



New books and a new Bookwatch

UNC-TV's North Carolina Bookwatch begins a new season on Friday, August 5, at 9:30 p.m., and Sunday, August 7, at 5 p.m.

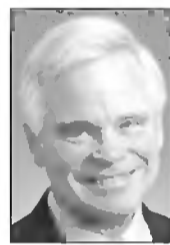
My editors let me share with you my reading suggestions. They know that the suggestions parallel exactly upcoming Bookwatch shows.

Because earlier columns have already discussed several books on the list, some descriptions will be short.

The new series opens with one of North Carolina's most respected authors, UNC-Greensboro's Michael Parker. He discusses *The Watery Part Of The World*, an imaginative story that blends coastal history and legends with race and other complexities to make a gripping and lovely story (Aug. 5, 7).

In *Aerotropolis: The Way We'll Live Next*, John D. Karsarda, director of the Frank Hawkins Kenan Institute of Private Enterprise at UNC-Chapel Hill, explains why efficient, well-designed airports attract economic development and will be the central cities of the future. He discusses the challenges and opportunities that face North Carolina's major airports (Aug. 12, 14).

Can a retired professor of religious studies write a success-



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ful science fiction novel? David Halperin's *Journal of a UFO Investigator*, proves that UFOs, science fiction, and religion can come together to make compelling fiction in a most unusual way (Aug. 19, 21).

Sara Foster's *Southern Kitchen: Soulful, Traditional, Seasonal* will be the first of several food-related books featured on Bookwatch this season. Foster, who once worked with Martha Stewart, generously shares favorite recipes from her family and from her market (Aug. 26, 28).

Best-selling author Steve Berry's many visits to eastern North Carolina led him to set much of his newest adventure novel, *The Jefferson Key*, in and around the town of Bath, where fictional modern-day pirates live in palatial estates (Sept. 2, 4).

Rosecrans Baldwin's first novel *You Lost Me There* is set in Maine, and Baldwin has only recently settled in North Caro-

lina. But when the book was named one of National Public Radio's Best Books of 2010, a Best Book of Summer 2010 by *Time* and *Entertainment Weekly*, and a *New York Times* Book Review Editors' Choice, I knew Bookwatch viewers would want to learn about Baldwin and his highly praised book (Sept. 9, 11).

Watauga County native Sheri Castle's *The New Southern Garden Cookbook: Enjoying the Best from Homegrown Gardens, Farmers' Markets, Roadside Stands, and CSA Farm Boxes* is a guide to finding the best seasonal foods in our region. She organizes her recipes into about 40 chapters, each featuring a different vegetable or fruit (Sept. 16, 18).

Where do you get these seasonal foods? Diane Daniel's *Farm Fresh North Carolina: The Go-To Guide to Great Farmers' Markets, Farm Stands, Farms, Apple Orchards, U-Picks, Kids' Activities, Lodging, Dining, Choose-and-Cut Christmas Trees, Vineyards and Wineries, and More*. Durham's Daniel's great travel writing skills describe where doors are open for us to learn how the best North Carolina foods are grown and raised (Sept. 23, 25).

Marjorie Hudson's *Accidental Birds of the Carolinas: Sto-*

ries about newcomers and natives, and the healing power of the rural South is a collection of fiction that gives a true look at how rural North Carolina is changing and staying the same (Sept. 30, Oct. 2).

Butterfly's Child by former N.C. State writing teacher, Angela Davis-Gardner, is a sequel to Puccini's opera.

It answers fictionally the question, "What ever happened to Madam Butterfly's son after she committed suicide when her American lover came back to Japan with his American wife?" (Oct. 7, 9).

Morehead Scholar and Rhodes Scholar Robyn Hadley used her experience in counseling students in the Alamance-Burlington school system to write a book for students planning for college. The book is *Within View, Within Reach: Navigating the College-Bound Journey*. Hadley's good advice might be even more important for parents of prospective college students (Oct. 12, 14).

D.G. MARTIN hosts UNC-TV's "North Carolina Bookwatch," which airs Fridays at 9:30 p.m. and Sundays at 5 p.m. For more information or to view prior programs visit the Web page at www.unctv.org/ncbookwatch/.

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