

# BCCUCC Adult Reading Group

meets at 7:30 p.m.

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
(unless otherwise noted)

at The Coffee Depot, 501 Main Street, Warren

## Book List

for November 2007 – September 2008



November 27\*    *The Keep* by Jennifer Egan.

Egan writes the story of Danny, who arrives at a castle in Eastern Europe to help his cousin turn it into a luxury hotel and finds that the place's mysterious and bloody history is alive and at work, and so is an episode of adolescent cruelty that estranged the cousins decades before.

\* The group is meeting a week later than usual because of Thanksgiving

December 18    *This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolff.

In PEN/Faulkner Award-winner Wolff's fourth book, he recounts his coming-of-age with customary skill and self-assurance.

January 15        *In the Country of Men* by Hisham Matar.

Matar's debut novel tracks the effects of Libyan strongman Khadafy's 1969 September revolution on the el-Dawani family, as seen by nine-year-old Suleiman, who narrates as an adult.

February 19       *Fun Home: a Family Tragicomic* by Alison Bechdel.

A powerful graphic novel-memoir, *Fun Home* documents Bechdel's childhood experiences and coming-of-age as a woman and lesbian.

March 18           *A Spot of Bother* by Mark Haddon.

Recent retiree George Hall, convinced that his eczema is cancer, goes into a tailspin in Haddon's laugh-out-loud slice of British domestic life.

April 15            *Mansfield Park* by Jane Austin.

From its sharply satiric opening sentence, *Mansfield Park* deals with money and marriage, and how strongly they affect each other.

May 20                    **A Woman in Jerusalem** by A. B. Yehoshua.

Israel's master novelist tells a spellbinding tale about a spellbinding woman whose luminous smile, swan's neck and Tatar eyes are so beguiling that even in death she can lead a man to fall in love with her.

June 17                    **Tender is the Night** by F. Scott Fitzgerald.

Set on the French Riviera in the late 1920s, *Tender Is the Night* is the tragic romance of the young actress Rosemary Hoyt and the stylish American couple Dick and Nicole Diver.

July 15                    **Everybody Was So Young** by Amanda Vaill.

Vaill brilliantly portrays both the times in which the Murphys lived and the fascinating friends who flocked around them.

August 19                    **Howard's End** by E. M. Forster.

Written in 1910, *Howards End* is a symbolic exploration of the social, economic, and intellectual forces at work in England in the years preceding World War I, a time when vast social changes were occurring.

September 16                    **On Beauty** by Zadie Smith

A hilarious comedy of manners in the tradition of Austen, Wharton, and Forster, to whom the author pays homage. She tackles class, race, and gender with acerbic wit and a wise eye for the complexities of modern life, in a 21st-century update of *Howards End*.