



## Nonfiction Book Club: History and Public Affairs

*VISTAS Members Only*

*Coordinated by: Deb Waller*

**Second Thursday of each month  
September 2017 through June 2018**

**1:30 pm - 4:00 pm**

**Vista del Monte, Sierra Madre Room  
3775 Modoc Rd, Santa Barbara**

A year ago, VISTAS started a new book club, focusing on nonfiction books relating to history and public affairs. Books are proposed and selected by the members each month. Each discussion is led by a different group member, who comes in with suggested questions (which we are all free to supplement).

Some of the books read and discussed last year include *The Swerve*, by Stephen Greenblatt; *The Sixth Extinction*, by Elizabeth Kolbert; *The Pigeon Tunnel*, by John le Carré; *The Churchill Factor*, by Boris Johnson; *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J. D. Vance; *The Art of Rivalry*, by Sebastian Smee; *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea*, by Barbara Demick; and *Homo Deus* by Yuval Noah Hariri.

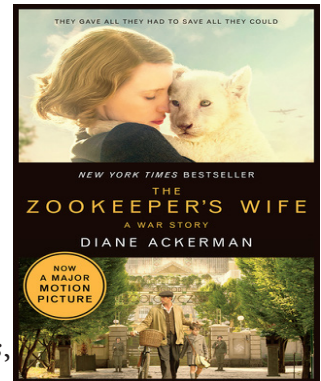
*Returning book club members should note a scheduling change; beginning in September, 2017, we will be meeting on the second Thursday of each month.*

Our selection for September 14 will be *The Zookeeper's Wife*, by Diane Ackerman; and on October 12 it will be *Where the Water Goes*, by David Owen.

*First meeting is Thursday, September 14th*

*Limited to 20 ~ If oversubscribed, we will have a lottery for admission*

**Deadline for registration: September 7<sup>h</sup>**



**Enrollment Form: Nonfiction Book Club- Sept 2017 - June 2018**

**VISTAS Members Only \$25**

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to:

VISTAS Lifelong Learning, Inc., P.O. Box 23228, Santa Barbara, CA 93121-3228

**Or you may go to our website and pay by secure credit card through PayPal**

<http://www.vistaslifelonglearning.org/upcoming.html>

**Biography:** *Deb Waller* is a former French teacher turned computer programmer. She is currently retired and spends her time playing tennis, singing with the Santa Barbara Master Chorale, teaching ESL, learning more languages, and taking many VISTAS classes of course.



## VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 10	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	2nd Thurs Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
The British Raj	Mon, Sept 18, 25, Oct 2 & 9	9:30 am	Grace Gathering
Art Presentations	Thurs, Sept 21, 28, & Oct 5	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
The Changing Arctic	Tues, Oct 17 & 24	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Mental Illness	Wed, Oct 18 & 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Freedom Train	Tues, Oct 31 & Wed, Nov 1	1:00 pm	Grace Gathering
Socialism in the US	Tues, Nov 7, 14, 21	9:30 am	Grace Gathering
Wine in Culture	Mon, Nov 13, 20, 27	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Climate Change Denial	Wed, Nov 29 & Dec 6	9:30 am	Museum of Natural History
Hamilton	Mon, Dec 4, 11, 18	9:30 am	TBA - Limited to 10