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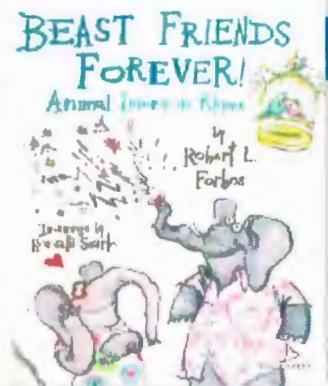
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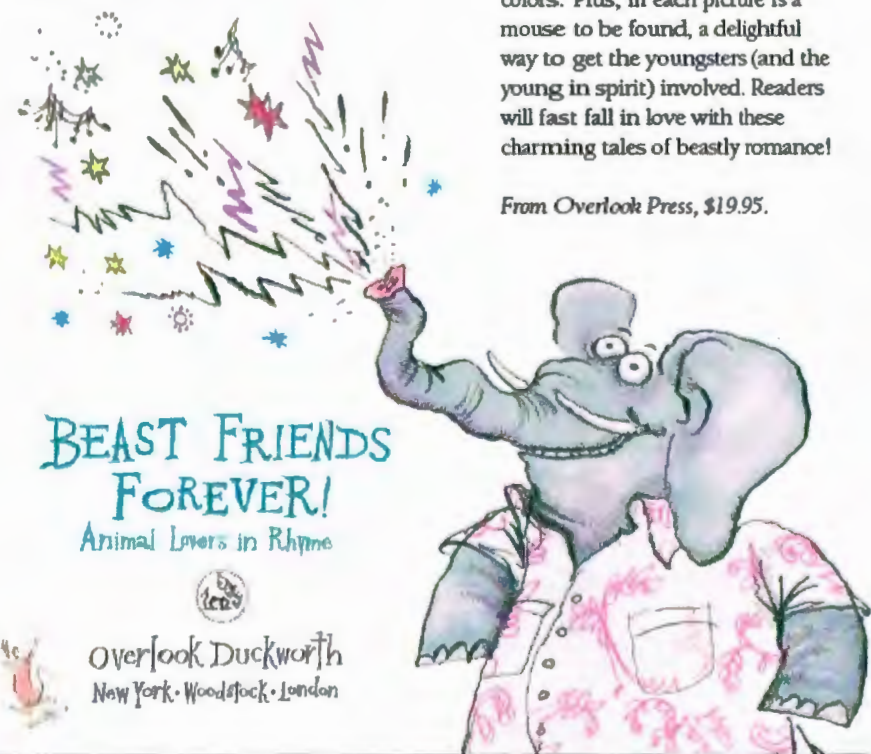
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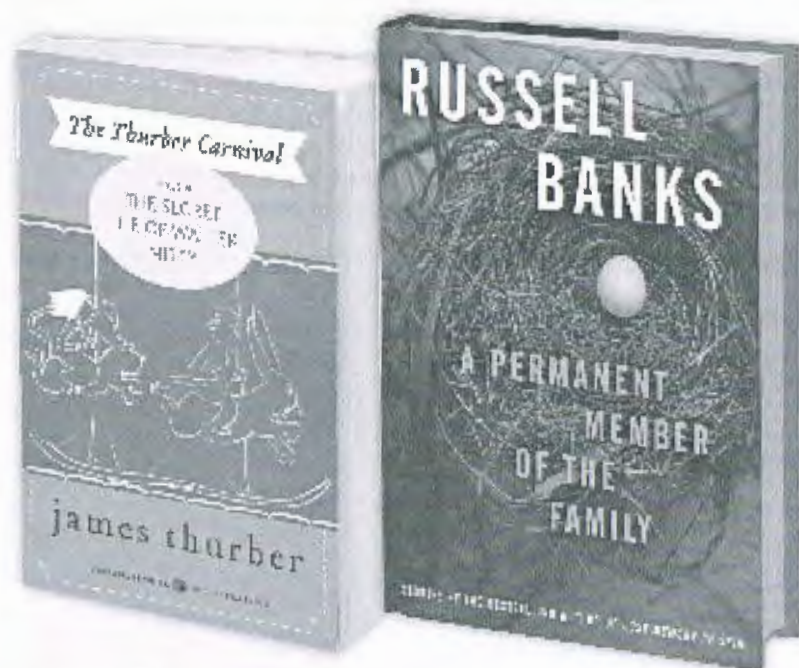
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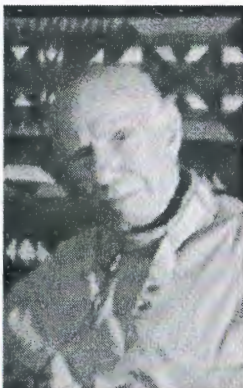
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The Princeton Club of New York
Tuesday, June 3, 2014



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Maurice Kenny

Maurice Kenny was born August 16, 1929, in Watertown, New York. His father is a Mohawk from Canada, and his mother was born in upstate New York. Kenny was educated at Butler University, St. Lawrence University, and New York University, where he studied with American poet Louise Bogan. He was co-editor with Josh Gosciak of *Contact/II*, a literary magazine, and editor and publisher of Strawberry Press in the 1970s and 1980s. Strawberry Press published poems and artwork, often in postcard form, by Native Americans. Kenny has read his poetry in New York City at the Poetry Festival in Manhattan, at Waterways: Poetry in the Mainstream readings, and book fairs, among other venues.

Kenny has held residencies at a number of colleges and universities, including St. Lawrence University, where he received an honorary doctorate in 1995, the American Indian Community House in New York City, the Oneida Indian Nation of Wisconsin, the University of California at Berkeley, and Syracuse Community Writers, funded by the New York State Council on the Arts.

In 1984, *The Mama Poems* received the American Book Award. In 2000, the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers awarded Kenny the Elder Recognition Award, and in 2002, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Native Writers' Circle of the Americas. Kenny's 1982 book of poems, *Blackrobe: Isaac Jogues, B. March 11, 1607, D. October 18, 1646: Poems* was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize, as was *Between Two Rivers*. He is the recipient of a National Public Radio Award for Broadcasting.

Rex Stout

Rex Todhunter Stout (1886-1975) was the creator of the renowned detectives Nero Wolfe and Archie Goodwin, who appeared in 33 novels and 39 short stories. Stout also wrote 18 other novels and dozens of short stories spanning multiple genres. His service to the writers' profession included his leadership, for many years, of the Authors' Guild, the Mystery Writers of America, and the Writers' War Board.

Stout resided at High Meadow, a house he built, largely with his own hands, on the New York/Connecticut border. There he and his wife, renowned fabric designer Pola Stout, raised their daughters. As with many authors, aspects of his life found their way into the pages of Stout's books. Stout's life in Manhattan and later in the greater New York region is reflected throughout his novels, and his childhood in Indiana and Kansas is reflected in the boyhood reminiscences of Archie Goodwin.

In addition to Stout's dozens of books in print, an anthology of a dozen recently rediscovered novellas and short stories written by Stout, originally published in pulp magazines between 1912 and 1917, with introductions by Wolfe Pack Werowance Ira Matelsky is expected to be published later this year by the Mysterious Press.



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Induction Ceremony

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Alice Hoffman



Inductee

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Russell Banks

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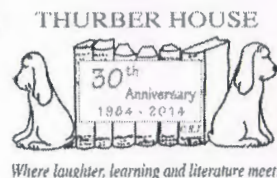
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The Wolfe Pack is an international literary society that celebrates the literary traditions of Rex Stout's Nero Wolfe stories. The Pack holds events including book discussions, trips, and the annual Black Orchid Banquet and Assembly, and publishes a semi-annual magazine, *The Gazette: The Journal of the Wolfe Pack*. The Wolfe Pack awards the prestigious Nero Award each year for an original work of English-language mystery fiction, and partners with *Alfred Hitchcock Mystery Magazine* to award the annual Black Orchid Novella Award. Extensive information about Rex Stout, Nero Wolfe, and the Wolfe Pack, including a membership application and news of upcoming events, can be found at www.nerowolfe.org. Membership forms are also available at this evening's dinner.

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Rex Stout

James Thurber

and our own

Mary Higgins Clark

Fordham College at Lincoln Center, Class of 1979

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Nora Ephron

Nora Ephron (May 19, 1941 – June 26, 2012) was an American journalist, essayist, playwright, screenwriter, novelist, producer, director, and blogger. The daughter of author/screenwriters Phoebe and Henry Ephron, she first made her mark as humorist, satirist, and dead-on parodist in book form (*Crazy Salad: Some Things About Women*) and in magazine articles.

Ephron is best known for her romantic comedies and was nominated three times for the Academy Award for Best Writing: for *Silkwood* (1983), *When Harry Met Sally...* (1989), and *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993). She won a BAFTA Award for Best Original Screenplay for *When Harry Met Sally...* Her last film was *Julie & Julia* (2009) which

earned Meryl Streep an Oscar nomination for Best Actress. She also co-authored the Drama Desk Award-winning theatrical production *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*. In 2013, Ephron received a posthumous Tony Award nomination for Best Play for her play *Lucky Guy*.

Alice Hoffman

Alice Hoffman, born March 16, 1952, is an American novelist and young-adult and children's writer, best known for her 1996 novel *Practical Magic*, which was adapted for a 1998 film of the same name. Many of her works fall into the genre of magic realism and contain elements of magic, irony, and non-standard romances and relationships.

She was born in New York City and grew up on Long Island. After graduating from high school in 1969, she attended Adelphi University, from which she received a BA, and then received a Mirrellees Fellowship to the Stanford University Creative Writing Center. Hoffman's first novel, *Property of*, was written at the age of twenty-one, while she was studying at Stanford, and published shortly thereafter by Farrar Straus and Giroux.

Hoffman's work has been published in more than twenty translations and more than one hundred foreign editions. Her novels have received mention as notable books of the year by *The New York Times*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Library Journal*, and *People Magazine*. She has also worked as a screenwriter and is the author of the original screenplay *Independence Day*, a film starring Kathleen Quinlan and Diane Weist. Her short fiction and non-fiction have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Boston Globe Magazine*, *Kenyon Review*, *Redbook*, *Architectural Digest*, *Gourmet*, *Self*, and other magazines. Her teen novel *Aquamarine* was recently made into a film starring Emma Roberts. Her latest novel is *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*.



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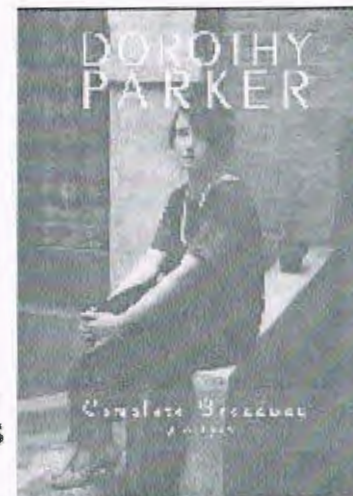
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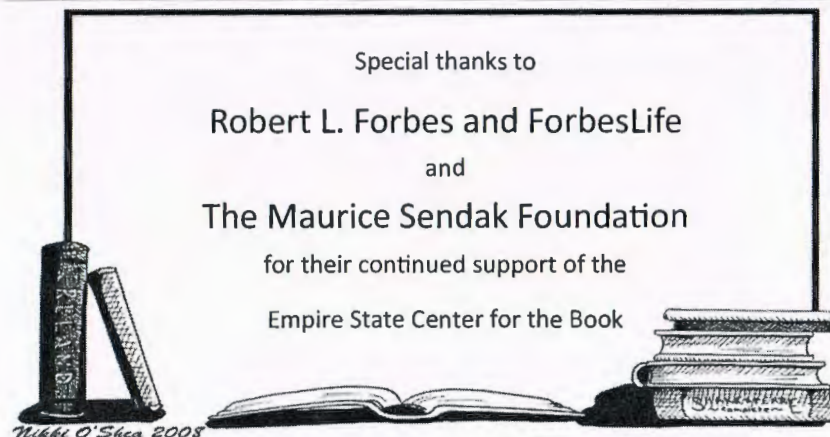
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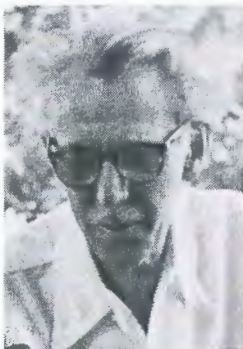
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James Thurber

James Grover Thurber (December 8, 1894 – November 2, 1961) was an American cartoonist, author, journalist, and celebrated wit. Thurber was best known for his cartoons and short stories, published mainly in *The New Yorker* magazine and collected in his numerous books. One of the most popular humorists of his time, Thurber celebrated the comic frustrations and eccentricities of ordinary people.

In 1925, Thurber moved to Greenwich Village in New York City, getting a job as a reporter for the *New York Evening Post*. He joined the staff of *The New Yorker* in 1927 as an editor, with the help of E.B.

White, his friend and fellow *New Yorker* contributor. His career as a cartoonist began in 1930 after White found some of Thurber's drawings in a trashcan and submitted them for publication. White inked-in some of these earlier drawings to make them reproduce better for the magazine, and years later expressed deep regret that he had done such a thing. Thurber contributed both his writings and his drawings to *The New Yorker* until the 1950s.

Thurber wrote nearly 40 books, including *The Secret Life of Walter Mitty*, and won a Tony Award for the Broadway play, *A Thurber Carnival*, in which he often starred as himself. One of his books, *My World and Welcome to It*, was turned into an NBC television series in 1969-1970 starring William Windom. *My World and Welcome to It*, won best Comedy Series, and Windom won Best Actor in a Comedy Series at the 1970 Emmys.



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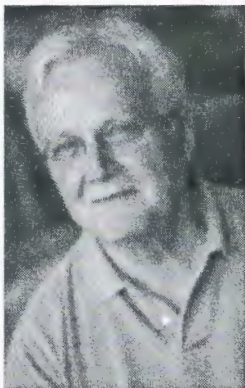
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Russell Banks

Russell Banks was born in Newton, Massachusetts on March 28, 1940.

Many of his works reflect his working-class upbringing. As a novelist, Banks is best known for his "detailed accounts of domestic strife and the daily struggles of ordinary often-marginalized characters." His stories usually revolve around his own childhood experiences, and often reflect "moral themes and personal relationships." Banks has also written short stories, some of which appear in the collection *The Angel on the Roof*, as well as poetry.

Banks was the 1985 recipient of the John Dos Passos Prize for Fiction. *Continental Drift* and *Cloudsplitter* were finalists for the 1986 and 1999 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction respectively. His main works include the novels *Continental Drift*, *Rule of the Bone*, *Cloudsplitter*, *The Sweet Hereafter*, and *Affliction*. The latter two novels were each made into feature films in 1997.

Banks was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1996 and is a member of the International Parliament of Writers. His work has been translated into twenty languages and has received numerous international prizes and awards. He was the New York State Author for 2004–2006.

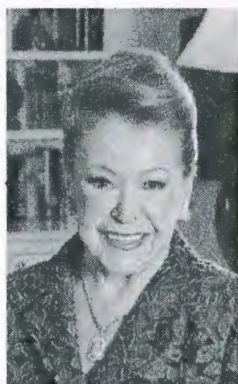
Mary Higgins Clark

Mary Theresa Eleanor Higgins Clark Conheeneey (née Higgins; born December 24, 1927 in the Bronx), known professionally as Mary Higgins Clark, is an American author of suspense novels. Each of her over 40 books has been a bestseller in the United States and various European countries, with her debut suspense novel *Where Are the Children?* in its seventy-fifth printing.

Mary Higgins Clark began writing at an early age. She published her first short story in 1956. Her debut novel, a fictionalized account of the life of George Washington, did not sell well, and she decided to leverage her love of mystery/suspense novels. Her suspense novels became very popular, and her books have sold more than 80 million copies in the United States alone.

She is the bestselling fiction author in France and has held numerous posts among mystery genre circles, including President of the Mystery Writers of America and Chairman of the International Crime Congress. She is also the inspiration for the Mystery Writers of America's Mary Higgins Clark Award.

Two of her novels—*Where Are the Children?* and *A Stranger Is Watching*—have been made into movies. In addition, several of her popular works, both short stories and novels, have been made into television films. She continues the release of her mystery novels with the book *Daddy's Gone A Hunting* (2013). In addition to writing, she returned to school to earn her philosophy degree from Fordham University in 1979.





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