

“Go West, Fearless Readers!”

at the Westchester Great Books Council’s

26th Annual Day of Discussion

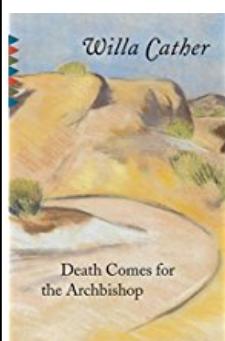
Saturday, January 26, 2019*

9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Willa Cather and John Williams each wrote outstanding novels about a man’s experience on America’s unforgiving – yet extraordinarily beautiful – western frontier in the 1800s. Cather’s story unfolds in the desert of New Mexico while Williams’ tale describes a coming-of-age adventure in the Colorado Rockies.

Our skilled discussion leaders and other inquisitive readers will help you gain new insights into these novels through thoughtful dialogue and respectful debate. *Death Comes for the Archbishop* will be explored in the morning and *Butcher’s Crossing* will be discussed in the afternoon after a catered lunch.



Death Comes for the Archbishop by Willa Cather

In 1851 Father Jean Marie Latour comes to serve as the Apostolic Vicar to New Mexico. What he finds is a vast territory of red hills and tortuous arroyos, American by law but Mexican and Indian in custom and belief. In the almost forty years that follow, Latour spreads his faith in the only way he knows – gently – all the while contending with an unforgiving landscape, derelict and sometimes openly rebellious priests, and his own loneliness. Cather’s novel is an epic story of a single human life lived simply in the silence of the southwestern desert. *Excerpted from Amazon*

Vintage (June 16, 1990)

297 pages

ISBN: 978-0679728894

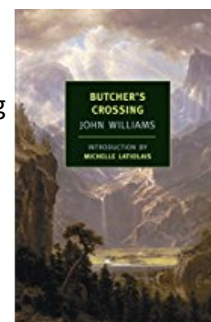
Butcher’s Crossing by John Williams

Will Andrews drops out of Harvard and heads west in the 1870s. He washes up in Butcher’s Crossing, a small Kansas town on the outskirts of nowhere. The town is full of restless men looking for ways to make money and ways to waste it. Regaled by tales of immense herds of buffalo hidden in the Rockies, Andrews joins two other men on an expedition aimed to lead to tremendous riches. Once there they lose all sense of time, winter sets in, and when they stagger back to Butcher’s Crossing in the spring, they find a world as changed as they are. *Excerpted from Amazon*

NYRB Classics; Main edition (January 16, 2007)

274 pages

ISBN: 978-1590171981



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

Questions? Contact Marta Burachok at westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com

Registration Details

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

Cost: \$25.00

Deadline: January 21, 2019

* Snow date is Sunday, January 27

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).

2019 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 27th: _____

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

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