

## YOUR WEEKLY READER

### Rescuing Reading Project

Thomas Nelson Community College

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## Earl Swift to Visit Book Circles

Journalist and author Earl Swift will visit Thomas Nelson Community College's Fall 2006 Book Circles on Friday, November 3 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss his book [\*Journey on the James: Three Weeks through the Heart of Virginia\*](#), which has been selected as one of the event's three books, and to discuss Jack Schaefer, the author of *Shane*, one of the Book Circles' other selections.

After his opening remarks, in which he will talk with participants about the writing of his own book, as well as about the Norfolk origins of Schaefer's classic Western (the subject of a recent article by Swift), Earl Swift will join the breakout group of those participants who have come to discuss his book.

Swift has been a reporter at the *Virginian-Pilot* since 1987. According to *Narrative Digest* of the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard University: "In 2001 he won the first national reporting prize awarded by *River Teeth*, a journal of nonfiction narrative, and in 2000 was a finalist for an ASNE Award in team deadline reporting on the ravages of Hurricane Floyd. His editors have nominated him five times for the Pulitzer Prize.

His book 'Where They Lay' was a finalist for last year's PEN/Martha Albrand Award for First Nonfiction. His 2001 book, 'Journey on the



James,' won the Southern Environmental Law Center's Phillip D. Reed Award for Outstanding Writing on the Southern Environment."

Swift's *Journey on the James* has all the hallmarks of an American classic. Part travel narrative, part naturalist writing, part history, it conveys with humor and insight the epic story of a legendary river, as well as his own heartfelt respect for the peoples who have lived and died on its banks for centuries.

Although designed for student participation, the Book Circles welcome faculty, staff, and members of the community to attend.



## TNCC Fall 2006 Book Circles

### Coming This Friday!

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, **Guest Speaker**

