

## FEBRUARY EVENTS 2024

**Book Group: Sunday, February 11, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom.** Janet Hankin will send an email to the book group with instructions for joining the meeting. Others who would like to join, or have questions, can contact her at [jghankin@jps.net](mailto:jghankin@jps.net).

The book for February will be **Burr: A Novel** by Gore Vidal. "... a dazzling entertainment, a tour de force of historical imagination, a devastating analysis of America's first principals" (New York Times). "What makes the book great is that the cynicism is mixed with a strong sense of ethical conviction: Vidal thinks politics is absurd but also profoundly important" (The Independent).

The book for March will be **Foster** by Claire Keegan. "... a master class in child narration ..." (New York Times). "Keegan's world is lush and full, the details delicately made, ever more rewarding and engaging with every read" (Los Angeles Times). "... a rare, beautiful, multi-faceted, shimmering, gem of a work—a gift" (New York Journal of Books).

**Film Group: Saturday, February 17, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom.** We will watch **Barbara**, a 2012 German film starring the renowned actress Nina Hoss. It has the same cast and director as one of our previously viewed films, **Phoenix**, and is equally moving. The film takes place in East Germany in the 80's. Barbara is a Berlin doctor, banished to a country medical clinic as punishment for her application for an exit visa. Fearful of informants, she stays aloof from everyone, while snatching secret moments with her lover as she prepares for her defection. However things are not that simple, and her perspective changes, resulting in her facing a moral dilemma that forces her to choose what she values most. This is a serious film, magnificently acted. If you are interested in joining us, please send an email to Lucille Poskanzer at [LBPoskanzer@icloud.com](mailto:LBPoskanzer@icloud.com) and she will send you the link.

**Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: (third) Wednesday, February 21, at 11:30 a.m. Yank Sing**, 101 Spear St., San Francisco, handy to BART and to end of bus lines. RSVP to Pat at 415-867-0410 or [patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com](mailto:patriciageraldbourne@gmail.com).

**Harvard Radcliffe Institute: Tuesday, February 27, at 1:00 p.m. PT on Zoom.** Harvard President Emerita Drew Gilpin Faust will discuss her book, **Making Trouble: Growing Up at Midcentury**, followed by a discussion with Tomiko Brown-Nagin, dean, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study. To register, copy and paste this link: <https://www.radcliffe.harvard.edu/event/2024-book-talk-with-drew-gilpin-faust-virtual>

**Radcliffe College Alumnae Oral History Project** announces a new Matching Challenge Grant of \$30,000 from a generous anonymous alumna. All new gifts for the RCAOHP will be matched dollar-for-dollar, up to \$30,000. You can see the latest on the RCAOHP page of the RCSF website: [radcliffeclubsf.org](http://radcliffeclubsf.org).

The RCAOHP Zoom presentation on January 25, featuring Alice Abarbanel, Julie Cheever and Suzie Underwood, was recorded! To view it, copy and paste this (long) link:

<https://harvard.zoom.us/rec/share/ny5ooUaITu00MVF3-zLifASHEplhYm9VC8rFidor0zZ49FWu4mLTFfPTDjoBJXLr.nNzgnFIQnI7H0OHK>

**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](http://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](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com) if you need help with the password.

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](mailto:kghenschel@gmail.com).