

Meet Author Tom Franklin at Literary Luncheon

Library Hours

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Thurs-Sat 10-6
Sunday 2-6

Bookstore Hours

Mon-Sat 11-3
Sunday 2-4

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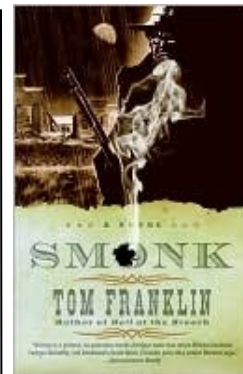
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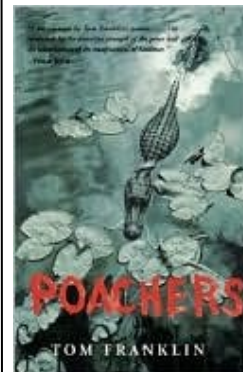
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Tom Franklin, author of the Roswell Reads choice for 2012, *Crooked Letter*, *Crooked Letter*, will be the guest of the RR committee at a literary

luncheon, Saturday, March 10th, at 11:30, at the Roswell Adult Recreation Center, 830 Grimes Bridge Road. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15; they may be purchased at the Friends' book store Monday through Saturday, 11:00-3:00, and Sunday from 2:00-4:00. The luncheon will conclude with a book-signing; books will be available for purchase or you may bring

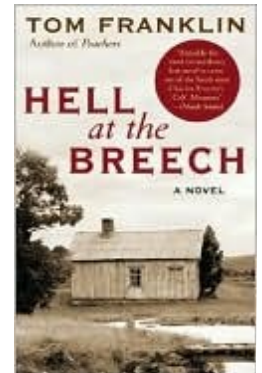


Smonk, and *Hell at the Breach*, and a book of stories called *Poachers*; in addition, he



your own.

Franklin, who currently teaches at Ole Miss, is the author of two additional novels about the rural South,



and his wife, poet Beth Ann Fennelly, have co-edited an anthology of stories by Southern writers called *The Alumni Grill, Vol. II*.

Spring Book Sale Saturday, March 24th

This promises to be a Seriously, Extravagantly, REALLY BIG SALE. And you, as a Friends member, are entitled to come to the Preview Sale on Friday, March 23rd from 2pm to 5pm! (Turn to the story on page 2 to see why this will be such an exceptionally huge sale.) Non-members are allowed to join at the door. Please remember, **no scanners** are allowed on Preview Day. Saturday (general public) hours are 10am-4pm.

An Extraordinary Donation

Through the alertness of Jane Swift, Friends President, and our faithful, hardworking bookstore volunteer Mary Mitchell, the owners of the Holcomb Bridge Road location of Once & Again Books made a wonderful donation, and solved a problem.



Owners Bob and Kathy Mercer and Richard and Patricia Sims of Once & Again Books.

Mary Mitchell stopped by on the last day of business and negotiated a fabulous deal for us, and a nice solution for the owners, who were going to recycle the books---The Friends could have all the books left at the close of business if we would come the next morning, pack them up, and haul them off. The owners let us use their

boxes and, yes!, even borrow their rental truck to relocate the books.

Emergency calls to volunteers Bernie Gaydos, Whit Whittle, Janet Laroway, and Joe Creech resulted in a team to meet at the store the next morning; Bernie even shanghaied his friend Mark to help. Most of the team worked ALL that day packing 222 boxes with books for our book-

store. Then, the next morning, Mary, Bernie, Mark, and Bill Swift convened to load all 222 boxes of books on the truck and then unload them at the library---two trips worth. This was one hardworking, tired group of volunteers!

The only downside of this wonderful windfall was that we had to return all 222 boxes to the donors in just three weeks!

Next, a plea went out for donations of boxes and, once again, our wonderful volunteers and board members rallied and brought us boxes.

*“How do you process 222 boxes of books?”
One book at a time!”*

We unpacked, sorted, priced, repacked, and stored approximately 7770 books, finishing up by our deadline. Mary asked, "How do you process 222 boxes of books?" The answer: One book at a time!

Now, you may be wondering when you will get to see these books. Many are already on the shelves in the bookstore but our space there is limited. You will see them at our next sale, Saturday, March 24, 10am to 4pm. (Members' Preview Sale for Friends on Friday, March 23, 2pm to 5pm)

Thank you, Once & Again Books, and thank you so very much, dedicated volunteers!

—by Carol Harrison



222 boxes—roughly 7770 books—ready to go to the bookstore.



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Some boxes were stored in a workroom. Others were in the meeting room, the lobby.



Carol, processor extraordinaire, at work on one of many books she did.

Welcome New Members

- Amy W. Blackburn
- Rebecka Hazelwood
- Susie Ray
- Patrick and Jennie Smith
- Connie Stieghan

Mystery Readers Book Club

The Beautiful Cigar Girl
by Daniel Shashower
April 24th, 6:30 pm

Noonday Nosh

The Last Days of Ptolemy Grey
by Walter Moseley
April 17th, 12 noon

Atlanta Authors

Meet Jennifer Arnold
author of
Through a Dog's Eyes
April 14th, 2 pm

Bookstore's 10th Anniversary Celebrated

Almost thirty bookstore volunteers and guests celebrated the 10th anniversary of our bookstore the afternoon of Feb. 19th. There were refreshments, displays of library and bookstore history, and shared stories about the start of



Ann Creech, Janice Tedford, Shirley Graham, Mary Apps and Lynn Clark, a few of the original volunteers, at the anniversary party. Missing from the photo are Barbara Knapp and Helen Tefft.

the store and what it has meant to the Friends and to the library.

Helen Tefft, chair of Book Sales and I, as the President of the Friends, met with Lu Conti in the Fall of 2001 to discuss opening a store in a staff office. The

Friends were given the use of half of this room and Helen, our husbands and I went to work. We had a Grand Opening Feb. 1st. Later, Shirley Graham helped get volunteers to keep the store. Her mother made aprons for us and Shirley had luncheons for the volunteers.

Barbara Knapp took over Book Sales a few years later. Janet Laroway took the reins from her and Carol Harrison is now chairman with Mary Mitchell scheduling the volunteers. We have had close to 100 volunteers over the ten years and together we have a good time and contributed a great deal to our library.

The first year of its operation the store made \$1100 and now it brings in over \$40,000 every year. Our contribution enables the library to provide programs and materials for the community that would be too costly otherwise. The Summer Reading Program and Roswell Reads are two examples.

We have since been given the use of the whole staff office, the coat closet in the meeting room, and half the children's department storage room for bookstore use.

We have publicized our organization through the store; we have provided a place for people to bring and buy used books; and we have increased the passion for books and learning in our community through the programs and materials we've bought for the library.

We are indebted to Lu Conti and the library staff for putting up with us, helping us, and making it all possible. We've worked together for the library and its patrons and it has been a wonderful ten years for all of us.



Some current bookstore volunteers: Maisie Partridge (seated), Carol Harrison, Nancy Spears, Phil Rossignol, Linda Fuller, Mary Mitchell, Topsy Lanham

—by Janice Tedford

Membership Renewal

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

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

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- Refreshments
- Children's programs
- The Friends' Board of Directors

Message from the President

Books are lighthouses erected in the great sea of time. –Edwin P. Whipple

Spring? Not Spring?; we know it's too early to plant but we just want to get started on Spring projects! The Friends' Board has been hard at work on our first Bucket List item: **to develop one large project to accomplish with our current funds.** This ambitious project is to replace the reading chairs throughout the library, a very expensive endeavor. We're very thankful that we have been blessed with wonderful donations and great book sales. Stay tuned for status updates.

The Friends is working toward placing a book recycling bin at the Roswell Recycling Center; the Alpharetta Library already has one there and we hope to learn and share with them. We've also been approached to refurbish and/or replace the library's interior plants; this action will fit in nicely with the purchase of new chairs.

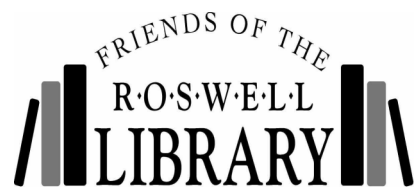
A few factoids:

- The Friends' Book Store was 10 years old this January; I hope you stopped by the party to share stories and goodies.
- Book sales last year were the best ever and the book store has an even greater selection than usual for the Spring Book Sale scheduled for March 23rd and 24th. Stop by, you'll be amazed.
- Noon Day Nosh (3rd Tuesday at 12 noon) and Mystery Readers' Book Club (4th Tuesday at 6:30) continue to provide stimulating discussions for those of you interested in joining a no-obligation book club—just read and discuss.

As always, **www.forl.net** is a wonderful source of detailed information.

Save the date for our **Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 6th.** It's a great opportunity to hear a good speaker and meet some Friends you may not already know. Please join us!

Jane Swift



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