

Two books to break the frozen sea within us

at the Westchester Great Books Council's

27th Annual Day of Discussion

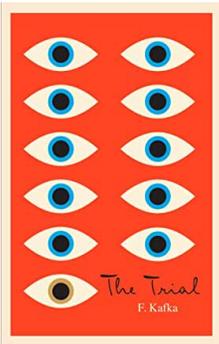
Saturday, January 25, 2020*

9:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Franz Kafka wrote that “a book should be an ice-axe to break the frozen sea within us.” Both Kafka and N. Scott Momaday have written stories that do just that. The authors tell captivating tales of two young men caught; Josef by the invisible law and Abel between traditional and modern society.

Our skilled discussion leaders and other inquisitive readers will help you gain new insights into these novels through thoughtful dialogue and respectful debate. *The Trial* will be explored in the morning and *House Made of Dawn* will be discussed in the afternoon after a catered lunch.



The Trial by Franz Kafka

Written in 1914 but not published until 1925, a year after Kafka's death, *The Trial* is the terrifying tale of Josef K., a respectable bank officer who is suddenly and inexplicably arrested and must defend himself against a charge about which he can get no further information. Whether read as an existential tale, a parable, or a prophecy of the excesses of modern bureaucracy wedded to the madness of totalitarianism, Kafka's nightmare has resonated with chilling truth for generations of readers.

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Schocken (May 25, 1999)

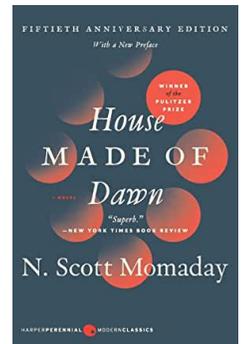
304 pages

ISBN: 978-0805209990

House Made of Dawn by N. Scott Momaday

A young Native American, Abel has come home to New Mexico from war to find himself caught between two worlds. The first is the world of his grandfather's, wedding him to the rhythm of the seasons, the harsh beauty of the land, and the ancient rites and traditions of his people. But the other world — modern, industrial America — pulls at Abel, demanding his loyalty, claiming his soul, and goading him into a destructive, compulsive cycle of depravity and despair.

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Harper Perennial Modern Classics (December 11, 2018)

224 pages

ISBN: 978-0062909954

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 20, 2020

* Snow date is Sunday, January 26

Register by mailing form below with a check **OR** via PayPal **using only the “Send to Family and Friends” no-fee option** to westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com (include a phone number so we can reach you if event is postponed by snow).

2020 Annual Day of Discussion Mail-In Registration Form

Name: _____ e-mail: _____
Please print clearly

Phone number to contact me if event is postponed by snow to January 26th: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$25 made payable to “Westchester Great Books Council” or “WGBC”

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