

Bottom Shelf Bookstore News



Bottom Shelf Day Managers

Monday/Friday: Lynne Barker
Tuesday: Sue Billing
Wednesday/Saturday: Debbie Schubarth
Thursday: Violet Hulit

Upcoming Book Store Closures 2022

All dates are subject to change, depending on County policies.

New Year's Day, Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022
Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 21st
Cesar Chavez Day, Thursday, March 31st
Memorial Day, Monday May 30th
Independence Day, Monday, July 4th
Labor Day, Monday, September 11th
Veteran's Day, Friday, November 11th
Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 24th
Holiday Boutique Set Up, Friday, November 25th
Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th
Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th



Dear Volunteer,

At the time of this writing, we're wearing masks once again in the library and in the book store. Please remember to bring your favorite along for your shift.

How soon we forget? Marilyn has been working hard to refresh our memories as to procedures in the store. See her if you have any questions or be sure to read the "cheat sheet" on the work table and binder under the front desk which covers most of our duties.

We still need more volunteers. If you know anyone who might be interested, we'd be grateful for the help.

Happy New Year to everyone and thanks for all you do for the Bottom Shelf and our wonderful library.

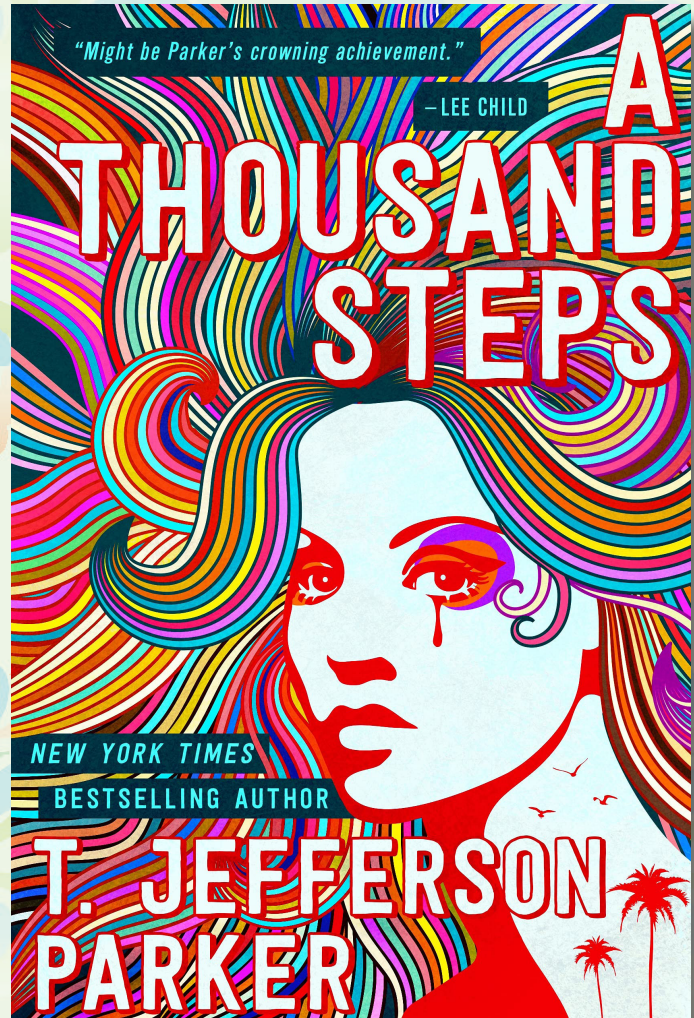
-The Editors

Time's running out. Buy your tickets today!!

Friends of the Fallbrook Library presents
T. Jefferson Parker Book Launch
January 22nd!

Author Talk • Book Signing

Pala Mesa Resort, 2001 Old Hwy 395, Fallbrook, CA



2022 COMMUNITY READ

Saturday, January 22, 2022

Doors open: 11:30 AM
Light lunch: 12:00 PM
followed by author's talk

\$35.00

Tickets available at no service fee at:

- www.fallbrooklibraryfriends.org
- Bottom Shelf Bookstore

CDC Covid guidelines will be followed.

Book release date: January 11th, 2022

Books will be available for purchase
and signing at the event.

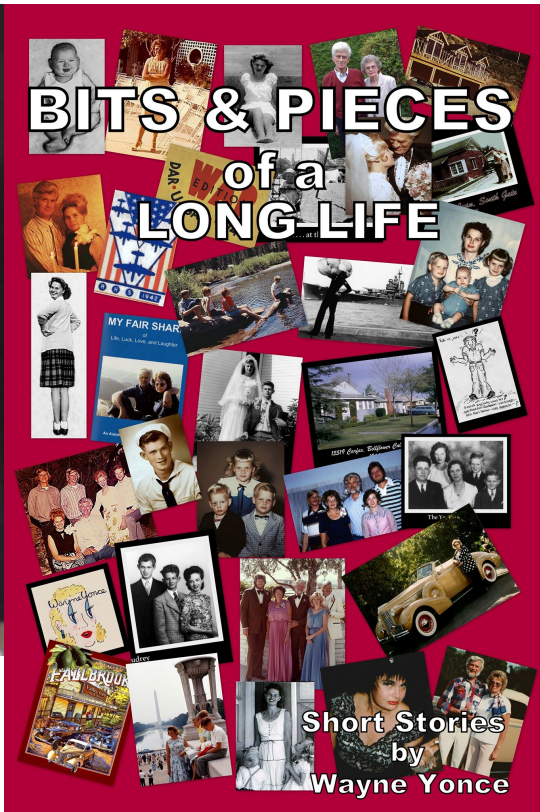
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Order in advance from your preferred
bookseller and bring along for signing.

Questions? Nancy at njeanjavier@gmail.com OR Helen at foodsmarts@gmail.com

Nancy's Book Review

Bits & Pieces of a Long Life by Wayne Yonce



Besides T. Jefferson Parker, there's another author in town—Wayne Yonce who has just published his second memoir. Wayne is a very good customer of the Bottom Shelf. In fact, he says he's learned almost everything he knows about writing from the books he's purchased there.

The title of his new book is *Bits and Pieces of a Long Life*. And it has been a very long life—Wayne is 95 years old. His book is a random collection of short stories including Wayne's many experiences, bits of advice and even some philosophy.

He begins with a tale of his time working on the Alaskan pipeline which includes a sweet story about a young eskimo girl teaching him her native language.

Wayne writes with humor about the humiliations and embarrassments of the medical exam at boot camp in 1944. The story is illustrated with Wayne's own artwork and photos.

In "Valentine's Day" he tells of his regrets of spending more money on auto parts than on red roses for his wife, Ann.

"My Ann" is a loving story dedicated to his wife. Ann enters into many of his stories. After all, she was an

important and essential part of his life.

I particularly liked "Roxanne"— a poignant story of a childhood friend who in later life suffers from mental illness. Wayne's honest account of their friendship is full of pathos, sympathy and regret.

If you've ever been a paper boy, you'll relate to Wayne's take on that difficult occupation. I enjoyed hearing about his difficulty collecting money from the *Arsenic and Old Lace* ladies on his route.

Wayne ends his book with an eight page opus—a witty poem relating the purchases of his many cars to the important moments of his life.

There's so much more to this book - war experiences, travels with his family, his love of car restoration. I think you'll love reading it as much as I did.

Free copies of *Bits and Pieces* are available. Just ask for one at the Bottom Shelf.



Wayne's drawing, A Familiar View, at Camp Shoemaker Receiving Station between assignments.

Overdue!

Have you ever been worried that your library book was two days overdue and you were going to have to pay a hefty fine? Well, imagine a book turned in 110 years past its due date. The overdue fine would be more than \$800!

This happened to the Boise Public Library. A book mysteriously showed up in a Garden City Library and was then forwarded to the Boise Library

because the book had a sticker from that library. The librarians of Boise were mystified. They had no record of it in their records.

They wondered what the story was. What happened? Where had it been all that time—110 years! It would be fun to speculate.

There's a story here somewhere. Do you have a theory about the long overdue book? Let's hear what your's is: Email to njeanjavier@gmail.com and we'll publish your version in the next newsletter.

Here's more info to help help you write your story:

1. The book was lost sometime in Nov/Dec. 1911.
2. A passage from the library records at the time reports that 159 books were worn out, 6 were lost and paid for, 13 kept by subscribers, 173 books were missing.
3. The long overdue book was not worn out. It was amazingly, in good condition.
4. The book *New Chronicles of Rebecca* sold originally for \$1.50.
5. Since the paper records are long gone, it will be nearly impossible to ever know who checked it out.

Here's my entry:

Ten-year-old Rebecca urged her father to check out a book for her at the library. She didn't have her library card yet, so her dad said, "Sure, I'll get you the book." He checked it out the day before Christmas so she could have one present under the tree. He didn't have enough money for a store-bought gift.

Christmas morning was a disaster. When Rebecca opened her gift she said, "Oh no, Dad. Can't you get anything right? I wanted *Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm*, not this cheesy romance novel." No one was happy that Christmas.

Rebecca's dad hid the unwanted book amongst his cast-off clothing in the basement. He never wanted to see it again. The library sent several overdue notices which filled their mailbox, but Rebecca and her dad had moved far away.

-Nancy Javier



Fallbrook Christmas Parade

Several of our volunteers participated in the annual Fallbrook Christmas parade this year to promote the Community Read and launch of local author T. J. Parker's new book, *A Thousand Steps*. Among the hard-working event committee members were volunteers Nancy Javier, Helen McHargue, Pennie Leachman, Nancy Kreile, Beth Cobb and board members Eva Marie Vargo and Mary Jo Bacik.

While T. J. Parker and his wife Rita rode in a vintage car donated for the occasion by Jay and Janet Harris, the volunteers carried signs promoting the event and passed out flyers to spectators lining Main Avenue, cheering on the parade.

A good time was had by all!



Click on link to see video of the parade created by Eva Marie Vargo:

<https://youtu.be/qSkbxFm1KM>



"The annual Fallbrook Christmas Parade last night was lavishly attended. A million thanks to the Friends of the Fallbrook Library for their fantastic promotion of the January community reads event featuring *"A Thousand Steps!"*

-from T. J. Parker's Facebook page.

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Joyce Miller

Joyce Phyllis Miller



August 5, 1937 – November 30, 2021

He said, "If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you should always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart, I'll always be with you."

A.A. Milne

Joyce Miller passed away at her beloved home in Fallbrook, on a beautiful day, full of sunshine and birds singing on Tuesday morning, November 30th, 2021. She was surrounded by love with her children Leonard and Lynne at her side and her dog Jack lying next to her. Just as she had hoped for.

Joyce was born in Los Angeles and raised in Ellicott and Colorado Springs, Colorado as a young girl. She grew up on a farm which is where her love for animals began. In her late teens, Joyce moved to Coronado, California where she met and fell in love with her husband, Buck Miller. They were married on January 9th, 1957, in a small ceremony at the Santa Barbara Courthouse. Five years later, Joyce, Buck and their children moved to Fallbrook where her home is today.

Joyce loved being a mother and was very active in her children and grandchildren's lives. She attended sporting events, was a Den Mother for Scouts, President of the PTA and volunteered for many

causes in her lifetime. As her children got older, Joyce started a career with the Fallbrook School District. She brought much joy to children throughout her more than twenty years as "Mrs. Miller, the Librarian" at Maie Ellis Elementary and Potter Junior High. She organized events such as the Chess Club, Book Fair, Be Kind to Animals Week, and Halloween Costume Parades. After her retirement, Joyce volunteered at the Friends of the Fallbrook Library Book Store and numerous animal welfare foundations.

Joyce is survived by her daughter, Lynne Padilla of Oceanside and son Leonard Miller of Dana Point, California. Joyce had seven grandchildren: Alan, Mark, Madison, Mackenzie, Laurene, Landon and Leighton. She had two great grandchildren, Benjamin and Charlotte. Joyce was able to spend this Thanksgiving with her entire family. It was a blessing for all. Joyce's children would like to thank Care and Support Hospice, specifically Jennifer, her nurse, who provided compassionate, empathetic, and exceptional care.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Fallbrook Animal Sanctuary at 230 W. Aviation Road, Fallbrook, CA 92028 or <https://fallbrookanimalsanctuary.org/>

We'll miss you, Joyce! Your contributions to the Bottom Shelf and your good cheer will always be remembered!

RIP

Your friends at
The Bottom Shelf