

The 2012 Roswell Reads Selection is Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

The library will be closed

Dec. 23, 24, 25, 26,

Jan. 1st, and 2nd

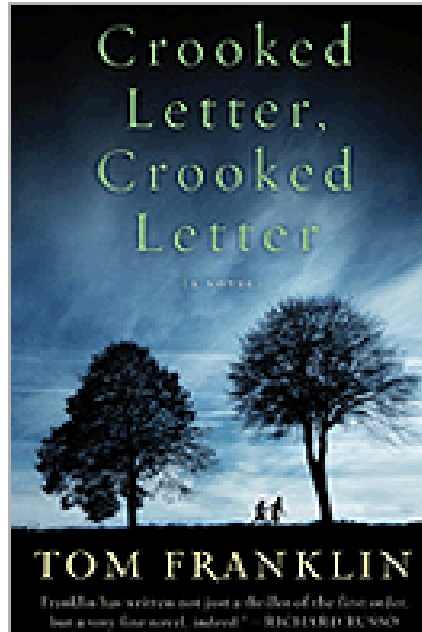
for the holidays.

By Tom Franklin

the county—and perhaps Silas most of all. His friendship with Larry was broken, and then Silas left town.

Edgar Award-winning author Tom

Franklin returns with his most accomplished and resonant novel so far—an atmospheric drama set in rural Mississippi. In the late 1970's, Larry Ott and Silas "32" Jones were boyhood pals. Their worlds were as different as night and day: Larry, the child of lower-middle-class white parents, and Silas, the son of a poor, single black mother. Yet for a few months the boys stepped outside of their circumstances and shared a special bond.



But then tragedy struck: Larry took a girl on a date to a drive-in movie, and she was never heard from again. She was never found and Larry never confessed, but all eyes rested on him as the culprit. The incident shook

More than twenty years have passed. Larry, a mechanic, lives a solitary existence, never able to rise above the whispers of suspicion. Silas has returned as a constable. He and Larry have no reason to cross paths until another girl disappears and Larry is blamed again. And now the two men who once called each other friend are forced to confront the past they've buried and ignored for decades. (Amazon.com)

The Literary Luncheon with author Tom Franklin will be held on Saturday, March 10th; tickets will be available in early January. Books are available at the library. For information on programs, please visit forl.net and click on **Roswell Reads**.

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About the Author...

Tom Franklin, a child who liked writing, drawing and reading, was born into a hunting household in Dickinson, Alabama. When he was 18, his family moved to Mobile where Tom began the arduous process of working while studying for his BA and MA. After publishing a few short stories and winning third prize in a fiction contest, he decided to pursue writing as a career. He was accepted into the MFA program at the University of Arkansas and there he met his wife, poet Beth Ann Fennelly.

Today Tom and his wife are on the faculty at Ole Miss where Tom holds the John and Renee Grisham Chair in Creative Writing. They have two children.



Spreading the Word: How YOU Can Help

Do you have e-mail? It's a great way to spread the word about Roswell Friends programs, book sales, Atlanta Authors Series and other events.

If you have not been receiving emails from Friends of the Roswell Library and would like to, send your email address to roswellgafriends@gmail.com. Please help us to develop a current and accurate email contact list.

When a special event is scheduled, Kayron Bearden, Membership Chairman, will send you an email with the information. We ask you forward that email to others you think might be interested - your book club, church group, friends and neighbors. It is a great way to reach lots of people and let them know all the great things the Friends are doing for the library.

We will definitely continue to use regular mail for the newsletter, book sale Preview Party invitations and other notices, if you prefer.

Thank you for your help. Working together we can spread the word and continue to give good support to our great Roswell Library.
Barbara Knapp, Publicity Manager

Another Grand Book Sale!

Thanks to many generous book donors and a dedicated group of volunteers, the Friends can add another resoundingly successful book sale to our scrapbook. Our grand total for the two day event was \$4,568.85—which includes \$385 in new memberships and renewals.

It was truly a team effort with EVERYONE working diligently at their appointed tasks. Publicity Chair Barbara Knapp is a wizard at getting the word out. Set-up Crew Barney Barnhart, Deborah Childs, Ann and Joe Creech, Kim Dassler, Lynda Fuller, Bernie Gaydos, Dorothy Janusewski, Janet Laroway, Mary Charles McDonald, Michael Mesaros, Mary Mitchell, Nancy Puckett, Nancy Speir, Jane Swift, and Whit Whittle moved mountains (of books) to get everything in place for the sale. (We estimated we had 10,000 books for this event.) Giny Baethke, Kayron Bearden, Deborah Childs, Katie Cox, Joe Creech, Lynda Fuller, Bernie Gaydos, Betsy Gaydos, Barbara Knapp, John Knapp, Janet Laroway, Joanie McAniff, Mary Mitchell, P W Olson, Nancy Puckett, Nancy Speir, Jane Swift, and Janice Tedford cashiered, bagged, aided, restocked, etc., etc. during the sale. Lynda, Bernie, Betsy, Janet, and Mary worked all shifts, both days!

And the clean-up crew was small but mighty—Deborah Childs, Joe and Ann Creech, Lynda Fuller, Mary Mitchell, and Whit Whittle accomplished a truly herculean task. In addition to all of the above, Kim Dassler, Lynda Fuller, and Mary Mitchell put in many hours in advance to make it all come together: It would have been an *entirely* different (and not-so-pretty) picture without the many hours of advance preparation by these faithful Friends.

ALL those people make my job fun and easy and I appreciate them, every one!

Carol Harrison, Book Store Manager

Pictures from November's Staff-Appreciation

Luncheon



Staff members Angie Whelchel, Marilyn Schuster, and Gerri Berry



Staff member Dan D'Acosta

Branch Manager Lu Conti and staff member Carolyn Bean



Where Do We Get Our Books?

Many Friends' sales are largely stocked with library discards—or so we hear. We, however, are richly blessed by MANY generous donors who bring us boxes and bags and armloads of great books (and magazines) to sell. This fall we were the fortunate recipients of a fantastic bequest from a generous benefactor, Ms. Evelyn Chitwood, who thought ahead. The executor of Ms. Chitwood's estate brought us **106 boxes** of absolutely beautiful books (about 3,000 books).

You may not have 3,000 books to give, but we are always grateful for what you do bring us. We accept almost all books. There are some exceptions: please, no encyclopedias or out-of-date text, technical, or business books. We take magazines as well with a similar exception: please, no older news or business magazines. Older craft, cooking, hobby, etc., magazines have a much longer life! And, please, clean books and magazines only; if you hesitate to put them on your shelves at home, we feel the same way about offering them to the public.

New Labeling System for Holds

Effective now, to protect your privacy and offer better security, the library is using a new labeling system for holds. Your book will have a label on it that contains the first six letters of your last name and the last four digits of your library card number.

Here's an example: if your last name is Columbo and your library card number is D014884567, your book will have a label on it that reads

**COLUMB
4567**

**Starting January 3rd,
the Friends' Book
Store will be open
seven days a week,
Mon-Sat, 11-3
and Sunday, 2-4.**

*In Memoriam
Evelyn Marie
Chitwood
August 11, 1950-
July 11, 2011*

A New Book Selection Resource

Are you interested in what other people are recommending for book club selections? Check out "Book Club Choices Online." Featured books are published by ALTAFF's Corporate Friends, and selected by staff. You can find it at ala.org/altaff (ALTAFF stands for Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations. Our Friends group is a member.)



Welcome to Our New Members

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| Judith Axtell | Barbara Martin |
| Robert Baldwin | Shilpi McReynolds |
| Marte Berkowitz | Bruce W. Owens |
| Bonnie Blosat | Bonnie Peet |
| Edward & Louise Bullwinker | Tracy Peters |
| Jackie Collopy | Chisa Rawlings |
| Joann Cotty | Roz Reiss |
| Tony & Judy Cuzzucoli | Pamela Robinson |
| Phyllis Finchman | Sarah Sanbol |
| The Flynn Family | Milan R. Thorsby, Jr. |
| N. Herlihy | Rachelle Travis |
| Mark Hills | Veronique Van-overstraeten |
| Susan Himmer | Reinaldo Vilar |
| Alice Inman | Ann Watson |
| Helen Lunsford | Christina Zierau |
| Mary Maio | |

Membership Renewal

Your address label shows when your membership expires. Thank you for your support.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Family \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior \$10 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit assoc. \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate \$250 |
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You will receive the quarterly newsletter, distributed electronically, with your renewal. If you prefer to receive your newsletter by US Mail, please check here.

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Please mail to Friends of Roswell Library, 115 Norcross St., Roswell, GA 30075

I'd like information about helping with:

- Publicity
- Library work
- Newsletter
- Book sales
- Bookstore
- Staff appreciation
- Telephoning
- Refreshments
- Children's programs
- The Friends' Board of Directors

Message from the President

Happy Holidays! I wish you and your loved ones a safe and happy holiday season.

The Friends welcome our new and renewing members; we thank you for joining or 're-upping' during our recent Friends of the Library events. Remember, you can join or renew at anytime and we always have volunteer opportunities available, in the library, in the bookstore or elsewhere.

If the library is important to you, please take a moment to let our Fulton County decision-makers know it. Go to fultoncountyga.gov and, on the right side of the page, click on the blue "Take the Citizen Sense Survey" button to begin the survey. Some of us will have spoken on behalf of the library system to the Fulton County Commissioners on December 7th. I hope we can have a positive effect on their decisions.

In *The Happiness Project*, author Gretchen Rubin tells of spending the month of September pursuing her passion for books, reading, and writing and making time to enjoy these activities. "Returning from vacation made me appreciate my beloved library anew. This library...is perfect: a beautiful building, open stacks, Internet access

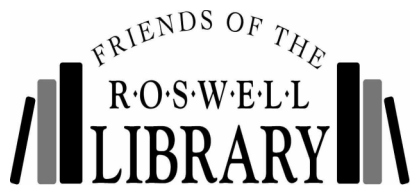
and a terrific children's section....It was easy to take the library for granted—I'd been going there several times a week for seven years—but my brief absence reminded me how much I loved it...."

November is one of the two times a year that the Friends' board provides an Appreciation Luncheon for the library staff. We enjoyed chatting with each staff member as we shared the wonderful food prepared by Carol Harrison and other volunteers. Thanks, everyone.

The Friends' Book Store will be ten-years-old on February 1st; stay tuned for information about the Birthday Party early in 2012.

Help us save money by receiving your newsletter via email; just let us know your email address when you renew your membership. Did you know that we also have the newsletter posted on www.forl.net along with lots of other interesting information about author events, book clubs, Roswell Reads and links to the library's other programs? You can always reach The Friends with your questions and comments at Roswellgafriends@gmail.com

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