

# READING GROUP

The discussion group meets the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Smyrna Library Conference Room.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Who is Chrysophylax? M. Dupin? Addie Bundren? And just what is a 'blunderbuss'? Join the Smyrna Book Discussion Group and find out as we read the following classics:

**OCTOBER 3, 2006**

***As I Lay Dying* by William Faulkner**

Through the voices of fifteen characters (most of them family members) Faulkner relates a tale of life, death, despair, hope, solidarity, and endurance.

**NOVEMBER 7, 2006**

***The Stories & Poetry of Edgar Allan Poe***

Edgar Allan Poe is considered to be among the great masters of the short story and the father of the detective story. Long before Arthur Conan Doyle introduced us to Sherlock Homes, Poe had already given us his genius of scientific deduction in the character of Monsieur C. Auguste Dupin in *Murder in the Rue Morgue*.

**DECEMBER 5, 2006**

***Farmer Giles of Ham* and *Smith of Wootton Major* by J.R.R. Tolkien**

Though best known for his classic tales about Middle Earth (Lord of the Ring), Tolkien also penned these two delightful novelettes—

*Farmer Giles* is a story about a reluctant hero who has been called upon to vanquish a dragon; and *Smith* is a boy who accidentally swallows a fairy star which enables him to wander into the Faery Realm.



...Quote the Raven, "Nevermore."

## FALL READING LIST

***Bones to Pick* by Carolyn Haines**

***Brookland* by Emily Barton**

***Definitely Dead* by Charlaine Harris**

***Eye Contact* by Cammie McGovern**

***The Foreign Correspondent* by Allen Furst**

***The Fourth Bear* by Jasper Fford**

***A Garden of Vipers* by Jack Kerley**

***The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls**

***The Island* by Heather Graham**

***The Last Days of Dogtown* by Anita Diamont**

***The Love Season* by Elin Hilderbrand**

***My Struggle with Faith***

by Joseph Girzone

***Night* by Elie Wiesel**

***Night Light* by Terri Blackstock**

***Phantom* by Terry Goodkin**

***The Rapture* by Tim LaHaye &**

Jerry B. Jenkins

***Red Lightening* by John Varley**

***The Second Horseman* by Kyle Mills**

***The Templar Legacy* by Steve Berry**

***Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen**

## BOOK REVIEW

***The Fourth Bear* by Jasper Fford**

Fford takes an obvious diversion from the innocent world of nursery rhymes as Det. Jack Spratt and Sgt. Mary Mary track down a psychopatic killer in this second installment of his Nursery Crime series. After reading this book, you'll never look at nursery rhymes in the same light.

