

Berthoud Community Library Book Club, September 2009-May 2010

The Berthoud Community Library Book Club meets at these times: 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm and 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The same book is discussed at both sessions.

September 22, 2009 *Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain

Huck Finn, the son of the town drunk, and Jim, an escaped African-American slave, make a break for freedom down the vast Mississippi River on a raft.

October 27, 2009 *The Chocolate War* by Robert Cormier

A high school freshman discovers the devastating consequences of refusing to join in the school's annual fund raising drive and arousing the wrath of the school bullies.

December 01, 2009 *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson

Greg Mortenson recounts the experiences he had while trying to help impoverished villages in Pakistan's Karakoram Himalaya build schools for their children.

January 26, 2010 *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski

Edgar lives with his parents on their farm in remote northern Wisconsin. For generations, the Sawtelles have raised and trained a fictional breed of dog. When Edgar's father dies suddenly, Edgar's uncle insinuates himself into the life of the farm and into his mother's affections. Grief-stricken, Edgar tries to prove his uncle played a role in his father's death, but his plan backfires and forces him to flee into the wilderness lying beyond the farm. Edgar comes of age in the wild, but his need to face his father's murderer turns him homeward.

February 23, 2010 *Bless me, Ultima* by Rudolfo A. Anaya

Set in a small New Mexican community during World War II, Antonio speaks of the dignity, traditions, and mythology of Chicano life.

March 23, 2010 *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini

A novel set against the three decades of Afghanistan's history shaped by Soviet occupation, civil war, and the Taliban, which tells the stories of two women, Mariam and Laila, who grow close despite their nineteen-year age difference and initial rivalry as they suffer at the hand of a common enemy: their abusive husband.

April 27, 2010 *Born on a Blue Day* by Daniel Tammet

Daniel Tammet, an autistic savant, offers an inside look at his life, describing how his rare condition, which gives him incredible mental powers and a compulsive need for order and routine, has influenced every aspect of his life and what challenges he has faced while trying to be independent.

May 25, 2010 *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett

In Jackson, Mississippi, in 1962, there are lines that are not crossed. With the civil rights movement exploding all around them, three women start a movement of their own, forever changing a town and the way women--black and white, mothers and daughters--view one another.