



FRIENDS OF AMERICAN WRITERS

March 5th, 2025 NOON

The Fortnightly

120 E. Bellevue Place

CHICAGO 60611

FIRST COURSE: TOMATO AND RED PEPPER BISQUE
WITH CHEDDAR CROUTON

ENTRÉE: GRILLED BERKSHIRE PORK LOIN WITH FARRO, DILL,
CAMELIZED MUSHROOMS & WARM BACON
SHALLOT VINAIGRETTE

DESSERT: COCONUT KEY LIME TART



\$50 payable by Zelle to FAW treasurer or check made payable to FAW
(reserve by phone only by Feb 25, 2025,
no later than 6 p.m.)

Karen Klatt 312.909.4581 or Kathy Quaid 708.704.2161

March Guest Speaker

*DONNA SEAMAN will discuss her new book, **River of Books: A Memoir of Reading and Working with Books**. Ms. Seaman is an editor for **Booklist**. Her reviews and essays have appeared in the **Chicago Tribune**, the **Boston Review**, the **Los Angeles Times**, and the **Ruminator Review**. With the infectious curiosity of an inveterate bibliophile and the prose of a fine stylist, Donna Seaman charts the course of her early reading years in a book-by-book chronicle of the significance books have held in her life. **River of Books** recounts Seaman's journey in becoming an editor for **Booklist**, a reviewer, an author, and a literary citizen. It lays bare how she nourished both body and soul by working with books. Seaman makes palpable the power and self-recognition she discovered in a life dedicated to reading.*

PRESIDENT'S CORNER



KAREN BURNETT

Both Awards Committees are busy reading and winnowing the submissions for the Literature Awards and the Young People's Awards. We have received many good books this year and it will be challenging to select the final winners. The Awards are pivotal to our mission of supporting emerging authors from the midwest. The awards are funded by the Patrons Fund.

Be on the look out for an email asking for your support and contribution. Thanks to those of you who have already contributed and all who will contribute toward our May winners.

Our luncheon programs this year have been wonderful and well-attended. I thank Sean Eshaghy, our Program Chair, as well as our Membership for making these monthly luncheon programs so successful!

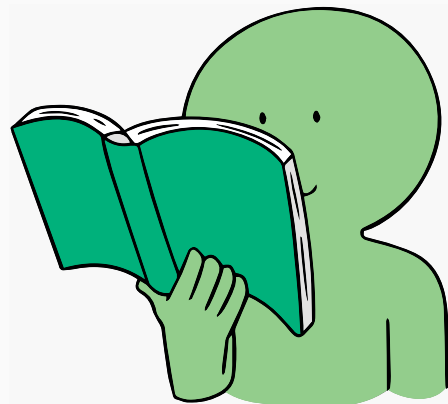




***Readers and Reviewers for
March 5, 2025
11:00 A.M.
SIPSWORTH
by Simon Van Booy***

This short novel follows a woman who, having suffered personal losses, moves back to her old home town to lick her wounds. Instead, she finds new purpose by taking in an unlikely pet who connects her with meaning and community. She herself is not a pitiful old lady but, like us, (I think), intelligent, with plenty of experience and knowledge to contribute. Written with surprisingly little sentimentality but with plenty of sensitivity, grace, and humor, this slim volume is recommended by no less than Ann Patchett. Let's all compare notes to find our own connections with the main character and this novel.

Joan Gordon



Seating Arrangements

Please mention any special seating arrangements when you make your reservation.

- Guests
- Seated with a friend or group
- Disability seating

Every effort will be made to honor your request.

Do you have trouble climbing stairs? For a stair-less entrance to the Fortnightly call in-advance (312.944.1330) and staff will give you instructions.



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FAW 2024/25 Meetings:

- September 11th
- October 9th
- November 13th
- December 11th
- January 8th
- February 12th
- **March 5th (first Wednesday)**
- April 9th
- May 2nd (Friday)

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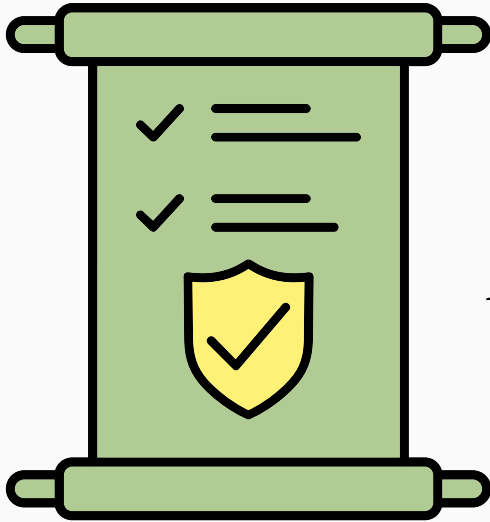


How much?*

\$50.00

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CANCELLATION POLICY



All cancelations must be made by 6 p.m. on the date of the reservation deadline. Reservations not canceled by that date must be paid in full. The club uses the numbers called in to order food and keep the food prices down, so the FAW must pay for the number of attendees sent to the club on that date. Thank you.



Although the FAW monthly luncheon serves at noon, come to the historic Fortnightly Building at 11:30 a.m. for coffee & camaraderie.





*February 12th, 2025,
William Tyre,
ED and curator of
Glessner House, Chicago,
lectured The Friends of
American Writers Book
Club about the
wonderfully untamed
Oscar Wilde.*



PUNCH'S FANCY PORTRAITS.—No. 37.



"O. W."
 "O, I feel just as happy as a bright Sunflower
Lays of Christy Minstrelsy
 Esthete of Esthetes!
 What's in a name?
 The poet is WILDE,
 But his poetry's tame.

