

## Survey Says...

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Sincere thanks to each of you that completed the "Author in the Spotlight: An Evening With Lisa See Follow Up Survey" that was emailed after the October event. Over 75% completed the survey; that is an absolutely unbelievably high completion rate for a survey! Based on the 94% of respondents that indicated they were "very satisfied" with the event, guesses are that high satisfaction rate contributed to the stellar Survey completion rate.

If you do not receive the Friends of the Atascadero Library (FOAL) Newsletter and asked to receive it, your email has added your email to the distribution list. Hopefully you are

reading this article in your first edition of the Newsletter!

Most (72%) of those that responded are NOT members of the FOAL. For those that requested information on joining the Friends of the Atascadero Library, you can find it on the FOAL [website](#) or you can pick up/drop off membership forms at the Atascadero Library and at the Alice Rew Bookstore at the Library.

Now, what everyone is waiting for...which author(s) does everyone want next??? There were a number of surprises:

- many people did not list any author or they simply said "any fiction author" or "any best-selling/book club/popular author";
- most of the authors suggested had one person suggest them;
- the #3 author was Tara Westover, author of Educated;
- the #2 author was Barbara Kingsolver (however she only speaks to a minimum audience of 1,200 or more);
- Louise Penny was the most suggested author!
- A number of people has asked about Diana Gabaldon. I have not inquired as to her cost but do want folks to know that she is currently researching her next book and is not speaking at all for at least the next 18 months. That is what the agent told me.
- So, right now, tentative plans are to do our next event sometime in May with a relatively local author then again an event in October.

Most attendees heard about the Lisa See event via a friend or word of mouth so keep spreading the word. That friend had to have seen it posted somewhere or online or in the paper!!