

Calendar

Book Review-

Robert Macomber's: Honor Series

There's a tee-shirt on Robert Macomber's Website "I've seen the world with Peter Wake... Commander, United States Navy" and on the back it says "Peter Wake's World Tour: The First 20 Years" and lists the books of the "Honor Series". I haven't bought the Tee-shirt but I am a Macomber fan.

Several months ago I had hit a dry spell with no compelling novel. There had been several that I started and put down. So as I normally do when I hit a slump, when it seems as if I've read them or they don't interest me, I went to the 'New Arrivals' shelf at the library. There I found "*Honored Dead*", the seventh novel of the award-winning Honor Series. The series hero, Lt. Cmdr. Peter Wake, Office of Naval Intelligence, is aboard a riverboat on the Mekong River, in 1883 French Indo-China. That sounded interesting, so I started reading it at the library and decided to take it home. I enjoyed the book and wanted more.

On-line I found out that the series starts with '*At the Edge of Honor*'; a fascinating story of the Union's Blockade Squadron during the Civil War in Florida; a part of the war unknown to me until I read this book. At the library, I found that there was only one copy of the book and it was checked out, so I went to Amazon.com and ordered the first four of the Series. After I finished those, I ordered the next two and read all seven in the series. I highly recommend Macomber's, Honor series to those who like well researched historical

novels, a great introduction to naval seamanship and a good yarn.

At the Edge of Honor: A novel about naval warfare in Florida during the Civil War. The year is 1863. The Civil War is leaving its bloody trail across the nation as Peter Wake, born and bred in the snowy North, joins the U.S. Navy as a volunteer officer and arrives in steamy Florida for duty with the East Gulf Blockading Squadron.

Point of Honor: The Continuing Exploits of Lt. Peter Wake, United States Navy, Now the year is 1864, and Wake, assisted by his indomitable Irish bosun, Sean Rork, commands a larger ship, the naval schooner St. James. Wake's remarkable ability to make things happen continues as he searches for army deserters in the Dry Tortugas, discovers an old nemesis during a standoff with the French Navy on the coast of Mexico.

Honorable Mention

Now in command of the steamer U.S.S. Hunt, Lt. Peter Wake quickly plunges into action, chasing a strange vessel during a tropical storm off Cuba, confronting death to liberate an escaping slave ship, and encountering the enemy's most powerful ocean warship in Havana's harbor. After the war he tracks down a colony of former Confederates in Puerto Rico.

A Dishonorable Few (The Honor Series) The fourth novel in the award-winning Honor Series of naval fiction. This historical thriller takes the reader from the Caribbean to the halls of power in Washington, D.C. It is 1869.

The United States is painfully recovering from the Civil War, and Lt. Peter Wake heads to turbulent Central America to deal with a former American naval officer turned renegade mercenary.

An Affair of Honor (The Honor Series) At the beginning of this fifth novel it's December 1873 and Lieutenant Peter Wake is the executive officer of the USS Omaha on dreary patrol in the West Indies. He runs afoul of the Royal Navy in Antigua and a beautiful French woman enters his life in Martinique. Then he's suddenly sent off on staff assignment to Europe, where he is soon immersed in the cynical swirl of Old World politics.

A Different Kind of Honor

In this sixth book in the Honor Series of Naval Fiction, Lt. Cmdr. Peter Wake becomes involved in the War of the Pacific on the west coast of South America in 1879.

The Honored Dead

The seventh novel in the Honor series, which traces the career of Peter Wake, a nineteenth-century American naval seaman, is so vividly written that it's easy to forget Wake is a fictional character. The book purports to be Wake's first-person account of his mission to Indochina, in which a seemingly simple assignment (deliver a presidential message to the king of Cambodia) becomes a months-long odyssey in which our hero is set upon by pirates, gangsters, and even a nasty typhoon.

**From the Desk of
Bill Mackenzie**
(The library has ordered
the entire series.)

November 4, 7:30 pm

Sean P. Murphy

Boston Globe reporter covers

Pension Fraud

While a vast majority of public pensions are well-deserved, the politically-connected have shamelessly scammed the system to enrich themselves. Murphy, who has authored a dozen jaw-dropping stories on pensions for the Globe will present an hour-long talk on the still unfolding public pension scandal, along with a narrated slide show.

November 10, 7:30 pm

Crocker Snow Jr.

Presentation from Ipswich Journalist: *Through the Looking Glass: Bias, Imbalance and the Perception Gap in Arab and American Media*

Crocker Snow served as an organizer with the Aspen Institute in Washington and the Ford Foundation on a 6-part series of dialogues between influential and carefully selected Arab and American editors, writers and journalists to address the post 9/11 perception gap between the US and Arab publics.

November 18, 8 – 10:30 pm

Liesl Clark's Documentary

PBS Nova presentation:

Lost Treasures of Tibet

Join us in watching the debut of Liesl Clark's film documenting the race to save the surviving sacred masterpieces of an ancient Buddhist kingdom. Mustang (moo-stahn), one of the last outposts of Tibetan culture, was so isolated and protected, no Westerner set foot inside its borders for centuries. Travel to this remote part of the world for a remarkably rare look at spectacular art and the daunting mission to preserve these treasures.

December 1, 7:30 pm

Robert P. Smith

Financial pioneer, philanthropist and author presents

Riches Among the Ruins: Adventures in the Dark Corners of the Global Economy

Robert Smith shares his more than 30 years' experience in emerging markets. Smith's discussion of *Riches Among the Ruins* chronicles his time spent buying and selling high-risk securities in some of the most downtrodden economies in Latin America, Africa, Russia, Asia and the Middle East.

December 5, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Movie presentation: *FOOD, Inc.*

The Hamilton-Wenham Library in cooperation with Hamilton-Wenham Green present the newly released film, "Food, Inc." Filmmaker Robert Kenner lifts the veil on our nation's food industry, exposing the highly mechanized underbelly that's been hidden from the American consumer with the consent of our government's regulatory agencies, USDA and FDA. "Food, Inc." reveals surprising--and often shocking truths--about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here.

Food related activities will be provided for children during the showing of the movie.

Literary Luncheon**BOOK GROUPS****11:30 AM****October 20, 2009 Sleator, William Interstellar Pig**

16-year-old Barney is resigned to another boring vacation at his parents' summer rental, reading science-fiction novels and keeping out of the sun. The summer starts to get interesting when Barney learns their rental once belonged to a captain whose insane brother had been locked up for twenty years in the bedroom where Barney now sleeps. Then the neighbors move in, bringing with them the game they call Interstellar Pig. It is listed as an ALA Notable Book, a SLJ Best Book of the Year, and a Junior Literary Guild Selection. The sequel is called Parasite Pig.

November 17, 2009 Petterson, Per Out Stealing Horses**Winner of the IMPAC Dublin Literary Award**

Out Stealing Horses has been embraced across the world as a classic, a novel of universal relevance and power. Panoramic and gripping, it tells the story of Trond Sander, a sixty-seven-year-old man who has moved from the city to a remote, riverside cabin, only to have all the turbulence, grief, and overwhelming beauty of his youth come back to him one night while he's out on a walk. From the moment Trond sees a strange figure coming out of the dark behind his home, the reader is immersed in a decades-deep story of searching and loss, and in the precise, irresistible prose of a newly crowned master of fiction.

December 15, 2009 Grisham, John Skipping Christmas

Imagine a year without Christmas. No crowded malls, no corny office parties, no fruitcakes, no unwanted presents. That's just what Luther and Nora Krank have in mind when they decide that, just this once, they'll skip the holiday altogether. Theirs will be the only house on Hemlock Street without a rooftop Frosty; they won't be hosting their annual Christmas Eve bash; they aren't even going to have a tree. They won't need one, because come December 25 they're setting sail on a Caribbean cruise. But, as this weary couple is about to discover, skipping Christmas brings enormous consequences—and isn't half as easy as they'd imagined. A classic tale for modern times, *Skipping Christmas* offers a hilarious look at the chaos and frenzy that have become part of our holiday tradition.

Mystery Book Group**10:30 AM****October 13, 2009 -- The Drowning River by Kim Byrne**

Set in Cape Cod

November 10, 2009 -- Strangle a Loaf of Italian Bread by Denise Dietz

Ellie Bernstein and Lt. Peter Miller – funny

December 8, 2009 -- The Case of the Missing Servant by Tarquin Hall

Vish Puri, India's most private investigator

Monday Night Book Group with Doris Gallant**7:15PM-8:30 PM****October 26, 2009 -Loving Frank by Nancy Horan.****November 23, 2009 -Still Alice by Lisa Genova.******December 21, 2009 -The Widow Clicquot by Tilar Mazzeo. **Holiday Party**

**WELCOME TO THE 2009 FALL CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS AT THE
HAMILTON-WENHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Many of our story programs are drop-in however; our ever popular Music and Movement story time begins on October 7 and runs through December 16, 2009. ***REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY FOR THE MUSIC AND MOVEMENT PROGRAM. Registration for this program is on Wednesday, September 30, beginning at 10 a.m. This extremely popular program has limited space and registration must be in person in the Children's Room.**

* Please choose a story time that best suits your child's behavior and readiness. All programs begin promptly at the stated time. Please come to the Children's Room **EARLY**, so that there will be ample time for removing coats, getting drinks, using the bathroom, etc.

Join us for our special fall activities:

September 12: Drop-in stories with Season

September 26: Scarecrow Fashions

Month of October: Pumpkin Decorating Contest

October/November: Chess for Kids

October 7: Ms. Frizzle Talks about Nutrition (From the Magic School Bus)

October 17: Harvest craft

November 21: Thanksgiving craft

BABY BOOKWORMS with MOTHER GOOSE ON THE LOOSE!:

Fridays at 10:30 a.m. running from September 25 – December 18.

This 30 minute program is intended for newborns – 18 months.

Come join Sue Shepard for 30 minutes of stories, songs, and fingerplays!

Mother Goose on the Loose is funded by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT: Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. This hour long story time is presented by Lisa Davis of Cape Ann Early Intervention and is for **children age 18 – 30 months. *Pre-registration on September 30 beginning at 10 a.m. is required and space is limited.* (Group runs from Oct. 7 – December 16)** Children must be accompanied by their caregiver and alternate care for siblings is encouraged.

SPECIAL FALL PAJAMA STORYTIME: Mondays at 6:30 p.m. Welcome your local heroes! Come hear guest storytellers during this 45 minute story program geared toward pre-schoolers and kindergartners. Program includes stories, songs, and fingerplays.! Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas!

DADS & DONUTS: 3 Saturdays this fall at 10:30 a.m.

October 10: Wild West, November 7: "Mighty Machines", December 12: "Knights & Dragons". These 30-minute story programs are especially for Dads and children ages 2 years & up. (Moms are always invited.) Snacks and socializing to follow the stories!

Please check the Children's Room Information Table, the Hamilton-Wenham Chronicle, the Salem News, and the library's website (www.hwlibrary.org) or call (978) 468-5577 for more information on our programs and special events. Lorraine Der, Children's Librarian

ALL PROGRAMS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Skin Deep Program

Thursday, October 22 at 7:30PM

Dr. Cerima Durakovic, Dermatologist, Melanoma and Skin Cancer

Presentation: Treatment, Prevention & Effects of Vitamin D.

TEEN BYTES

Check out the Playaways

Each Playaway holds an entire audiobook already pre-loaded on it. Using only a few buttons, a listener can easily navigate back and forth through a chapter, adjust volume up and down, and even alter the speed of a narrator's voice. Playaways also have an automatic bookmark feature that remembers where you stopped listening and resumes at that point when turned on again. Playaways operate using one AAA battery that may need to be replaced before listening. Then simply plug in headphones and enjoy.

Many of the Young Adult Playaway titles were chosen by the Hamilton-Wenham Teen Think Tank members. The purchase of Playaways for the Young Adult area were funded by the Library Services and Technology Act Serving 'Tweens and Teens Grant.

Teen Think Tank

Thursday, October 29, 6:30-7:45pm. Come share your bright ideas! This group (for patrons ages 11-17) is the Library's teen advisory board. The purpose of the Think Tank is to work with the Young Adult Librarian to improve the programs and services designed specifically for teens. This collaboration includes selecting books, music and movies for the young adult section; brainstorming and creating programs and special events for young adults; and helping with Facebook and Web presence. **December Meeting: Thursday, December 3, 6:30PM-7:45PM.** The time commitment is 75 minutes at 10 meetings per year, held on the last Thursday of the month (except for December and July). Lots of snacks provided.

WARHAMMER GAMES

Every Saturday 12:00-4:00pm. Play or learn tabletop strategy battle games such as Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000, and Lord of the Rings. To join, show up or go to the club website at: <http://www.freewebs.com/massbattles/>. BOM meets Saturdays from noon to 4pm, on the 2nd floor of the Library.

**Call Kim Claire for more information about Young Adult programs
at 978-468-5577, X14.**

Koffee Klatch-First Friday of the Month
Free and open to the public!

October 2, 10:15AM

Wii Sport Games Co-sponsored with The Wenham Council on Aging and The Gordon College Center for Balance, Mobility and Wellness. Try out the latest Wii games. It's not just for kids!

November 6, 10:15AM

Folk Singer Dale Robin in Concert Dale will entertain us with her lovely voice and a variety of instruments.

December 4, 10:15AM

Edwardian Christmas Tea with Rita Parisi

Experience a fun Christmas tea and enjoy learning about this holiday as celebrated at the turn of the century.

Cribbage

Meets every Thursday in the Local History Room. All levels welcome! If you have a board please bring it.

Coffee will be served!

For more information, please call Julie at 978-468-5577.

Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM

Friday 10AM-5PM

Saturday 10AM-4PM

Sunday Closed

These are year round hours.

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