

# 'Memoirs of a Geisha' by Golden is upcoming book club selection

**New Books: 'A God in Ruins' - Enemies try to keep a man out of the White House; also Foote's memoirs**

The upcoming book club selection is *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden. The novel is a moving story of a young girl whose widowed and impoverished father sold her into service where very few of the apprentices actually attained the status of geisha. Golden researched for ten years to capture the geisha experience. New dates for the book club meetings will be the third Tuesdays in July (13) and August (17) at 3:30 p.m. in the afternoon. The book has been released in paperback and the library can obtain a few additional copies from other libraries in our region.

Tom Clancy has teamed up with General Chuck Horner (ret.) to write *Every Man A-Tiger*. General Horner commanded the U.S. and allied air assets during Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Horner (former Viet Nam fighter pilot) is credited with conducting successful military campaigns balanced with compassion for the troops.

Leon Uris has written a powerful story of a man who would be President in 2008. A decorated World War II veteran, a husband and father, the aspirant appears to be a flawless candidate. But his enemies,

including the presidential incumbent, are determined to end his run for the office in *A God in Ruins*.

## Check it OUT



Rosalie Boyd

Salman Rushdie's *The Ground Beneath Her Feet* has been called "a classic tale of love, death and rock 'n' roll." A legendary rock star is killed in an earthquake, leaving a grieving public, a devastated lover, and a great good friend. Her friend, a photographer, tells the story in flashbacks. Rushdie has employed worldwide settings and elements of science fiction in his critically acclaimed new novel.

Three generations of cryptographers and hackers ply their skills through secret projects in wartime London to present-day computer applications in the best-selling *Cryptonomicon* by Neal Stephenson. World War II, cryptanalysis, and today's technology are combined with romance and a treasure hunt in a potboiler.

*Crazy for You* by Jennifer Crusie: A high school art teacher in a comfortable, but boring, relationship with the football coach adopts a stray

dog despite boyfriend coach's objections. The art teacher decides she prefers the stray dog to the controlling boyfriend in a contemporary romance novel written with a sense of humor.

Romance and suspense are the underpinnings of the Regency novel, *Death in Exile* by Laurel Schunk. Diana Atwood's husband has wasted her money and is now plotting to separate her from her jewelry. Diana's friends come to her rescue, displeasing the husband to no end.

*Farewell: A Memoir of a Texas Childhood* by playwright Horton Foote, tells of growing up surrounded by a large extended family in a small Texas town. His own childhood observations and stories told by relatives were incorporated into works for which he is well-known such as *The Trip to Bountiful* and *Tender Mercies*.

*Baseball's Pivotal Era: 1945-1951* by William Marshall chronicles major changes in baseball under commissioner "Happy" Chandler. Returning veterans and lifting wartime restrictions revitalized the national pastime and heralded unprecedented changes including uniform contracts, minimum salaries, player representation, and racial integration.

*Datelines & Deadlines* is a collection of essays by television reporter, Dan Rather. Politics and personalities, showbiz and civil rights, humor and pathos are interwoven into his writing from vantage points around the world and here at home.



## READING PROGRAM OPENS

Outer Banks artist James Melvin sketches Izzie Lizzie Alligator, the title character from the latest book written by Suzanne Tate and illustrated by Melvin. The two were at Shepard-Pruden Memorial Library in Edenton last Tuesday for the opening of the Summer Reading Program. This program was underwritten in part by a Grassroots grant from the North Carolina Arts Council. (Staff photo by Laurie Hufford)

## Bessie Parrish is named to Campbell Dean's List

Bessie M. Parrish of Edenton has been named to the President's List for the 1999 spring semester at Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC.

The President's List contains the names of students who, during their second or a later semester at Campbell, are eligible for the Dean's List and present on the school's 4.0 scale

a cumulative grade-point average of 3.5 on all college work attempted.

Campbell is a Baptist-affiliated university. Founded in 1887, Campbell has become one of the largest private liberal arts universities in North Carolina, offering degrees in law, pharmacy, education, business, divinity, and arts and sciences.

## Locals earn recognition on honors lists at ECU

East Carolina University in Greenville, NC has announced the names of those students who earned a place on its spring semester honors lists through outstanding academic achievement.

Chowan County residents who earned a place on the list are:

- Chancellor's List - Rana Meredith Berryman, Kristy Lynn Partin.
- Dean's List - Robin Kay Evans, Randall Scott Hale, Corey Elizabeth Layton, Susan Leigh Morris, Christopher D. Stallings, Nykoll Lynn Williams.
- Honor Roll - Angela Marie Davenport, Elizabeth Grey Parrish, Nikeshia Nicole Simpson, Corrine Marie Bluntling, John Clingman Chappell, Anthony Joseph Siano.

## Layton is on Dean's List

Pitt Community College in Greenville, NC has announced that Christopher Michael Layton of Edenton was among those named to the Dean's List for spring 1999.

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