

Quatrefolio

“Make Way for Lucia” by E F Benson

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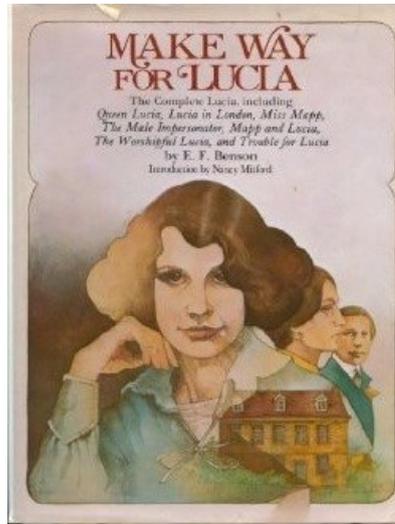
When you see “Make Way for Lucia” on the shelf, don’t let the size overwhelm you. In one volume are six novels, a short story, and 1,119 pages of sheer enjoyment. As a whole they comprise the Mapp and Lucia series, written between 1920 and 1939. The first two novels feature Lucia Lucas - social climber and control freak extraordinaire. The third novel introduces us to Miss Mapp – judgmental snoop, gossip, and all-around busy-body galore. The final four novels feature the two living in the same town matching wits and trying to outdo each other.

(In fact, Lucia moves to Tilling just so she has the opportunity to do so!) The difference between them is that Lucia is calculating; all her moves are thought out well in advance while Miss Mapp employs bull-in-a-china-

shop tactics. Hilarious!

E F Benson was born in Berkshire, England 1867 and died in 1940. While he’s popular enough in England that the BBC adapted Mapp and Lucia as a television show in the mid-80s, he’s unfortunately not as well known here in the colonies. I was introduced to him when my husband and I were at a used book store and a book of Benson’s was screaming at me to buy it. If you believe in such things, I’d say it was a cosmic intervention, and I’ve been addicted to Benson ever since.

While Mapp and Lucia are literally laugh-out-loud funny, Quatrefoil has other books by Benson, one of which – “Colin”- “combines elements of the homoerotic and the supernatural” (from the back cover). I cannot recommend it because I haven’t read it, but I can definitely recommend Mapp and Lucia. (After you, too, are hooked on Benson, look me up on Goodreads.com and let’s talk!)



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Quatrefoil Needs You!

By Mitch Marks

Quatrefoil needs your support now more than ever. Your support has a major impact on the Twin Cities GLBT community and provides:

- A safe space for all
- Educational programming (e.g., GLBT Financial Planning Issues, Long Term Care Planning)
- Book clubs (Gaylaxicon's, PrimeTimers, Lesbian Fiction) and other community building events

There are three things that Quatrefoil needs:

- **Members.** Most of you are already members. You are the reason that we exist.
- **Volunteers.** Quatrefoil is an all-volunteer organization. Without the volunteers we would not be here today.
- **Donors.** These are the people who pay the bills. Memberships cover only a small portion of the expenses to run the library (books, videos, rent, supplies, utilities, etc.). Without our donors we would not have the books, DVDs or other materials you have come to expect from the library. It is because of these people that we are one of the largest GLBT lending libraries in the United States.

Will you consider increasing your support of the library by becoming a volunteer or donor? To volunteer, contact the circulation desk or call the library at (612) 729-2543.

To donate, visit <https://www.qlibrary.org/support/donate/> or mail your check to the library. Thank you!

New Programming Chair

Howard Maki is the new chair of the Programming Committee. Howard will work on the implementation of new programming initiatives for the library. If you have an idea for a program you may contact him at hmaki23@gmail.com, call 612-275-1946, or leave a message with the library. When leaving a message, please leave your name, phone number and email along with your idea.

Additionally, those interested in serving on the Programming Committee may also contact Howard at the above email address.

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Prairie Silence: A Memoir by Melanie Hoffert

A Review By Scott Breyfogle

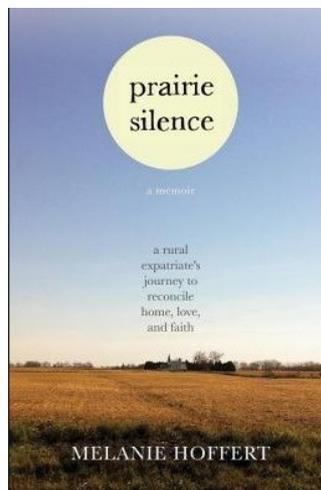
Plato is quoted for saying, “An unexamined life is not worth living.” In "Prairie Silence: A Memoir" by Melanie Hoffert, the author examines her roots when she returns home for the harvest after years of living in the city. Hoffert writes,

“Somehow I know, though I haven't said it out loud, that I am standing in the land of my past, in the land of my childhood, not the land of my present.”

In a powerful and very well-written memoir, Hoffert confronts her past and the silence surrounding it. Hoffert explores the unspoken silence of being a lesbian but never really discussing it with her family, specifically with her mother. She also explores the silence of religion, which was once a major part of her life. The most powerful part of the

narrative is the silence at the realization that the small farming towns that surrounded her growing up are disappearing.

Prairie Silence is one of those rare gems that will haunt the reader and stay with them long after finishing the book. For me, *Prairie Silence* has the distinction of being one of the few books to move me to tears. There are passages where Hoffert bares her soul and the emotions are so raw that one can feel her sadness. *Prairie Silence* might also become a requiem for the small farming communities which seem to be disappearing from the landscape of America.



Through Hoffert's descriptions, one can almost see the spot where the General Store once stood and mourn the loss for those who remain to seek out an existence on the prairie.

I first heard Melanie Hoffert speak this year at the

Quatrefoil Library Annual Women's Author Event. Once I heard Melanie read from her book, I knew it would be on my reading list. I am in awe of Hoffert's talent as a writer and she deserves all the praise she is receiving for this book.

Prairie Silence is available at the Quatrefoil Library for check-out.

Join A Book Group

The Quatrefoil Library hosts several book groups each month. If you enjoy reading and discussing books then one or more of these groups might be right for you.

North Country Gaylaxians GLBTQ Sci Fi Book Club - Monthly book club meeting at Quatrefoil on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm.

Lesbian Fiction Book Club – Formerly associated with the True Colors bookstore, the Lesbian Fiction book club will meet the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at Quatrefoil.

Twin Cities Prime Timers Book Club - This monthly book club is a subgroup of the Twin Cities Prime Timers Club, which is affiliated with the state and

national organizations. It meets each third Saturday of the month at Quatrefoil from 1:15pm – 3:15pm.

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Volunteers – The Heart of the Library

You might have heard someone at the library say the following, “the library is 100% volunteer run and does not have a single paid position on staff.” What does that really mean? From a non-profit perspective it makes the library incredibly unique. While most non-profits count on volunteers, they will at least have a couple of paid employees on staff to oversee the running of the organization.

Volunteers have been at the heart of the library from the start. Preparations by dozens of volunteers ensured that the Library was ready to successfully serve the first library patrons that walked through the doors back in 1986. After more than 25 years, and after three different locations for the Quatrefoil Library, volunteers are still at the heart of the library.



There are many ways you can volunteer at the Quatrefoil Library:

Become a Desk Volunteer

Purpose: To provide a high level of service to members visiting and calling the library. Check materials in and out. Manage filing of materials. Assist members in finding materials.

Become a Board Member

Purpose: The board oversees the running of the library and develops procedures and policies which govern

the library. Board elections are held yearly in November.

Special Projects/Work Parties

Purpose: To perform tasks related to time-specific events or projects.

Opportunities to assist will exist several times a year.

Join a Committee:

Acquisitions

Purpose: Develop acquisition policies with Board of Directors. Research and acquire new materials.

Finance

Purpose: Oversee all financial needs of the library. This committee needs persons with financial expertise, knowledge of investments.

Major Gifts

Purpose: Develop and help raise funds so the library keeps its doors open. Desirable committee members include donors, visionaries, those with development experience. Grant writing experience is very important for this committee.

Membership

Purpose: Develop plans to attract new members and increase diversity of library membership.

Newsletter

Purpose: The Quatrefoil Library is always looking for newsletter contributions (such as individual stories).

Operations

Purpose: Oversee all library operations. Sort through donated materials and select those to be catalogued. Prepare materials to be added to the collection. Organize periodicals collection. This

committee is seeking individuals with library experience.

Program Planning

Purpose: Identify and schedule a wide array of social, educational/informational, and entertaining programs.

Publicity

Purpose: Work with all committees and Board members to develop publicity for all library events. PR/advertising expertise, graphic artist, media people, and writers, are all needed for this committee.

Volunteer

Purpose: Attract, train and support all volunteer members of the library. Develop campaigns to attract new volunteers. Organize volunteer recognition events.

If you would like to volunteer at the Quatrefoil Library, stop in and fill-out a Volunteer Form or you can go on-line and complete the form .

The Quatrefoil Library Board of Directors would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time to the library each year..

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Men's Author Series

By Howard Maki

A new program at the library will include a Men's Authors Series, which will be held sometime in October. Please check the Facebook page or website for more information as it develops. This program will give you a chance to meet many authors, ask them questions on their materials and writing, as well as get a copy of their books. In addition, you can

find out their plans of future writings.

The Quatrefoil is seeking local gay authors to include in the new Men's Authors Series. If you know of an author that is located in the metro area - or even greater Minnesota or Wisconsin - that may be interested, please pass along any contact information that you may have to Howard at

hmaki23@gmail.com, or 612-275-1946. Or, you can leave this information with the library

Thanks for any help you can provide and hoping to see you at the program in October!

Happy Pride From The Quatrefoil Library



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Top 10 Ways You Can Support the Quatrefoil Library

- 1-Become a member**— Purchase your membership today!
- 2-Visit** the library and check-out books and DVD's
- 3-Become** a desk volunteer
- 4-Join**—a book group
- 5-Donate** GLBT books, DVDs or periodicals
- 6-Make a financial donation** - Your donation helps provide funds for the operational aspects of the library.
- 7-Purchase books** from our ongoing book sale on Amzon:
<http://www.amazon.com/shops/metprobooks>
- 8-Attend** events at the library
- 9-Become** a Board Member
- 10-Buy** GLBT books at our sales, which are held several times each year

To become a member or to support the library, visit the Quatrefoil Library website at: <https://www.qlibrary.org/support/>

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Monday–Friday
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed holidays

