



**Friends of the Chemung County Library District
Presents
BOOKS SANDWICHED IN
SPRING 2019**

March 15: *Gettysburg Rebels: Five Native Sons Who Came Home to Fight as Confederate Soldiers* by **Tom McMillan**. Reviewed by John Trice, an Elmira Attorney who leads The Elmira Civil War Prison Camp. The author serves on the Board of Trustees of the Heinz History Center and is a Tour Guide of the Civil War Room at Carnegie Library. This book presents a gripping, true story of five young men who grew up in Gettysburg and returned to fight there as Confederates in 1863.

March 22: *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels* by **John Meacham**. Reviewed by Rosalie Krajci, a retired language teacher and a consultant in human resource management, currently writing for her blog Spirit Muse at spiritmuse.net. The author is an American historian. The book reminds us that “Imperfection is the rule not the exception.”

March 29: *The Elegance of the Hedgehog* by **Muriel Barbery**. Reviewed by Martha Horton, a writer, poet and former editor of the *Chemung Valley Reporter*. The author is a French novelist and philosophy teacher. The book centers around a widowed concierge who has run an upper-class apartment building in Paris for twenty-seven years under a concealed identity.

April 5: *A Shout in the Ruins* and *The Yellow Birds* by **Kevin Powers**. Reviewed by Kathy Farr, a former insurance actuary and a new Elmira resident. The author served two years in Iraq and writes of the emotional insights of young soldiers. The first book is a story about slavery, plantation ownership and victims of violence. The second is about two young soldiers, and has been made into a movie, *The Yellow Birds*, with Jennifer Aniston and Tye Sheridan.

All reviews are held Fridays from 12:00 - 1:00 PM

Steele Memorial Library Auditorium, 101 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901

A light sandwich lunch may be purchased for \$4.00 or you may bring your own.

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