

DECEMBER EVENTS 2023

Film Group: Saturday, December 2, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. The film will be **Phoenix**, a 2014 German film starring the renowned actress Nina Hoss. It has won many awards. The plot involves a badly disfigured Holocaust survivor who undergoes facial reconstruction, and seeks out her husband and friends who may have betrayed her to the Nazis. They believe she is dead, and have gone on with their comfortable lives—in fact her husband is seeking to collect her inheritance. This is a serious film about revenge and forgiveness as well as a wounded psyche. 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.

Book Group: Sunday, December 10, 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 December is **Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI** by David Grann. “Grann has proved himself a master of spinning delicious, many-layered mysteries that also happen to be true... It will sear your soul” (Dave Eggers, New York Times). “A twisting, haunting true-life murder mystery about one of the most monstrous crimes in American history...” (Amazon).

NOTE: The Martin Scorsese film of the book was released on October 20, 2023, giving us the opportunity to compare book and movie.

The book for January will be **The Years** by Annie Ernaux, who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature in 2022. The Years is an earnest, fearless book, a ‘Remembrance of Things Past’ for our age ...” (Edmund White, New York Times). “The book is placed somewhere on the edges of literature, history, and sociology. It moves in fragments, from personal to common, from exceptional to ordinary and vice versa ... It is the kind of book you close after reading a few pages, carried away by the bittersweet taste it leaves in your mind. If you persist, opening yourself to the rhythm and brief impressions, the narration impacts your mind, and you discover a meaning behind the facade.” (Azarin Sadegh, LA Review of Books)

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m. Stone Korean Kitchen, ground floor of 4 Embarcadero, facing the plaza. Indoor and outdoor seating. Across the street from end of 1 CA bus line. RSVP to Pat at 415-867-0410 or to patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com. Easy RSVP coming up.

New Year’s Eve get-together: Sunday, December 31, from 8:00-9:00 p.m. via Zoom. We are continuing the RCSF tradition of a “Cambridge Time” New Year’s Eve celebration. This year it will be on Zoom. Bring your glass of champagne (or whatever you want) to toast the New Year at 9 p.m. (midnight in Cambridge)! If you would like to participate, please RSVP to julie.cheever@gmail.com. You will receive a confirmation of your message immediately and then the Zoom link during the day on December 31.

RCSF Speakers Series – Videos of our two most recent sessions are available on the "RCSF Speakers Series Recordings" page of the club website: radcliffeclubsf.org. Don’t miss **Sara Naomi Bleich**, on “Harvard and The Legacy of Slavery”; and **Gabrielle Oliveira**, on “Now We Are Here: Family Migration, Separation, and the Hope for a Better Life.” Please contact kghenschel@gmail.com if you need help with the password. We will schedule more speakers next year.

At the club website, you can also renew your membership, join the club, or make donations to Harvard organizations supporting women. The “For Members” section contains the Membership Directory, Membership Update, and Treasurer’s Report. Send changes to kghenschel@gmail.com.