

**The Westchester Great Books Council's
33rd Annual Day of Discussion Saturday January 24, 2026**

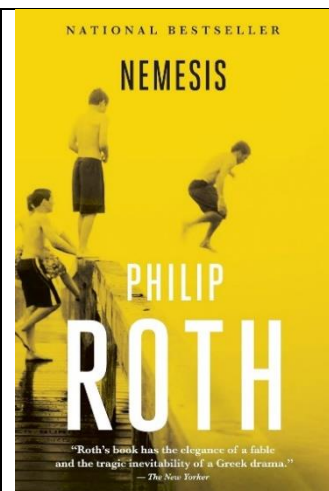
Losing My Religion

9:30am - 3:30pm

Briarcliff Manor Middle/High School, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Light breakfast provided with beverages. *BYO lunch* with beverages and dessert provided.

You are invited to join other inquisitive readers for the Westchester Great Books Council's Day of Discussion on the novels ***Nemesis*** by Phillip Roth and ***The Power and the Glory*** by Graham Greene. Trained leaders will help you gain new insights through open ended questions using the "shared inquiry" method of discussion that encourages dialogue and respectful debate relying entirely on the text as the source for point and counterpoint.



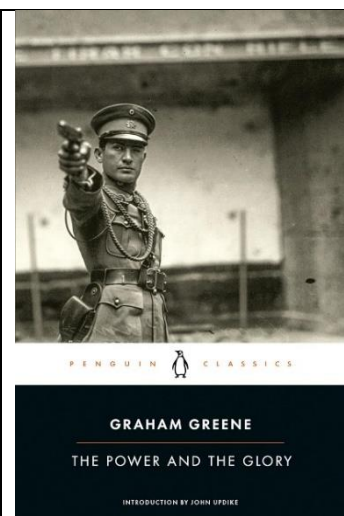
***Nemesis* by Phillip Roth**

Bucky Cantor is a vigorous, athletic and dutiful 23 year-old playground director in a close-knit Newark neighborhood during a terrifying polio outbreak in the summer of 1944. He is deeply disappointed with himself because his weak eyes have excluded him from serving in the war. As the devastating disease begins to ravage Bucky's playground, Roth leads us through every inch of emotion such a pestilence can breed: fear, panic, anger, bewilderment, suffering, and pain. Moving between the streets of Newark and a pristine summer camp high in the Poconos, *Nemesis* tenderly and startlingly depicts Cantor's passage into personal disaster, the condition of childhood, and the painful effect that the wartime polio epidemic has on the Newark community and its children.

Excerpted from the book jacket and Amazon

Nemesis – Phillip Roth

(Vintage International, 2011) ISBN-13: 978-0307475008



***The Power and the Glory* by Graham Greene**

Considered by the author to be his best work, Graham Greene's novel is set in Mexico in the late 1930s when a paramilitary group has outlawed the Catholic Church. Now the last priest is on the run, fleeing not just an unshakable police lieutenant but also his own wavering morals. As he scrapes his way toward salvation, haunted by an affair from his past, the nameless "whiskey priest" is pulled between the bottle and the Bible. Timeless and unforgettable, *The Power and the Glory* is a stunning portrait of both physical and spiritual survival by a master dramatist of the human soul and illustrates the ways in which fiercely adopting a certain worldview can ultimately keep people from seeing things clearly.

Excerpted from Amazon and Wikipedia

The Power and the Glory – Graham Greene

(Penguin Classics 2015) ISBN-13: 978-0143107552

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

Be sure to note the correct ISBN number when ordering your book

Questions? Contact Marta Burachok at westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com

Registration Details

Register via PayPal to westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com using the "Send to Family and Friends" option.

Important -must include email & phone number for contact if discussion is changed to Zoom due to snow

Cost: \$15.00 for the full day or join us for only one section at \$10. Deadline: January 17, 2026

If this becomes a Zoom event, your registration fee will be donated to the Ossining Food Pantry.

PayPal strongly preferred.

2026 Annual Day of Discussion Mail-In Registration Instructions

Checks payable to Westchester Great Books Council can be mailed to:

Westchester Great Books Council, P.O. Box 233, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510