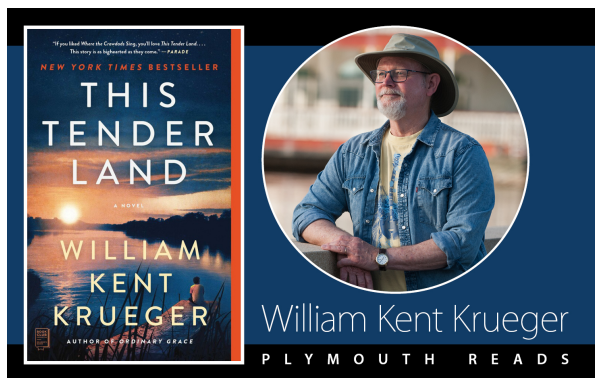




FRIENDS of the
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CHECK IT OUT!

PLYMOUTH READS 2021!



This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger is the 2021 book selection for Plymouth READS. In its 12th year, Plymouth READS seeks to spark conversation, build community, and foster learning and discovery in Plymouth by rallying readers around a single book. Copies of *This Tender Land* are available at the Plymouth Library.

Related events take place throughout March and April, exploring the themes of the book and bringing community members together. All events take place online.

- **Linda LeGarde Grover** - Thursday, March 4, 7 p.m. Register online: www.hclib.org/events.

Linda LeGarde Grover, Professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota-Duluth, and a member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe, will give a presentation on her research into Native American Boarding Schools, and the interplay with her novels and stories.

- **Campfire Play and Sing-along Video Premiere**- Tuesday, March 16, 7 p.m. Register online: www.hclib.org/events. (Available soon)

World premiere of a music video based on songs from *This Tender Land*. Enjoy, and play along, on harmonica or instrument of your choice, to the musical stylings of the Plymouth READS Ramblers, as they present traditional songs featured in this year's book selection *This Tender Land*.

- **William Kent Krueger** - Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m. Register online: www.hclib.org/events. (Available soon) Read the 2021 Plymouth READS book selection, *This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger, then meet the author online for the grand finale of this year's events. Time for Q&A.

With the help of the Friends group, the Plymouth Library purchased multiple copies of *Crossroads: An anthology of resilience + hope by young Somali writers* and *A Good Time for the Truth: Race in Minnesota* to help us understand our diverse community.

Message from the Friends' President

The year 2020 has been an extremely challenging one for all of us, both as individuals and as an organization. The Friends of the Plymouth Library has been blessed with a loyal membership (currently 441 households) and an extraordinary group of volunteers, who make up the Board of Directors, who have done a wonderful job of continuing the work of the Friends in supporting the Library. Thank you, all!!

Despite not being able to meet in person for most of the year, the Friends organization counted numerous accomplishments.

- The Board of Directors met virtually every month, and although seeing one another on a computer screen was just not the same as being able to connect in person, it was an efficient way of doing business. Kudos go to those individuals who overcame technical issues to participate. We even had a Secret Santa party in December!
- We conducted one book sale early in the year, which earned \$3761. We don't know when we will be able to start having in-person book sales again, but are in ongoing discussions with library staff about different possibilities. And we have a storage unit full of books all prepared!
- Plymouth Reads 2020 had a wonderful lineup of programs in place for the spring, including a Kite event and display. Those two events were held before the start of the pandemic, but the others had to be cancelled or put on hold. In spite of that disappointment, the group that plans this community-wide event continued to work diligently during the year to plan events for 2021, which will be centered around *This Tender Land*, by William Kent Krueger. We're hoping that he will be able to join us in person, but if that's not possible, we will gather online.
- Our members continued to be loyal, sending in renewals every month.
- The Friends provided support for many virtual programs put on by our wonderful library staff, and provided funding for a library program that benefited homeless families. We also made an \$8000 donation to the HCL Local Giving Campaign.
- One of our newer members, Josh Velasquez, has started leading the Board in a Vision/Purpose process which will continue over the next few months, and which will assist the Friends in deciding where we will put most of our energy in the future and in maintaining a vital, relevant organization.

Members are always welcome at Board meetings. Contact us at plymouth@supporthclib.org and leave your email address; we'll send you an invite to the next meeting.

Wishing everyone a safe and (more) normal 2021!

Cathy Fischer
President

Who Are We?

The Friends of the Plymouth Library (FPL) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to support the Plymouth Library by providing resources, promoting programs and services, and strengthening community. FPL volunteers also assist library staff with many activities throughout the year. Membership is open to all.

Board Members

President: Cathy Fischer

Vice-President: LuAnn Svendsen

Treasurer: Katherine Jaeger

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Membership: Ellen Griffin

Communications: Joshua Velasquez

Volunteers: Sandy Hoglund

Plymouth READS Chair: LuAnn Svendsen

Newsletter: Charlie Knuth

Nominations: Katherine Jaeger

Directors: Shannon Banks, Margaret Bird,
Kristin Blomquist, Claudia Hunter, Leslie
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Library Liaison: Joanna Redman

All members are welcome at Board Meetings, which are held at the Plymouth Library on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:00 p.m. (These will resume, hopefully, in the new year).

For more information:

Visit www.supportthclib.org

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Book Sale

For now there are no book sales and there are no book donations being accepted. When book sales return and book donations are being accepted, we will let everyone know well in advance. We miss them too.

THANK YOU!

We thank you for your continued support of the library by continuing your membership in the Friends of the Plymouth Library. If you have not already renewed, please do so. It is important, especially in a time in which we are not able to hold our much beloved book sales. The membership renewals were higher in 2020, when the library was not able to fully function, than they were in 2019. We appreciate the devotion and commitment of our members

Books recommended by the Board:

The Kingdom by Jo Nesbo

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

Killings at Kingfisher Hall by Sophie Hannah

The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

Minnesota 1918 by Curt Brown

A Promised Land by Barack Obama

Forever, Forever by Josi Kilpack

Cross of Snow by Nicholas Basbane

Long Bright River by Liz Moore

How to Invent Everything by Ryan North

The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro

A Long Petal of the Sea by Isabel Allende

If You Lived Here You'd Be Home by Now by

Christopher Ingraham

The Exiles by Christina Baker Kline

The Stars Are Fire by Anita Shreve

And: This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger

HAPPY READING!!!!

The Friends of the Plymouth Library has been selected by local **Hy-Vee** store leadership to benefit from their Reusable Bag Program. For the month of February, Friends of Plymouth Library will receive a \$1 donation from purchase of the \$2.50 reusable red "My Heart" bag from the local store.

Another way of helping the library is through your purchases at smile.amazon.com. There is no cost to you as Amazon donates a portion of the sale to Friends of the Plymouth Community Library & Mobile Sers Comm Group.

<http://smile.amazon.com/>

In Memoriam

The Friends lost two stalwart members during 2020. We honor and remember them with great fondness.

Janet Munson passed away in May. Janet was a long-time Board member and had served as Board secretary for several years. She was also a regular volunteer at book sales, most recently supervising the physical setup of the sale.

In July, **Ruth Horvath** passed away. Ruth was a charter member of the Friends, joining in 1995, when the first Plymouth Library opened. She and her husband Joe, along with several other couples, sorted and packed books for the sales every week for many years.

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