

OCTOBER EVENTS 2023

Book Group: Sunday, October 8, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom. Janet Hankin will send an email to the book group with instructions to join the meeting. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at jghankin@jps.net.

The book for October is **This is Happiness** by Irish novelist and playwright Nial Williams. "Williams has painted a lush, wandering portrait of Faha, a village back in time in County Clare, Ireland." (Elizabeth Graver, New York Times). "He has a humorist's eye, and his own fond amusement at the people he writes about" (The Guardian). "...comic and poignant in equal measure." (New Yorker)

The book for November is **Demon Copperhead** by Barbara Kingsolver. "Like Dickens, Kingsolver generates momentum by galloping the reader through escapades that accumulate to advance a larger question — in this case, about how an artist's consciousness is formed" (Molly Young, New York Times). The novel provides "her best demonstration yet of a novel's ability to simultaneously entertain and move and plead for reform" (Ron Charles, Washington Post).

The book for December is **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann. The Martin Scorsese film adaptation of the book will be released on October 20.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, October 11, at 11:30 a.m. Ebisu, 1283 9th Avenue (west side) between Lincoln and Irving (MUNI's N-Judah runs on Irving). Translation: the God of wealth, fishing and trade, not to be missed!!! A 20-year forever; sushi and classic entrees. RSVP to Pat at 415-867-0410 or to patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com.

RCSF Speakers Series: Monday, October 16, 10-11 a.m via Zoom. Gabrielle Oliveira, Jorge Paulo Lemann Associate Professor of Education and of Brazil Studies at the Graduate School of Education, on "Now We Are Here": Family Migration, Separation, and the Hope for a Better Life. Please register promptly at: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlqcu2qpjgoGdcV6qHaF93kR69RTZDD7d_Q. Or you can send an email to kghenschel@gmail.com. Those who register will receive a reminder email on October 14 with the Zoom link to connect.

Film Group: Saturday, October 21, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. For a change of pace this month, we will watch **Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris**, a lighthearted imaginative film that was made in partnership with the House of Dior. The film stars Lesley Manville as a widowed cleaning lady in 1950's London who falls madly in love with a couture Dior dress, and decides that she must have one of her own. She embarks on an adventure that will change not only her own outlook on life, but the very future of the house of Dior. Lots of gorgeous clothes and fine acting! If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send you the link.

EXCITING NEWS: RCSF member **Alice Abarbanel** will receive the Harvard Alumni Association's Outstanding Volunteer Leadership Award for her "exceptional work" as the volunteer Project Director of the **Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project**, originally sponsored by our club, from 2019 through the present. It will be given at the HAA's annual Alumni Leadership Conference in Cambridge on **October 26**. Congratulations to Alice for this very well deserved recognition!

The RCSF mourns the loss of former club President Geraldine Shohet, R'56, who died on July 26. She was a pillar of the club for many years and served as president from 1989-1991. Her obituary is here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/sfgate/name/geraldine-shohet-obituary?id=52632125>."

You can renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women, at the club website: radcliffeclubsf.org. The "For Members" section contains the Membership Directory, Membership Update and Treasurer's Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.