

Books Published by NWU Boston Members in 2018

Larry Constantine, *Distant Sons* (Gesher Press). A saga of immigrants, identity, and interfaith love. From tiny Frauenkirchen in 19th century Austria-Hungary to German-speaking neighborhoods of urban America, this historical fiction tells the story of two women facing questions of love, commitment, fulfillment, and survival.

Martha Collins, *Night Unto Night* (Milkweed Editions). Poetry – six sequences, each written in one month a year, over the course of six years, bring together the natural and the all-too-human. Red-winged blackbirds and the death of a friend, green leaves of a maple tree, drones overseas, and the persistence of anti-immigrant rhetoric.

Claire Czotter, *Ayda*. A young tailor and her grandfather flee to the border of their known world to escape the violent inception of war. When soldiers finally reach their village, there's one place left to run: an undeveloped area of the world filled with dangerous magic. Armed with mysterious needle and thread, Ayda escapes into the territory dubbed "Nowhere." She swears to find magic to save her grandfather, but heroic promises are not so easily kept.

Alison Downs, *Ladybird Adrift – a Novel* (Flutterbow Productions & RhetAskew Publishing). When Claudia fell in love with Victor, she knew their 30 year age difference would present some challenges. Is their unlikely love powerful enough to withstand Alzheimer's?

Bill Fleming, *Troubled Waters* (Eire Associates). As flood waters threaten the century-old subway tunnels and the homeless who live in them, Morris Fitzgerald must push aside the loss of his cousin and come to the rescue of a fellow T cop. Part history lesson, part whodunit, *Troubled Waters* provides a glimpse of the underworld of Boston.

Jim Kaplan, *Abraham Lincoln: The History of the Man Who Transformed America* (audio/kindle). From Lincoln's early years to his law career, marriage, term in Congress, Republican anti-slavery leadership, debates with Stephen A. Douglas, emergence as a candidate, election to the presidency, his masterful role as commander in chief during the Civil War, the writing of the Emancipation Proclamation, and his assassination by John Wilkes Booth.

J. Kates, translator, *I Have Invented Nothing, Jean-Pierre Rosnay* (Black Widow Press) A comprehensive bilingual edition of poems by Jean-Pierre Rosnay (1926-2009) who fought with the Resistance, became a central figure in the Parisian intellectual community of the 1950s, and founded the famed, still existing Club des Poètes.

George Longenecker, *Star Route* (Main Street Rag Publishing). Poems from Vermont and around the world. The author's poetry, fiction and book reviews have been published or are forthcoming in Evening Street Review, Main Street Rag, Rain Taxi, Saranac Review, and Whale Road Review.

Randy Susan Meyers, *The Widow of Wall Street*, paperback edition (Washington Square Press). "Full of deceit, scandal, and guilt, her novel expertly explores how rising to the top only to hit rock bottom affects a family. The consequences will leave readers reeling" – *Library Journal*.

Patrycja Podrazik (writing under the name P.K. Adams), *The Greenest Branch* (Iron Knight Press). Historical novel (12th century) about Hildegard von Bingen, the abbess who was Germany's first recognized female physician. Semi-finalist for 2015 Chaucer Awards for pre-1750 historical fiction.

Sue Schopp, *The Private Side of the Canton Trade, 1700-1840* (Hong Kong U Press). 18th century China produced goods that wowed international consumers: silk, tea, porcelain, and more. The "Canton trade" was initially conducted by nationally chartered East India companies; but private traders would eventually have as much influence, if not more, in shaping China's place in international trade—with ramifications for us today.

Leslie Wheeler, *Rattlesnake Hill: A Berkshire Hilltown Mystery* (Encircle Publications). It's November in the Berkshires, a dreary time of dwindling light when the tourists have fled. So when a stranger shows up in the sleepy hilltown of New Nottingham and starts asking questions, the locals don't exactly roll out the welcome wagon.

