

12TH ANNUAL ROSWELL READS LITERARY LUNCHEON

Featuring *Melissa Fay Greene*, author of *The Underdogs*

Saturday, March 18, 2017, 11 a.m.
Roswell Adult Recreation Center
830 Grimes Bridge Road, Roswell
770-641-3950

The Roswell Reads committee is proud to present Melissa Fay Greene, the author of our 2017 book selection, who will discuss her personal and professional life experiences that led her to research and write this compelling story.

Reservations

Luncheon tickets are \$20 each and will be sold online only at Eventbrite.com. Search Word "Roswell Reads."

Space is limited; please register in advance.

Reserved group seating for six or more. The deadline for reservations is midnight, Saturday, March 11, 2017. If you cannot make reservations online, or if you miss the deadline, please contact us at RoswellReads@gmail.com or call Debbie Weiss at 770-992-6838.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Happy Tails Pet Therapy will be at the Literary Luncheon to provide information about their handler/pet teams. Happy Tails currently has a membership of 350 volunteers who regularly visit more than 125 facilities in metropolitan Atlanta, with many more eagerly awaiting visitations.

Happy Tails seeks community support in the form of donations, in-kind goods or volunteer services. Donations are tax deductible and will help Happy Tails continue to serve the community.

Learn more at www.happytailspets.org.

SPONSORS

The Roswell Reads committee gratefully acknowledges our sponsors:

The City of Roswell
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Friends of the East Roswell Library
Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System and the
Roswell and East Roswell Libraries
Roswell Rotary Club



Mission Statement

Roswell Reads promotes the value of reading, literacy, and lifelong learning through the shared community-wide experience of reading and discussing a common book. Readers are able to collectively examine relevant issues, establish bonds, and forge a better understanding of their community and society.

The Roswell Reads committee

Marilyn Baron	Nancy Gore	Marlena Salters
Kayron Bearden	Swalena Griffin	Deanna Smith
Deanna Boe	Simone Hanson	Linda Smither
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Lisa Dossey	Becky Lukovic	Debbie Weiss
Andie Gambrel	Julia Padgett	

PREVIOUS SELECTIONS

2016

What Stands In A Storm
By Kim Cross

2015

The Distance Between Us
By Reyna Grande

2014

Someone Else's Love Story
By Joshilyn Jackson

2013

Sweeping Up Glass
By Carolyn Wall

2012

Crooked Letter; Crooked Letter
By Tom Franklin

2011

My Name Is Mary Sutter
By Robin Oliveira

2010

Outcasts United: A Refugee Soccer Team, An American Town
By Warren St. John

2009

Them
By Nathan McCall

2008

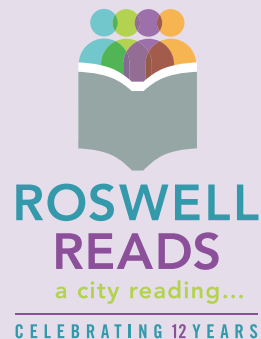
The Memory Keeper's Daughter
By Kim Edwards

2007

The Valley of Light
By Terry Kay

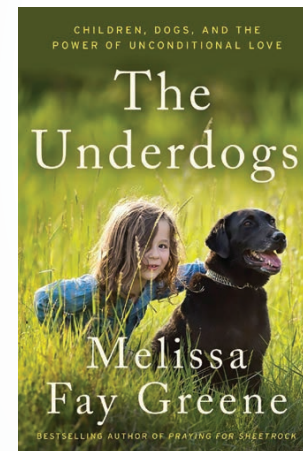
2006

Rocket Boys
By Homer Hickam



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2017 BOOK SELECTION
www.RoswellReads.com

THE BOOK

The Underdogs: Children, Dogs, and the Power of Unconditional Love

"Dogs are pretty much the best living beings on the planet," wrote one book reviewer. "For more proof, look no further than *The Underdogs*, Melissa Fay Greene's latest, elegantly rendered, and undeniably moving book."

There are children so isolated—as a result of illness, disability, or calamity—as to seem unreachable. But it turns out that a profoundly solitary child *may* give friendship a try if the playmate who shows up is a *dog*.

Exquisitely trained service dogs from Paws for Ability, a Xenia, Ohio, nonprofit, are fanning out across the globe to families with special needs children. They are rescuing the families, offering friendship and support to the parents, while performing miracles of love and empathy with the children.

The Underdogs is an expansion of "Wonder Dog," *Melissa's New York Times Magazine* feature article that went viral, becoming one of the most emailed and most searched-for *Times* articles in 2012.

The Underdogs is available for checkout in print, ebook and audio book formats at the Roswell and East Roswell Libraries and on Overdrive through the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System website www.afpls.org. Books are for sale at the Friends of the Roswell Library Bookstore and will be on sale at the Literary Luncheon where the author will sign them.



THE AUTHOR

MELISSA FAY GREENE

Melissa Fay Greene is the author of six critically acclaimed nonfiction books. They have been translated into 15 languages and honored with a Guggenheim Fellowship, two National Book Award nominations, the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award, the Georgia Author Award (twice), the *Chicago Tribune* Heartland Prize, and Melissa's induction into the Georgia Writers Hall of Fame. *Praying for Sheetrock* (1991) was named one of the top 100 works of English-language journalism of the 20th century; *The Temple Bombing* (1996) has been adapted as a stage play which will premiere in February at the Alliance Theater. Melissa has also contributed to *The New York Times*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *LIFE*, and other periodicals. A native of Macon, Georgia, and a graduate of Oberlin College in Ohio, Melissa and her husband, criminal defense attorney Don Samuel, live in Atlanta and are the parents of nine.



Please visit www.melissafaygreene.com for more information.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Area book clubs are encouraged to add *The Underdogs* to their book selection list. Roswell Reads has arranged for several locally facilitated book discussions. Admission is complimentary, but please help us plan by registering online at Eventbrite.com, Search Word "Roswell Reads."

NOONDAY NOSH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, February 21, 2017, Noon

Roswell Library
115 Norcross Street, Roswell
For information: 770-640-3075

WINE & CHEESE BOOK DISCUSSIONS

East Roswell

Monday, March 13, 2017, 7 p.m.

The Arts Center on Fouts Road
9100 Fouts Road, Roswell

Enjoy wine and cheese and a lively book discussion of *The Underdogs*, while surrounded by beautiful art. The book discussion will be led by Debbie Weiss, founder of the *Women's Book Reviews* website.

West Roswell

Monday, March 13, 2017, 7 p.m.

Wildwood Springs Clubhouse
11755 Wildwood Springs Drive, Roswell

Join a lively neighborhood book discussion facilitated by retired high school English teacher Nancy Gore.



CHILDREN'S BOOK SELECTION

*My Buddy**

By Audrey Ososky



*Recommended for Grades K-5

My Buddy is a story about a service dog, Buddy, and his young owner who has muscular dystrophy and uses a wheelchair.

They meet at a special camp that matches children with service dogs where they learn to trust and listen to each other. They work together so the boy can become more independent and perform everyday tasks such as dressing, going to school, shopping, participating in sports and more. *My Buddy* is available for checkout through the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS Grades K-5

Happy Tails/READING Paws: Come and Read to a Dog!

The Happy Tails/READING Paws program helps improve children's reading and communication skills by giving them the opportunity to practice reading in a nonjudgmental atmosphere: reading to registered therapy animals and their owner/handler. **Registration is required through the library, along with signed parental permission.** Reading blocks are 15 minutes (eight available at Roswell Library and four at East Roswell Library). Additional dates may be available. Parents must stay in the room while the child is reading.

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

(Children's Reading Room)

Roswell Library

115 Norcross Street, Roswell
For information, call 770-640-3075

Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 10:30 a.m. Reading with Bentley

Thursday, March 16, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. Reading with Colby

East Roswell Library

2301 Holcomb Bridge Road, Roswell (Storytime Room)
For information, call 404-613-4050.

Meet Me and My "Buddy" and Other Service Dogs

Come meet a student and his/her service dog. Learn how they got their dog, how the dog was trained and how it has made a difference in their lives. Parents are required to stay with their children.

Saturday, March 4, 2017, 1-2:30 p.m. (Children's Department) – Roswell Library

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COMMUNITY PROGRAM

Roswell Reads has arranged some exciting community programs in connection with the 2017 Book Selection. All programs are free and open to the public.

Happy Tails Happy Hour

Thursday, March 16, 2017, 5 p.m.

Lucky's Burger & Brew
1144 Alpharetta Street, Roswell
(770) 518-5695

Come to *Happy Tails Happy Hour* and learn how the interaction between humans and animals provides a positive, rewarding experience for clients, volunteers and their pets. You will learn about the organization and their evaluation process, the required immunization and veterinary exams. Happy Tails' members experience how the unconditional love and acceptance given by their pet eases the pain of clients who miss their home, their family, or perhaps a personal pet.

Lucky's opened in 2010 in Downtown Historic Roswell and has become a neighborhood burger and brew favorite. Named after the owners' dog, Lucky's offers a pet-friendly covered patio. This event will be held in The Dog House Pavilion. Food and drink will be available for purchase. Pet attendance is not required.

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WRITING WORKSHOP

The Art of Nonfiction with Melissa Fay Greene

Tuesday, March 14, 2017, 10 a.m. to Noon

Roswell City Hall, Room 220
38 Hill Street, Roswell

A popular guest lecturer and writer-in-residence who has worked with undergraduate, graduate and mid-career students and writers at UGA, Emory, SCAD, Yale, NYU, Boston University and Columbia University, Melissa will share with us a few of the great pleasures to be found in crafting sentences, metaphors and stories. She has reported on some of the great issues of our time—including civil rights, anti-Semitism, and the HIV/AIDS orphan crisis in Africa—but continues to find room for joy and playfulness in the prose, so fond is she of words.

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