



## Nonfiction Book Club: History and Public Affairs

*VISTAS Members Only*

*Coordinated by: Barbara Huemer*

**Third Wednesday of each month**  
**September 2016 through June 2017**

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

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

VISTAS is starting a new book club this fall, focusing on nonfiction books in history and public affairs. Books are to be proposed and selected by the members each month. Each discussion will be led by one of the members of the group. A small committee has already been working on selecting possible book titles.

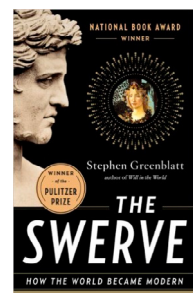


### Current proposals include:

Boris Johnson, *The Churchill Factor* (Riverhead Books, 2015)  
Robert H. Frank, *Success and Luck: Good Fortune and the Myth of Meritocracy* (Princeton, 2016)  
Eric Larson, *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* (Crown, 2015)

**The book to be discussed at the first meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> is: Stephen Greenblatt, The Swerve: How the World Became Modern (Norton, 2012)**

One of the world's most celebrated scholars, Stephen Greenblatt has crafted both an innovative work of history and a thrilling story of discovery, in which one manuscript, plucked from a thousand years of neglect, changed the course of human thought and made possible the world as we know it.



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

**Deadline for registration: September 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Enrollment Form: Nonfiction Book Club- Sept 2016 - June 2017**

**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

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**Please check here if you would like to volunteer to help with refreshments \_\_\_\_\_**

## The Swerve:

Winner of the 2012 Pulitzer Prize for Non-Fiction

Winner of the 2011 National Book Award for Non-Fiction

**BIOGRAPHY:** *Barbara Huemer* taught philosophy and was a tenured faculty member at Long Beach City College. She went on to law school at UCLA and Hastings, and worked as a law book editor in San Francisco.

She has lived in London for four years and in rural France off and on for seven years.



## VISTAS Calendar

Seminar/Event	Inclusive Dates	Time	Venue
Annual Picnic	Sunday, September 11	12:30 pm	Tuckers Grove
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thurs Monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Nonfiction Book Club	3rd Wed Monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte-Sierra Madre
Cinematographic Elections	Mon, Sept 12,19,26	9:30 am	Maravilla Theater
Initiative/Referendum Process	Thur, Sept 29, Oct 6,13	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Trials of the Century	Mon, Oct 10-Nov 14	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Poetry & Metaphor	Tues, Oct 18,25, Nov 1	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
LGBT/Transgender/Transsexual: What Is Being Taught in College Courses Today?	Tues, Oct 25	9:30 am	Valle Verde - Social Room
Post Election Analysis	Thurs, Nov 10	1:30 pm	Goleta Library
Eleanor Roosevelt	Wed, Nov 16	1:30 pm	Valle Verde - Social Room
Brazil's Econ/Political	TBD	TBD	TBD