

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 spring.
3. Join us in March for a weekend of discussion and fun based on the books.



Schedule for the Retreat

Friday (March 6)

7-10 PM—Screening of *The Big Sleep* (1946) and discussion of the film noir genre.

Saturday (March 7)

8:30-9 AM—Coffee and pastries

9-11—Discussion of *Red Harvest* (Dashiell Hammett)

11-12 PM—Lunch

12-2—Discussion of *To Have and Have Not* (Ernest Hemingway)

2-2:30—Break

2:30-4:30—Discussion of *Devil in a Blue Dress* (Walter Mosley)

4:30-6—Break (on your own)

6-8—Murder Mystery Cocktail Party (see right)

**Price includes popcorn and soda at the Friday night movie, as well as meals and snacks on Saturday.*

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



Not Able to Join Us All Weekend?

Then why don't you join us Saturday for a murder mystery cocktail party in the Pfeiffer-Janes House? Starting at 6 PM, we will have heavy hors d'oeuvres and signature cocktails as we try to solve our own potboiler. You are invited to come as a film noir character, perhaps a hard-boiled detective, a mysterious femme fatale, a corrupt politician, or a snarky lounge singer. Prizes will be given for the best costume and for solving the mystery. Tickets are included with the cost of the weekend or are \$40 for just the evening. Costumes are invited, but not required.



"Play with murder enough and it gets you one of two ways. It makes you sick, or you get to like it."

-Red Harvest

Hemingway-Pfeiffer

Film Noir Retreat

March 6-7, 2020



Hemingway-Pfeiffer Reading Retreat March 6-7, 2020

Registration is \$100 by Feb. 21. There is a \$25 dollar late registration fee after Feb. 21. Partial refund of \$65 if canceled by Feb. 28. Please register as soon as possible and make lodging reservations, as the retreat is limited to 18 participants.

_____ Full Retreat Registration (\$100)

_____ Dinner Only (\$40)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Email: _____

Credit Card:

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Account # _____

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Checks and money orders payable to:

HPMEC Reading Retreat

Mail with completed Registration Form to:

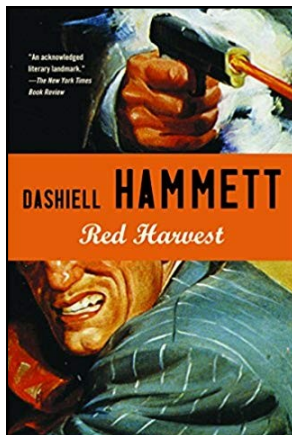
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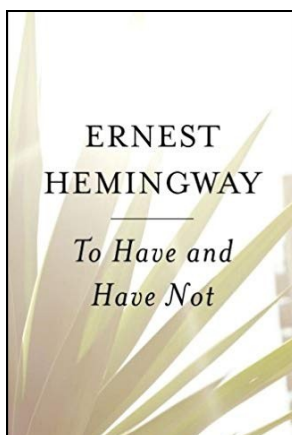


The Books



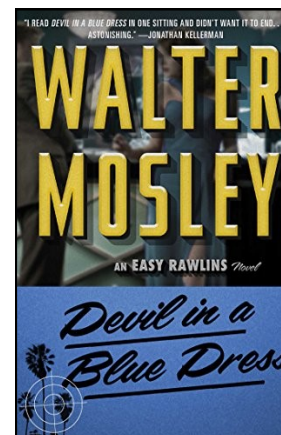
in the American grain.

Detective-story master Dashiell Hammett gives us an unforgettable read in *Red Harvest*. When the last honest citizen of Poisonville was murdered, the Continental Op stayed on to punish the guilty—even if that meant taking on an entire town. *Red Harvest* is more than a superb crime novel: it is a classic exploration of corruption and violence



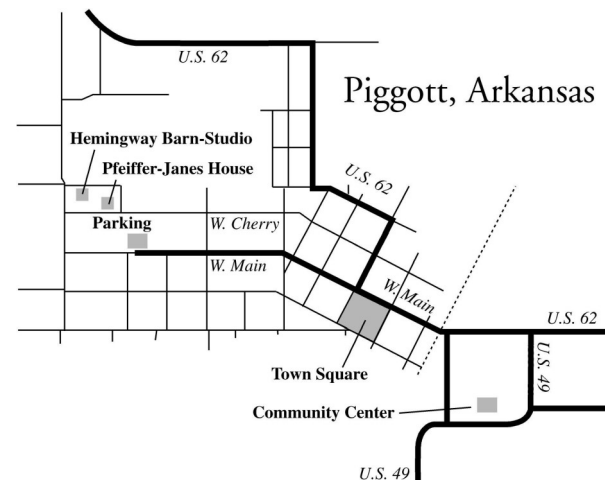
unlikely love affair. Harshly realistic, yet with one of the most subtle and moving relationships in the Hemingway oeuvre, *To Have and Have Not* is literary high adventure at its finest.

To Have and Have Not is the dramatic story of Harry Morgan, an honest man who is forced into running contraband between Cuba and Key West as a means of keeping his crumbling family financially afloat. His adventures lead him into the world of the wealthy and dissipated yachtsmen who throng the region, and involve him in a strange and



Easy will simply locate Miss Daphne Monet, a blonde beauty known to frequent black jazz clubs.

Set in the late 1940s, in the African-American community of Watts, Los Angeles, *Devil in a Blue Dress* follows Easy Rawlins, a black war veteran just fired from his job at a defense plant. Easy is drinking in a friend's bar, wondering how he'll meet his mortgage, when a white man in a linen suit walks in, offering good money if



Piggott Lodging

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

*Amenities are also available in nearby Kennett, MO.