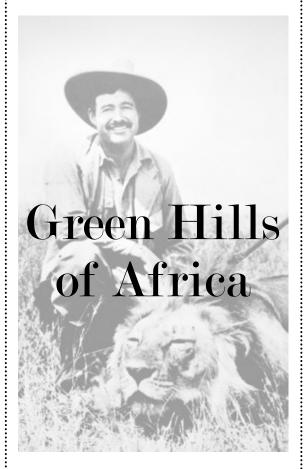
# Hemingway-Pfeiffer Reading Retreat



April 12-13, 2019



# Here's How It Works

- 1. When you sign-up for the retreat, we will send you three books.
- 2. Read the three books at your convenience over the winter.
- 3. Join us in April for a weekend of discussion and fun based on the books.



# Schedule for the Retreat

### Friday (April 12)

6-10 PM—Dinner and screening of *Out of Africa*, with discussion to follow

### Saturday (April 13)

8:30-9 AM—Coffee and pastries

9-11—Discussion of *Green Hills of Africa* (Hemingway) and Pauline Hemingway's African journal

11-12 PM—Lunch

12-2—Discussion of Out of Africa (Dinesen)

2-2:30—Snack Break

2:30-4:30—Discussion of *The River Between* (Thiong'o)

6-8—Hemingway Cocktail Party (with heavy hors d'oeuvres)

\*Price includes meals and snacks from Friday night to Saturday night.

\*Price also includes all activities and the cost of the books (which we will send to you after you register).



# The 1933-34 Safari

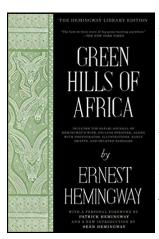
Ernest and Pauline Hemingway took a twomonth safari near Nairobi, Kenya, in the winter of 1933-34. Their guide was Philip Percival, a famous safari guide who had assisted with Theodore Roosevelt's 1909 safari. The trip was a gift from Gus Pfeiffer and became the source material for Hemingway's early Africa writings, including *Green Hills of Africa*.



"It was a new country to us but it had the marks of the oldest countries."

-Ernest Hemingway

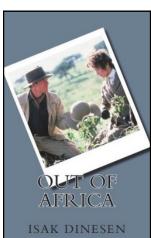
# The Books



When it was first published in 1935, The New York Times called Green Hills of Africa, "The best-written story of big-game hunting anywhere," Hemingway's evocative account of his safari through East Africa with his wife, Pauline Pfeiffer, captures his fascination with big-game hunting. In examining the grace of the chase and the ferocity of the kill, Hemingway looks inward, seeking to explain the lure

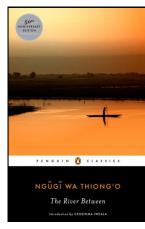
of the hunt and the primal undercurrent that comes alive on the plains of Africa. *Green Hills of Africa* is also an impassioned portrait of the glory of the African landscape and the beauty of a wilderness that was, even then, being threatened by the incursions of man.





In this book, Dinesen gives a true account of her life on her plantation in Kenya. She tells with classic simplicity of the ways of the country and the natives: of the beauty of the Ngong Hills and coffee trees in blossom: of her guests, from the Prince of Wales to Knudsen, the old charcoal burner, who visited her: of primitive festivals: of big game that were her near neighbors--lions, rhinos,

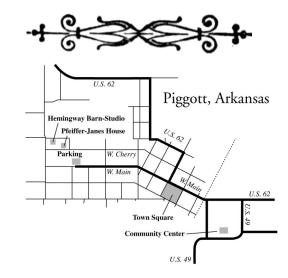
elephants, zebras, buffaloes--and of Lulu, the little gazelle who came to live with her, unbelievably ladylike and beautiful.



The River Between is a 1965 novel by prolific Kenyan author Ngũgĩ wa Thiong'o. It tells the story of the separation of two neighboring villages of Kenya caused by differences in faith set in the decades of roughly the early 20th century. The bitterness between them caused much hatred between the adults of each side. The story tells about the struggle of a young leader, Waiyaki, to unite the

two villages of Kameno and Makuyu through sacrifice and pain.

The novel is set during the colonial period, when white settlers arrived in Kenya's "White Highlands", and has a mountain setting.



**Piggott Lodging** 

The Inn at Piggott: 870-598-8888 (formerly the Downtown Inn) Open Roads Motel: 870-598-5941 Rose Dale Farm B&B: 870-634-7100

\*Amenities are also available in nearby Kennett, MO.

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Registration is \$100 by March 29. There is a \$25 dollar late registration fee for registrations after March 29. Partial refund of \$65 if canceled by April 5. Please register as soon as possible and make lodging reservations, as the retreat is limited to 18 participants.

Full Retreat Registration (\$100)
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