

2011 Roswell Reads Selection is *My Name is Mary Sutter*

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Dec. 23, 24, 25

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for the holidays.

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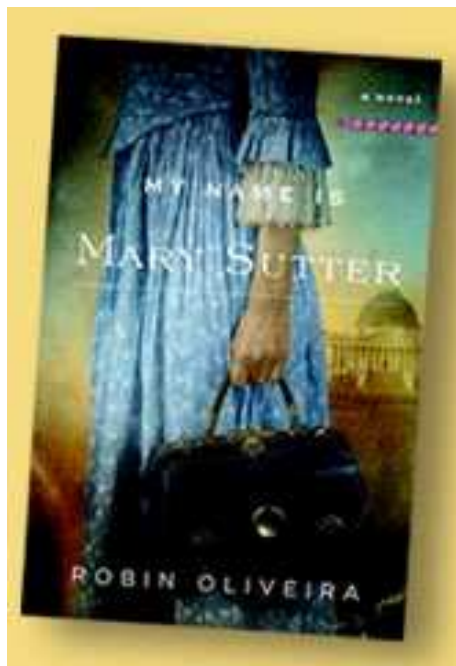
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By Robin Oliveira

The Civil War offers a 20-year-old midwife who dreams of becoming a doctor the medical experience she craves, plus hard work and heart-break, in this rich debut that takes readers from a small upstate New York doctor's office to a Union hospital overflowing with the wounded and dying. Though she's too young for the nursing corps, Mary Sutter goes to Washington, anyway, and, after a chance meeting with a presidential secretary, is led to the Union Hotel Hospital, where she assists chief surgeon William Stipp and becomes so integral to Stipp's work she ignores her mother's pleas to return home to deliver her sis-



ter's baby. From a variety of perspectives—Mary, Stipp, their families, and social, political, and military leaders—the

novel offers readers a picture of a time of medical hardship, crisis, and opportunity.

Oliveira depicts the amputation of a leg, the delivery of a baby, and soldierly life; these are among the fine details that set this novel above the gauzier variety of Civil War fiction. The focus on often horrific medicine and the women who practiced it against all odds makes for compelling reading. (*Publishers Weekly*)

For information on upcoming programs and the Literary Luncheon with the author, see page 2.

About the Author...

Robin Oliveira grew up just outside Albany, NY in Loudonville. She holds a B.A. in Russian, and studied at the Pushkin Language Institute in Moscow. She is also a Registered Nurse, specializing in Critical Care and Bone Marrow Transplant. She received an M.F.A. in Writing from Vermont College of Fine Arts and is the fiction editor for the literary magazine *upstreet* and a former assistant editor at *Narrative Magazine*. She was awarded the James Jones First Novel Fellowship in 2007 for her debut novel-in-progress, *MY NAME IS MARY SUTTER....* She lives in Seattle with her husband, Andrew Oliveira, and two children, Noelle and Miles, who are away at college.



Books are Better: an essay

I began to reach for books at the age of three. Shortly thereafter, I began to comprehend books' silent power and the profound impact they would have on my life.

When I was growing up, I spent many hours in the library. Sometimes I would lie on the floor, looking up at the rows and rows of leather-bound treasures. There they were, standing tall and majestic, lined up with perfect precision, as if they were waiting specifically for me. They were my soldiers, my captains, my lieutenants, those who would lead me out of where I was to an exciting world; a world far from ignorance and isolation; a world that was free of prejudice, pain, and limits, and full of possibilities.

When I hold a book in my hands, I am instantly aware of its promise: "Turn my pages and I will show you the world. Turn my pages and I will spark your imagination, give your life its intention, and take you beyond boundaries. Turn my pages and I will show you your dreams and how to make them come true; I will set your mind on fire or soothe your broken soul."

Books give us the most precious gift of all--ourselves. A good book challenges us to examine our own life, draw comparisons, and become a better person as a result of reading it. "Turn my pages and let me show you what you can be." There is nothing a book cannot do.

Books are better--because they are.

Patricia Scanlon, the author, is a long-time member of the Friends of the Roswell Library and has lived in Roswell for over thirty years.

My Name is Mary Sutter, cont.

- Copies of the book are available at the library.
- The luncheon will be March 5th at 11:30 am; tickets will be available in early January.
- There will be three discussions of the book at the library—dates to be announced.
- The photo contest theme is "Follow Your Dreams"—details to follow.
- The book for young-people is *Turn Homeward Hannalee* by Patricia Beatty, a story about a Roswell youth during the civil war.

Please watch the Friends' web site, www.forl.net, for more information as the program details become final.

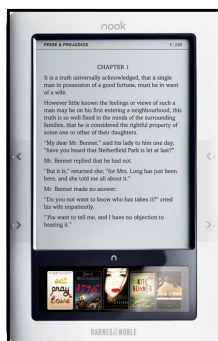
Thank you

to all the volunteers who worked hard to set up for the Holiday Book Sale and to all those who worked at the sale. We appreciate all you do to make the Friends of the Roswell Library successful.

Congratulations to Arthur Williams on his retirement at the end of the year.
We'll miss you, Arthur!

Check-out Digital Books from AFPL

Yes, you can now download books from the library to your computer, iPhone, iPod, MP3 or digital reader, in audio or e-Book format, depending upon your device. Icons after each title indicate in which formats the book is available.



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The books will automatically disappear from your device after your lending period has expired.

Visit the Friends' Blog

A blog (the word is a derivative of "web log") is an on-line journal where people can post entries about things of interest to that person or group. The entries are usually in reverse-chronological order and you view the most recent posts first.

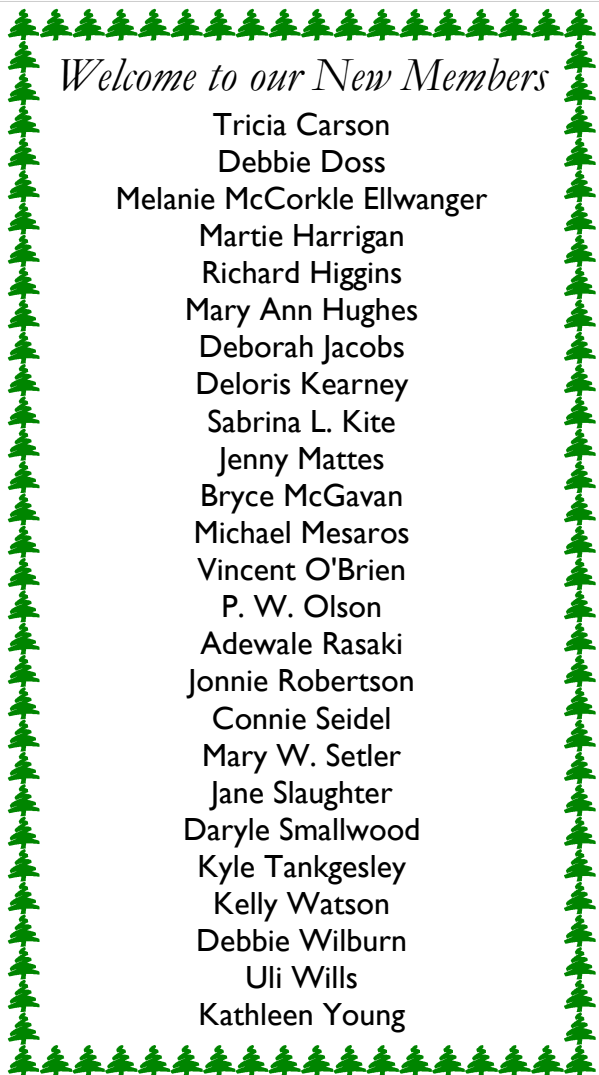
The Friends' blog contains updates, announcements, programs, suggestions and lots more from the Friends of the Roswell Library. The easiest way to get to it is to go to the Friends' web page (www.forl.net) and, under **Latest News**, on the left-hand side of the page, click on **Blog**. Once on the blog, you can subscribe to it (right hand side of the page) so that you will automatically get the newest postings sent right to your e-mail.



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Welcome to our New Members

- Tricia Carson
- Debbie Doss
- Melanie McCorkle Ellwanger
- Martie Harrigan
- Richard Higgins
- Mary Ann Hughes
- Deborah Jacobs
- Deloris Kearney
- Sabrina L. Kite
- Jenny Mattes
- Bryce McGavan
- Michael Mesaros
- Vincent O'Brien
- P. W. Olson
- Adewale Rasaki
- Jonnie Robertson
- Connie Seidel
- Mary W. Setler
- Jane Slaughter
- Daryle Smallwood
- Kyle Tankgesley
- Kelly Watson
- Debbie Wilburn
- Uli Wills
- Kathleen Young

Pictures from the Staff Appreciation Luncheon November 17th, at the library



Staff members
Ouida McCarther,
Linda Jones, Fouzia
Fataoui, Ginny Collier,
and Adrienne Turner



Marilyn Schuster,
Sara Miller, and
Julia Ratledge,
staff members,
take a break for
lunch.



Friends members
Mary Ellen Kubis, Ann
Creech, Carol Harrison
(luncheon organizer), Mary
Mitchell, Janice Tedford
(Friends President), and
Janet Laroway

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Message from the President

In mid-November, members of the Board of the Roswell Friends enjoyed providing lunch for the library staff. We have an appreciation luncheon at the library a couple of times a year. Thanks to Carol Harrison for doing such a wonderful job of organizing (and making those good casseroles) and all those who helped out; we always enjoy the luncheons and our visits with the staff.

We had a membership table in the lobby during National Friends of the Library Week in October and several new members joined the Friends. Welcome to them and thanks to all those who manned the table.

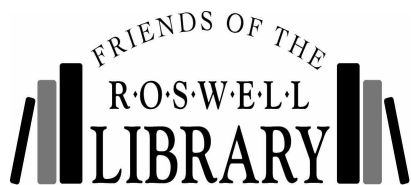
Recently we purchased a lot of classical movie DVD's and replaced tattered CD cases (one of the hazards of popularity). We renewed the Friends' subscription to *BookPage*, a monthly newsletter of book reviews for patrons, available in the lobby.

Kayron Bearden represented us at a Fulton County Budget Hearing recently. The materials budget remains a victim of cuts even though we continue to remind the Commissioners how important our library (and a healthy library budget) is to our community. The last hearing is downtown on January 5th. Let me know if you're interested in advocating for our library at the meeting.

The new president of the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations, Rod Gauvin, says we must understand that the library of the 21st century will provide a much broader range of services to the community in the digital era. We, as members, need to understand, value, and appreciate this and wait to see how those ideas take form and how we can support them.

Happy Holidays!

Janice Tedford



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room without windows—
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