

Fox & Heron Newsletter

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND GEORGETOWN'S CULTURAL SCENE.

Happy New Year

Hello Fox & Heron community,

We are still so excited about Fox & Heron's first literary salon! It was the perfect way to end 2020.



A big "THANK YOU!" to Kevin Jayroe and Douglas Waldrop for opening their home to us. It was the perfect holiday setting for great discussion around books, traditions, and food.

The Spring Salon is already in the works. We are hoping to have it while the weather is still mild enough to gather outside. We will keep you posted as the details are formed.

In the mean time, look for news of our Black History Month plans in February to be announced on our social media. We want to highlight the wonderful works created by Black authors and artists so they can be read all year long.

Have questions or suggestions? Send us an email at foxandheronbooks@gmail.com.



Josie & Christy

The Latest on the Literary Scene

National Young Arts Week + 2021 Schedule

Streaming every night on
youngarts.org.

Free and open to all.

Jan 25 | 8 PM Voice

Jan 26 | 8 PM Jazz & Theater

Jan 27 | 8 PM Dance & Film

Jan 28 | 8 PM Classical Music

Jan 29 | 8 PM Design,

Photography & Visual Arts

Jan 30 | 8 PM Writers' Readings.



Salon Scenes



Book Talk

Ron Roth will delve into the topic of his newly-published book: *The Civil War in the South Carolina Lowcountry: How a Confederate Artillery Battery and a Black Union Regiment Defined the War*. Some of the most dramatic and consequential events of the Civil War era took place in the South Carolina Lowcountry.

The talk will be hosted by the Morris Center for Lowcountry Heritage on Facebook. The live program will be Tuesday, January 19, from 5-6 p.m.

January Happenings



EXHIBITS

Juried Art Show & Reception at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 20. Prince George Winyah Parish is celebrating its 300th Anniversary with special events. All are invited to visit the gallery of new images of Parish life and meet the artists at a reception and award ceremony in the Parish Hall. These works of art will be available for purchase following their showing at the church. Visit <http://www.pgwinayah300.com>.

The Charleston Artist Guild is pleased to present **Pen and Wash, an exhibition** featuring a collection of artwork by watercolor artist Hank Pulkowski. The exhibit will run at Principle Gallery Charleston from January 1 through January 31, 2021.

A collection of oil paintings and bronze sculptures will showcase Rosie Sandifer. The retrospective will be at Brookgreen Gardens through February 14, 2021.

Museum

According to Greece-IS.com, the **Acropolis Museum** is now entirely digitized. All exhibits are now accessible from anywhere in the world and can be freely accessed at: www.theacropolismuseum.gr/en.

Events

Martin Luther King Jr. Parade and Festival on Saturday, January 16, 2021 beginning at 11 a.m. The annual parade begins at 11 a.m. at the Beck Center on Church Street and will run along Merriman Road to the Howard Center in the West End community. Following the parade, a festival will be held at the center, on the corner of Hawkins and Kaminski streets.

The annual Georgetown Shakespeare Festival begins February, at the Historic Winyah Auditorium. It features performers from the acclaimed American Shakespeare Center theater company of Virginia. 2021's festival offers a Saturday night performance of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, as well as a school-day matinee for students. There will be two workshops for aspiring actors, as well as street performances, a film, and presentations.

January Recommendations



Josie's Recs

I am so excited to begin my reading for 2021! (Full disclosure, I got started the last week of 2020.) Along with getting caught up with Jim Butcher's "The Dresden Files" (only four books to go!), I'm looking forward to reading a couple standalone novels by my favorite authors that were published recently and one upcoming release by a new author.



"The Conductors" by Nicole Glover.

From Google Books: As a conductor on the Underground Railroad, Hetty Rhodes helped usher dozens of people north with her wits and magic. Now that the Civil War is over, Hetty and her husband, Benjy, are solving murders and mysteries that the white authorities won't touch. When one of their friends is slain, set off to find answers, but the secrets and intricate lies of the elites of Black Philadelphia only serve to dredge up more questions.

"The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.

From Goodreads: Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. We all wonder how our lives might have been, but what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself?

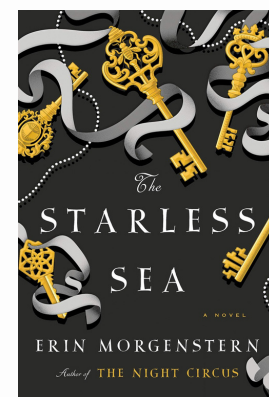


"The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue" by V.E. Schwab.

From Indiebound: France, 1714: in a moment of desperation, a young woman makes a Faustian bargain to live forever—and is cursed to be forgotten by everyone she meets. Thus begins the extraordinary life of Addie LaRue and a dazzling adventure that will play out across centuries and continents, across history and art. Everything changes when, after nearly 300 years, Addie stumbles across a young man in a hidden bookstore and he remembers her name.

Bonus: "The Starless Sea" by Erin Morgenstern.

From Amazon: Zachary Ezra Rawlins is a graduate student in Vermont when he discovers a mysterious book hidden in the stacks. As he turns the pages, entranced by tales of lovelorn prisoners, key collectors, and nameless acolytes, he reads something strange: a story from his own childhood. Bewildered by this inexplicable book and desperate to make sense of how his own life came to be recorded, Zachary uncovers a series of clues that lead him to New York, a secret club, and through a doorway to an ancient library hidden far below the surface of the earth. What Zachary finds is more than just a buried home for books — it is a place of lost cities and seas, lovers who pass notes under doors and across time, and of stories whispered by the dead. Together with Mirabel, a fierce protector of the library, and Dorian, a man with shifting alliances, Zachary travels this magical world, discovering his purpose.



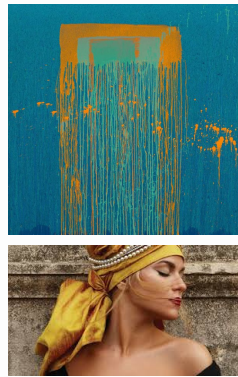
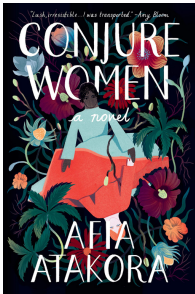
January Recommendations Continued

Christy's Recs



Books: I just started reading "We keep the Dead Close: A Murder at Harvard and a Half Century of Silence," a new true crime novel by Becky Cooper. The book pulls back the curtain on Harvard University's loss of a co-ed student in the late 1960's and the fact that her potential murderer was still on faculty, teaching classes. Bonus: The Georgetown Library has the audiobook on Libby, so listen for free!

In Afia Atakora's debut novel, "Conjure Women," she carries readers back to the Civil War-era south. Part historical fiction, part southern gothic literature, this story spans three time frames -- "Slaverytime," "Wartime," and "Freedomtime" -- all on the grounds of the same plantation. The book jacket's summary ties it together nicely. It is the story of "three unforgettable women: Miss May Belle, a wise healing woman; her precocious and observant daughter Rue, who is reluctant to follow in her mother's footsteps as a midwife; and their master's daughter Varina. The secrets and bonds among these women and their community come to a head at the beginning of a war and at the birth of an accursed child, who sets the townspeople alight with fear and a spreading superstition that threatens their newly won, tenuous freedom.



Music: There is a new album -- Sunset in the Blue -- out by jazz singer/musician Melody Gardot. Her French-inspired jazz is my absolute favorite listening. (Okay, so it may tie with the powerful vocals of Brittany Howard of the Alabama Shakes, but that's a different genre anyway, so...) The UK's Jazz Journal praises the new work. Gardot's "ability to move between the standards yet create soulful, vibrant, intelligent new music with the potential for longevity is mightily encouraging in a music scene that often appears to be stuck in a rut. Gardot's latest album is all of the above, a subtle and sophisticated blend of the old and the new."



Digital: Author, blogger, podcaster, and kitchen vlogger Shannon Ables has created a mini-lifestyle empire that I have thoroughly fell in love with. She has a positive, sophisticated style that is encouraging without being overwhelming. The Simply Luxurious Life (#TSL) brand is built upon motivating people to live an intentional, artful, and intelligent life. And, while she is inspired by the art of French living, she encourages her audience to find their own inspiration, acknowledging that there is no cookie-cutter, one-size-fits-all way of life. Visit her website at thesimplyluxuriouslife.com.

