

YOUR WEEKLY READER

Rescuing Reading Project

Thomas Nelson Community College

October 12, 2006

Books Still Matter: Nobel Prize for Literature

The Chronicle of Higher Education notes "The 2006 Nobel Prize in Literature has been awarded to the Istanbul-born novelist Orhan Pamuk, 'who in the quest for the melancholic soul of his native city has discovered new symbols for the clash and interlacing of cultures,' the Nobel Foundation announced this morning." Those who follow international news will recall that "In 2005, in a case that attracted widespread international attention, Mr. Pamuk faced prosecution by the Turkish government 'after having mentioned, in a Swiss newspaper, that 30,000 Kurds and one million Armenians were killed in Turkey' . . . Those charges were subsequently dropped. Another Turkish novelist, Elif Shafak, faced similar charges last month; that case was also dismissed" (*Chronicle*, 10/12/06).

Reminds me of my trips to the post office to send out manuscripts of the journal I edit. When asked if the packages contain anything dangerous, I reply: "Ideas."

TNCC Fall 2006 Book Circles

Friday, November 3, 2006

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Thomas Nelson Community College
Wythe Hall Library Gallery

Frankenstein by Mary Shelley

Shane by Jack Schaefer

Journey on the James: Three Weeks

through the Heart of Virginia by Earl Swift

Dr. Roy Hyle (professor of biology) recommends (for those reading Earl Swift's canoeing account) a 19th-century narrative of John Boyle O'Reilly's canoe trip through the Dismal Swamp, available on line at: <http://www.ibiblio.org/eldritch/jbo/dismal.htm>

And Speaking of Frankenstein . . .

[Hampton Arts and The American Theatre](#)

are presenting *The Flying Machine in*

Frankenstein December 1-2, 2006

The Flying Machine's astounding new production of Mary Shelley's classic Gothic tale is reinvented as a dark midwinter fairy tale. This Dickensian dreamscape populated by potbellied innkeepers, wizened old professors and respectable young philosophers serves as the backdrop for *Frankenstein's* horrifying yet thrilling achievement. This is powerful magic that theatre lovers of any ages won't soon forget!

What They're Reading

Debbie Godden (English) recommends: "Recently finished reading *The Hurricane* by Nordhoff and Hall. This is a novel I teach in my sophomore English class (high school), and the plot was certainly timely, and all students enjoyed it."

Tell us what you're reading; email [Dr. Tom Long](mailto:Dr.Tom.Long).



Students, faculty and staff enjoy readings of selected passages from last spring's book circles, which included an anthology selected by the Foreign Language faculty of Spanish poetry (for their intermediate level students), Harper Lee's *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and Walter Mosley's *Always Outnumbered, Always Outgunned*. (Photo: Marlene Waters)