permission to release email info to this volunteer. I can continue to 'lead' the group without the responsibility of providing write ups or communication, as after June I also will not be associated with the seminary (part of said budgetary cutbacks). The seminary is willing to provide us with the space to meet as long as we have a person who will arrange this space with the facilities coordinator, which I am happy to do. On a happy note, the group will be self-sustaining and FREE!

I hope this will work well for you all, so that we may continue your long lived commitment to reading and theological discussion...not to mention that I would miss seeing your faces each month!

May 5            *Out Stealing Horses* by Pers Petterson

June 2           *Mr. Pip* by Lloyd Jones

I look forward to discussing our new book, coming up really soon!!!!

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Date: March 12, 2009

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Re: Book List

At the March meeting, we selected the books we shall read through the month of June. Please note that due to Spring Break, our April meeting will be the second Tuesday.

April 14      *Everything Is Illuminated* by Jonathan Safran Foer  
(note change to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month in April due to Spring Break)  
May 5        *Out Stealing Horses* by Pers Petterson  
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I look forward to our 'illuminated' discussion next month. Have a Blessed Lent and Holy Week.