

What's inside this month? Nashville isn't just for country-western fans * You don't have to knit to read this * A fun mystery that Pooh would love * Event Schedule * Plus more bookish goodies.

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My Booklandia
Decor and gifts for book lovers...



EVENTS

September 15, 2019
[Jewish Food Faire](#)
Sunday 9am – 3pm
Congregation Beth Shalom
4746 El Camino Ave.
Carmichael, CA

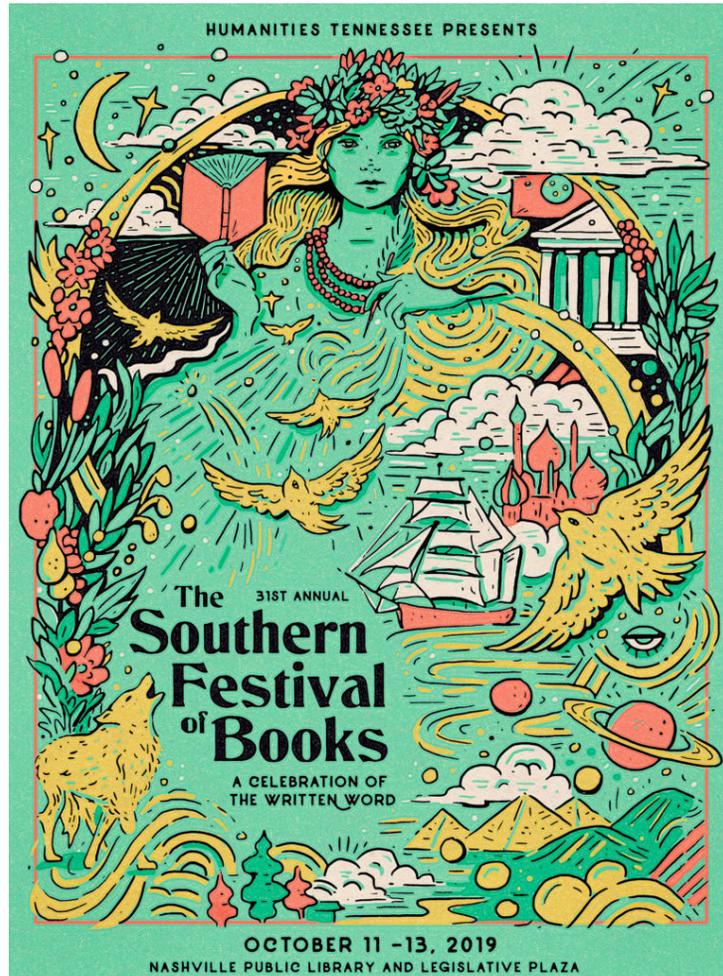
September 21, 2019
Benicia Fine Arts and Crafts
Saturday 10am – 4pm
First Street
Benicia, CA

October 25-27, 2019
[Sacramento Arts Festival](#)
Friday and Saturday
10am – 6pm
Sunday 10am – 5pm
Cal Expo Buildings A&B
Sacramento, CA

November 23, 2019
River City Marketplace
Saturday, 9am – 5pm
The Urban Hive
1601 Alhambra Blvd. (The Cannery)
Sacramento, CA

December 6, 7, 8, 2019
[Davis Arts Center Holiday Sale](#)
Friday 12pm - 8pm
Sat/Sun 10am – 5pm
Davis Arts Center
1919 F Street
Davis, CA

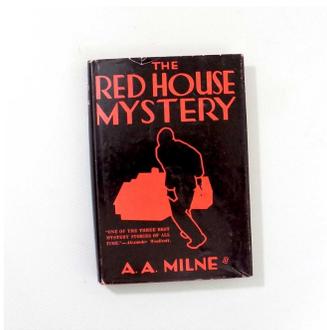
I'm always adding to my



Bookish Adventures

Southern Festival of Books

schedule, so if you have an event you'd like My Booklandia to attend, just let me know.



Bookish Finds from AllMyPrettyBooks

Did you know that A.A. Milne the celebrated author of the Winnie the Pooh stories also wrote a mystery novel? Yes it's true! It's a fun English country house mystery with all your favorite characters including an amateur detective with a sidekick. If you're looking for a fun, quick read this mystery is a great addition to your bookshelf. I think I'll have to give it a try and see if I can spot any Pooh-like characters in the assembled suspects.

If you want to take a look at AllMyPrettyBooks' copy, published in the 1960s, just click [here](#).



FUN BOOK FACTS

The cigar brand Montecristo got its name

The Southern Festival of Books: A Celebration of the Written WordSM is a free, three-day festival hosted each October where readers and writers are offered an opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and lifelong learning.

Looking for a reason to go to Nashville, TN that doesn't include country-western music? Here you go! The Southern Festival of Books is a 3-day festival celebrating books that include all kinds of fun events and activities for readers of all ages.

Thousands of book lovers come together to hear panels and solo sessions featuring 200 of the nation's foremost writers. In addition to attending sessions, attendees peruse exhibitor booths, food trucks, and enjoy musical, theatrical, and spoken word performances, along with events for children and youth, on our three performance stages on the Plaza.

There's a long list of authors that will be reading from their books and on panels. I did a quick breeze through and find some great authors like Ann Patchett, Paul Theroux and Karen Walker. Plus kids books! I see a huge storytime opportunity.

The Southern Festival of Books takes place October 11 - 13, 2019. For more info visit their website at <https://www.humanitiestennessee.org/programs-grants/core-program-overview/southern-festival-of-books/>. I'd love to make it a My Booklandia field trip! Does anyone feel like driving cross country with me?

from the Alexandre Dumas book "The Count of Monte Cristo". Books were often read aloud in the cigar factory by a lector, and the Dumas novel was a popular choice among the cigar rollers.

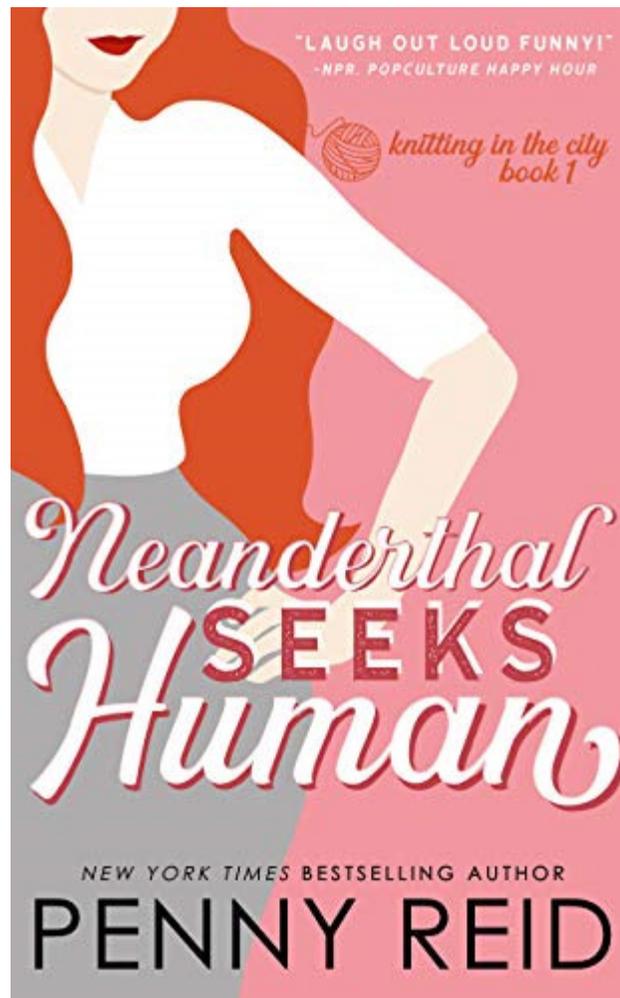
No entertainment is so cheap as reading, nor any pleasure so lasting.
- Mary Wortley Montagu (1689 - 1762)

GOT FEEDBACK?

I'd love to hear from you. If there's anything you want to add, questions you'd like to ask, photos or reviews you'd like to see, just drop me an email!

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Neanderthal Seeks Human by Penny Reid

I read a lot of different genres of fiction and romance novels aren't at the top of the list (yes I know I reviewed another one a while back, but...). Anyway, when I'm working I like something lightweight that's not too engaging so that I can drift off mentally and keep working away on something or other. I usually listen to audiobooks so that I can have my hands and eyes free to work. Lightweight fiction is probably first on the list of requirements for my reading while working otherwise I stop working and just listen and that sort of defeats the purpose, right?

Romance novels are usually very predictable. Boy meets girl. Girl or boy dislikes girl or boy. Something happens to make girl and boy more appealing to each other. Relationship begins. Girl or boy does something stupid that potentially ends the romance. Mixup resolved. Boy and girl go happily off together forever. Really that's the plotline. Very few vary and it's a pretty successful plotline with quite a bit of variety on the

theme, but it's the plotline anyway. I usually loathe the plotline. I don't like reading books where people are just stupid. They don't need to be Einstein, but geez the story can have some unique characters and dialog, and with a bit of intelligence or wit and it can be a fun book.

Enter *Neanderthal Seeks Human*. Similar plotline but not quite. Not a lot of stupid, in fact, some wit and intelligence and some honest to goodness laugh out loud funny. Who would have thought it? And to be honest, although it's knitting in the city neither the boy or the girl knits. The only downside of this book is that I got involved and stopped working and ended up sitting in the dark listening because I didn't even realize it had gotten dark. I did that with both the first and second book in this series.

No spoilers here, just a fun recommendation for a lightweight read. If you like it there's more in the series too. If you read any of them let me know what you think. No knitting required.



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