

DECEMBER EVENTS 2024

RCSF Speakers Series, Saturday, December 7, at 4 p.m. via Zoom. Club member **Sarah Blaffer Hrdy** will discuss her new book, ***Father Time: A Natural History of Men and Babies*** about the nurturing potential in men, and how spending prolonged time in intimate contact with babies can transform them. For a quick preview or to learn more about the book, check out Sarah's section of the Citrona Farms website at: <https://www.citrona.com/father-time-book-sarah-blaffer-hrdy>. To join the meeting, click **THIS** link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81493546369?pwd=PC5kYmllQax9es6b3nPXWlsajccZJp.1>
Meeting ID: 814 9354 6369 Passcode: 234038

Book Group: Sunday, December 8, at 3 p.m., via Zoom. **Janet Hankin (jghankin@jps.net)** will send an email to the book group with instructions for joining the meeting. The log-in will be the same as last month. Please pass this invitation on to others.

The book for December will be ***News of the World*** by Paulette Jiles. "In the aftermath of the Civil War, an aging itinerant news reader agrees to transport a young captive of the Kiowa back to her people in this exquisitely rendered, morally complex, multilayered novel of historical fiction from the author of *Enemy Women* that explores the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust" Amazon.com. The 2020 Tom Hanks film is available on Amazon Prime and many other online sites.

The book for January 12, 2025 will be ***The Personal History of David Copperfield*** by Charles Dickens (May 1849-November 1850). This partially autobiographic classic has been dramatized and filmed several times including a mini BBC video series starring Daniel Radcliffe (as David) and Maggie Smith. Wikipedia has cataloged the many characters. Look for a copy with 40 illustrations by Phiz to add to the period character. Barbara Kingsolver's ***Demon Copperhead***, which we read earlier, parallels the novel closely with many contemporary twists.

Culinary Adventures, Bay Area: Wednesday, December 11, at 11:30 a.m. Let's enjoy the inspired cuisine of Chef Michele McQueen at Town Fare, located in the Oakland Museum (OCMA) at 1000 Oak St, Oakland. Her menu brings together flavors from the diverse cultures within the local community. It has shared plates, salads, sandwiches, and entrées, including vegan options. From SF, take the Oakland Airport/Berryessa BART to Lake Merritt. It's just a 3 minute walk from there. RSVP to **Alison Boeckmann (alisonboeckmann@fastmail.fm)** or **Mary Henderson (mghender@pacbell.net)**.

Film Group: Saturday, December 28, at 1:30 p.m. on Zoom. The film will be ***Gosford Park***, a film from 2001, written by Julian Fellowes of *Downton Abbey* fame, and directed by Robert Altman, with an all star cast. Set in the 1930s, a group of pretentious rich and famous gather together for a weekend shooting party at an old fashioned English country house. The host is Sir William McCordle, who has been a benefactor to many of them. It seems, as the weekend progresses, that everyone above and below stairs wants a piece of Sir William and his money. How far will they go to get it, and what secrets are they hiding? If you are interested in joining us, please email **Lucille Poskanzer** at LBPoskanzer@icloud.com and she will send you the link.

Membership: Many thanks to those who have recently joined the club or renewed their membership through April 2025. You can still do so on the club website at www.radcliffeclubsf.org/membership-information.html.

Two RCSF Volunteer Opportunities: If you like to explore places for lunch, volunteer to coordinate one or more of the monthly Culinary Adventures lunches – pick a place, put the info in the newsletter and enjoy! If you are good at stuffing envelopes, volunteer to send out the mailed version of the newsletter – fewer than 15 at the beginning of each month. All expenses are covered by the Club. Contact **Kathy Henschel** for more information at kghenschel@gmail.com or 415-713-9979.