

The conflict of aspiration versus passion

at the Westchester Great Books Council's

25th Annual Day of Discussion

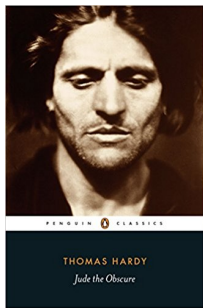
Saturday, January 20, 2018*

9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Thomas Hardy and Graham Greene tell the stories of characters – in 19th century rural England and 20th century colonial Africa – who struggle to balance their desire for lives lived morally with the realities of love and passion, family obligation and public life that make these higher values difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.

Our skilled discussion leaders and other inquisitive readers will help you gain new insights into these novels through thoughtful dialogue and respectful debate. *Jude the Obscure* will be explored in the morning and *The Heart of the Matter* will be discussed in the afternoon after a gourmet, catered lunch.



Jude the Obscure by Thomas Hardy

Jude Fawley's hopes of a university education are lost when he is trapped into marrying the earthy Arabella, who later abandons him. Finding work in another town as a stonemason, Jude meets and falls in love with his cousin Sue Bridehead, a sensitive, freethinking "New Woman." Refusing to marry merely for the sake of convention, Jude and Sue decide instead to live together, but they are shunned by society and poverty soon threatens to ruin them. Hardy's last novel caused a public furor when it was first published, with its fearless and challenging exploration of class and sexual relationships.

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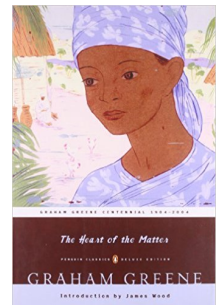
Penguin Classics; Revised ed. edition (September 1, 1998) 528 pages ISBN: 978-0140435382

The Heart of the Matter by Graham Greene

Scobie is bound by strict integrity to his role as assistant police commissioner and by severe responsibility to his wife, Louise, for whom he cares with a fatal pity. When Scobie falls in love with the young widow Helen, he finds vital passion again yielding to pity, integrity giving way to deceit and dishonor—a vortex leading directly to murder. As Scobie's world crumbles, his personal crisis develops the foundation of a story by turns suspenseful, fascinating, and, finally, tragic.

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Penguin Classics; Reprint edition (September 28, 2004) 288 pages ISBN: 978-0142437995



✓ **Using the designated editions facilitates your active participation in the discussion and is strongly encouraged.**

Questions? Contact Mary Ann Baiyor at westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com or 914-631-4833

Registration Details

Catered continental breakfast and lunch are provided for all discussion participants.

Cost: \$25.00

Deadline: January 12, 2018

* Snow date is Sunday, January 21

Register via mail using form below and a check **OR** via PayPal sending to westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com using the "Send to Family and Friends" option (include a phone number for contact if discussion is postponed by snow).

2018 Annual Day of Discussion Mail-In Registration Form

Name: _____ e-mail: _____
Please print clearly

Phone number to contact me if event is postponed to January 21st: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$25 made payable to "WGBC."

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