

GSP Readers Group for September and October

This is our program for September and October: a pair of quests, both physical and spiritual. Please join us when we meet to talk about these two very interesting books!

The Snow Leopard by Peter Matthiessen

Friday, September 14 at 9:30 am in the Bloom Room

"*The Snow Leopard* (1978), a beautiful true account of a wildlife research trek into the Himalayas, reads like a novel. It's rich with sensory detail — capturing the sights, tastes, smells, sounds and textures of the author's journey as well as his observations and feelings along the way... In addition, there's an eco-spiritual aspect to the book. As he travels, Matthiessen grieves the loss of his wife and seeks to deepen his Buddhist meditation. This colors his observations and the snow leopard becomes a metaphor for the author's spiritual quest." (Winner of the National Book Award)

Quarantine by Jim Crace

Friday, October 12 at 9:30 am in the Bloom Room

"This extraordinary novel is a sometimes realistic, sometimes hallucinatory account of the 40 days Jesus spent in the wilderness. England's Crace, a writer of great gifts, was reportedly the runner-up to *The God of Small Things* for the Booker prize. It is a remarkably successful attempt to put a story known by everyone into a convincing physical and historical context. The beauty and precision of Crace's writing, as well as his store of knowledge about such arcane matters as weaving two millennia ago and the fauna of the Judean desert, give what could have been a fey experiment an air of overwhelming authority. For a start, Jesus, portrayed as a rather callow youth befuddled by prayer, is not at the center of the canvas..."

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