

Roswell Reads *Someone Else's Love Story*

Friends' Bookstore

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At twenty-one, Shandi Pierce is juggling finishing college, raising her delightful three-year-old genius son Natty, and keeping the peace between her eternally warring, long-divorced Catholic mother and Jewish father. She's got enough complications without getting caught in the middle of a stick-up in a gas station mini-mart and falling in love with a great wall of a man named William Ashe, who willingly steps between the armed robber and her son.

Shandi doesn't know that her blond god Thor has his own complications. When he looked down the barrel of that gun he believed it was destiny: it'd been one year to the day since a tragic act of physics shattered his universe. But William doesn't define destiny the way other people do. A brilliant geneticist who believes in science and numbers, destiny to him is about choice.

Now, he and Shandi are about to meet their so-called destinies head on, in a funny, charming, and poignant novel about science

and miracles, secrets and truths, faith and forgiveness; about a virgin birth, a sacrifice, and a resurrection; about falling in love, and learning that things aren't always what they seem—or what we hope they will be. It's a novel about discovering what we want and ultimately finding what we need.

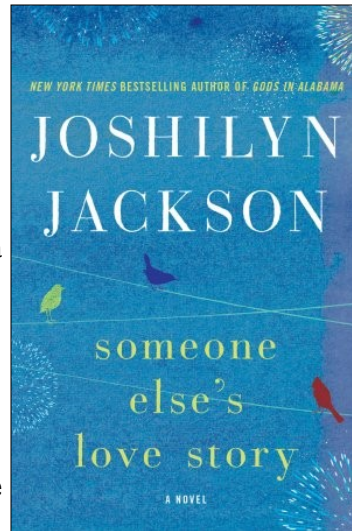
From the reviews:

"A surprising novel, both graceful and tender."—Kirkus

"An inspiring story of love, faith and redemption...All of the characters... are so vividly drawn, they fairly leap off the page."—Booklist

"...a novel at once funny and touching, whose characters' many flaws are overshadowed by all the ways in which they look out for one another."—Publisher's Weekly

"Witty, cleverly constructed and including a truly surprising twist, Someone Else's Love Story turns out to be a nuanced exploration of faith, family and the things we do for love." — People Magazine



Meet Author Joshilyn Jackson

Joshilyn Jackson is the NYT bestselling author of five novels in addition to *Someone Else's Love Story*, including *Gods in Alabama* and *A Grown-Up Kind of Pretty*. Her books have been translated into a dozen languages and have won multiple awards.

A former actor, Jackson is also an award-winning audiobook narrator, reading both her own novels and the works of others.

Ms. Jackson lives in Decatur, Georgia, with her husband, Scott, their two children, Sam and Maisy Jane, and assorted pets.

Someone Else's Love Story: an Overview of Activities Planned for the Community

(For more details, please go to www.forl.net/roswellreads.htm or contact the library.)

Book Discussions

Noonday Nosh Book Club, Tuesday, February 18th
Sunday Afternoon at the Library with Mary Apps, Mar 2nd
Dana Barrett and Friends, Tuesday, March 4th

Children's Programs

Children's Book Selection: **Mockingbird** by Kathryn Erskine
Writing Roswell Workshop with Lizzy Fox, Sat. March 1st
Writing Roswell Workshop II: Performance Poetry, Saturday, March 1st
(Registration is required for the Children's Programs)

Community Programs

Creativity and Childhood, Saturday, March 8th
Roswell Volunteer Fair, Thursday, March 13th
Roswell Reads Beautification Project: Waller Park

Photo Contest for all ages

THEME: "Gardens of the South"

(Pick up a Photo Contest brochure at the library or download one from the Friends' website.)

DEADLINE Thursday, Feb 27th at 6:00 pm.

Call the library for more details. 770-640-3075

RECEPTION for Photo Contest Sunday, March 2nd

EXHIBIT of Contest Photos "Gardens of the South" at the library March 2nd – March 16th

Final Event— A Literary Luncheon with Author Joshilyn Jackson

Saturday, March 15th 11:30 am
Roswell Adult Recreation Center

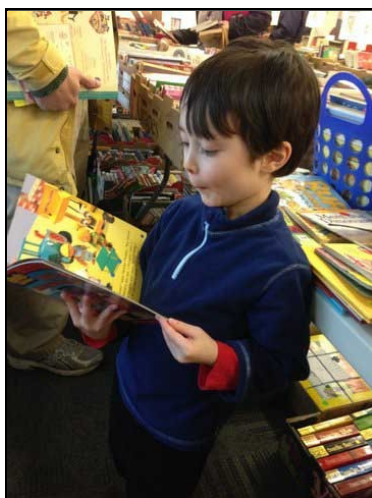
Please purchase luncheon tickets by March 13th

Books will be available to purchase for signing at the luncheon!

The purpose of the Friends of the Roswell Library is to provide financial assistance to the library, to promote the library as a learning center for all citizens in the community, and to act as an advocate for improved library services.

Welcome to our New Members

*Cynthia Agcaoili
Susan Grillo
Johanna Harned
Edgar "Ted" Jones
Elizabeth Kral
Mary Paley
Bonnie Petrukovich
Norman Richards
Russ & Peggy Taber*



Our book sales appeal to readers of all ages. This is Julian; we see him (and his family) at almost every sale.

December Book Sale

In spite of the bad weather and the demands of holiday shopping, proceeds from the Dec. 13th-15th holiday book sale, including new and renewed Friends memberships, equaled \$3,283!

Thank you to all those of you who set up for the sale, worked at it, or helped to break it down. We really appreciate your help.

The 13th Annual Roswell Roots Festival begins January 27th

The annual Roswell Roots festival will begin again on January 27th. Roswell Roots is a month-long, city-wide festival to celebrate the rich history and culture of African Americans during National African American History Month.

This year's festival features 24 events over the course of the month including art exhibitions, speakers, workshops, music and theatre. It is the largest and most comprehensive Black history celebration in Georgia.

A few of the new additions to this year's festival include an exhibit by fine art photographer Sheila Pree Bright titled "Invisible Suburbia," the Masters of Soul live at the Roswell Cultural Arts Center, and a special screening of the documentary that was shot during the poetry slam at last year's festival.

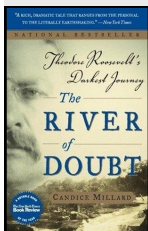
They will be joining some of our favorites from the festival including the Unity Concert, which brings together the voices of several of our local church's choirs, as well as the 10th

annual "Slamming in the Suburbs" poetry reading, and the 3rd annual Cornbread Cook-off. A complete schedule of events is available at the following website: www.roswellroots.com

And new this year, Scouts will have the opportunity to earn a free patch for attending one of the programs. If you'd like more information about the Scouting initiative, please e-mail [Sheila Sillitto](mailto:Sheila.Sillitto@roswellgov.com) (ssillitto@roswellgov.com) for information.

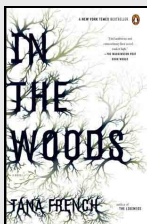
(Article adapted from the January edition of the Roswell Historic and Cultural Affairs Newsletter.)

Book Club Update



Noonday Nosh
January 21st at noon
*The River of Doubt:
Theodore Roosevelt's
Darkest Journey*
by Candace Millard

Mystery Readers' Book
Club, January 28th, 6:30
In the Woods
by Jana French



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and let him/her know how important libraries are to you and your community. A budget cut will mean changes we can't foresee.

Do you know that Roswell has the most volunteer hours of all our libraries? Thank you, thank you! You don't volunteer but might like to? Send me an email or ask a question at roswellgafriends@gmail.com and I will get back to you quickly.

Looking for a book club? We have two every month – Noon Day Nosh on the 3rd Tuesday at 12 noon and The Mystery Book Club on the 4th Tuesday at 6:30pm. Come visit! Check www.forl.net to find out the next book selection and come chat with us or just read the book.

Save the date for our **annual meeting, Sunday, May 4th, 2014**. All Friends and their guests are invited. It is a great opportunity to hear a local speaker, learn about upcoming Friend's plans for the year, and meet the board members.

Jane Swift

Membership Renewal

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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor \$50 | <input type="checkbox"/> Non-profit assoc. \$25 | <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate \$250 |

For information about volunteering, please either contact a Friends member or e-mail the Friends at roswellgafriends@gmail.com

This quarterly newsletter can now be distributed electronically. Please choose how you would prefer to receive your newsletter: by US Mail ; by e-mail .

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Please mail to Friends of the Roswell Library (or FoRL), 115 Norcross St., Roswell, GA 30075

Message from the President

Happy New Year everyone; I hope that you had a great holiday season. To paraphrase Louise Hay, popular lecturer, teacher, and author – January is a month of optimism. I look toward to the future and forget the people, places and events that saddened me this past year. My goal is to live right now, in the present, and enjoy every minute that I can.

In the enjoyment category, I hope you will put some of these upcoming events on your schedule so you don't miss them. The 2014 Atlanta Author Series begins Jan. 19th at 2PM, featuring Ann Hite. www.annhite.com (and a great list of authors to come throughout the year). Ann's debut novel, "Ghost On Black Mountain", not only became a Townsend Prize Finalist but won her the Georgia Author of the Year award in 2012.

The Spring Book Sale will be March 28th and 29th; more information to be announced for the May, August and November book sales on www.forl.net as we get closer to the time. Speaking of sales, have you visited our "Hole in the Wall" book booth at the Canton Street Antique Market? It features turn-of-the-century novels, text books, decorating books, records, children's books and more.

The Roswell Reads Luncheon will be **Saturday, March 15th!** Joshilyn Jackson, author of our Roswell Reads selection for 2014, *Someone Else's Love Story*, will be the featured speaker. www.joshilynjackson.com

Have you heard about the Roswell High School Advisory board? It is a monthly meeting between local high school students and Roswell Parks and Rec.; they meet at the various city parks and will be meeting at East Roswell Park in January. How can we get some if these students involved in the Roswell Library? Please let me know your thoughts.

East Roswell library – moving lots of dirt but no foundation poured yet. It is very interesting to drive by it each day even though the blue fence-covering does get in the way of our view.

The Friends Council meetings have been on hold for many months, waiting for the new library director to be hired. Representatives from many of the 27 libraries in Fulton County meet and share ideas and solutions to common problems. We speak on behalf of our libraries, particularly during these tough economic times. We ask for your help, too; please contact your commissioner

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Save the Date!

*The following Atlanta Authors will appear
at the library, all on Sundays, at 2pm.*

Ann Hite.....January 19th

Stacia Brown.....April 27th

Kevin Horgan.....May 4th

Betty Brown.....June 22nd

George Weinstein.....August 10th

Lynn Cullen.....November 16th

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