

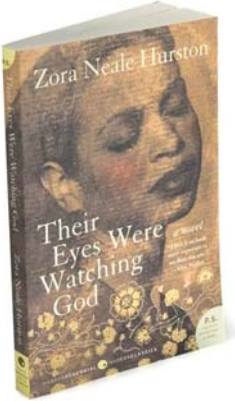
## YOUR WEEKLY READER

### Rescuing Reading Project

Thomas Nelson Community College  
March 22, 2007

### Book Circles: The Big Read

Reading groups running the length of the Virginia Peninsula are preparing for conversations about [Zora Neale Hurston's novel, \*Their Eyes Were Watching God\*](#), selected for [The Big Read](#), a community reading initiative funded by the National Endowment for the Arts.



TNCC's student Book Circles will meet to discuss

the novel on **Friday, April 13, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the Wythe Hall Library Gallery.**

Small group discussions of the novel will be followed by refreshments provided by Student Activities.



### Book Circles: Foreign Languages

TNCC Foreign Language faculty have selected reading options for students in French and Spanish for the Spring 2007 Book Circles.

Students in Spanish will read short stories by **Costa Rican writer Uriel Quesada**, who will visit the campus for the Book Circles.

Uriel Quesada (Ph.D., Latin American Literature, Tulane University), assistant professor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures at McDaniel College, Maryland, specializes in Central American and Caribbean literatures, cultural studies, travel writing and gay and lesbian studies. He is the author of six books of fiction, including the short-story collections *El atardecer de los niños* (Editorial Costa Rica Award and Aquileo J. Echeverría National Book Award, 1990) and *Lejos, tan lejos* (Ancora Award in Literature, 2005). His most recent novel, *El gato de sí mismo*, won the Aquileo J. Echeverría National Book Award in January of 2006.

Students in French will have the opportunity to read North African author Mariama Bâ's novel in French, *Une si longue lettre* (translated into English as *So Long a Letter*).



### Ordering Textbooks for Fall '07?

Faculty who are currently making textbook adoption decisions and completing textbook orders for the Fall 2007 semester might keep in mind that one of the Book Circles selections will be **Jerome Lawrence and Robert Lee's play, *Inherit the Wind***, based on the 1925 Scopes trial that centered on legal prohibitions against teaching evolutionary science.

In addition to this timely Book Circles selection, the **Thomas Nelson Players**, directed by **Beth Beasley**, will be producing the play later in the semester.

Faculty in English, humanities, social sciences and natural sciences might consider requiring the book for their fall courses, providing students with an interdisciplinary reading experience.

### What They're Reading

"I have been on a David McCullough kick lately. I started with *1776*, got hooked, and am now "bingeing" on this author. I recently finished *John Adams* and am well into the 900-page *Truman*. (Surgeon General's Warning: When reading a 900 page book in bed, one's arms may become numb. This may result in losing one's grip on the book, which, in turn, may result in severe injury to the nose.) McCullough is really a masterful biographer. His attention to detail, his scholarship, and his clarity of description make his books very enjoyable to read." --**Sam Heatwole, adjunct English**