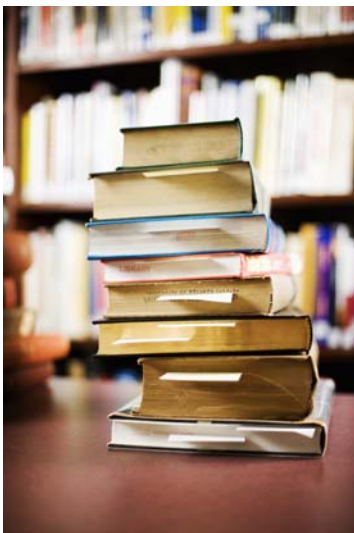


# *Westside Lively Exchange Book Club*



Join us the second Thursday of each  
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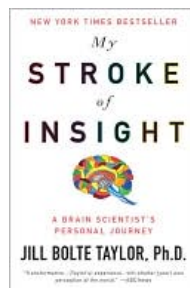
Discussion questions will be emailed

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**August 13, 2009**

***My Stroke of Insight:  
A Brain Scientist's Personal Journey***  
by Jill Bolte Taylor, Ph.D.



On December 10, 1996, Jill Bolte Taylor, a thirty-seven-year-old Harvard-trained brain scientist, experienced a massive stroke. A neuroanatomist by profession, she observed her own mind completely deteriorate to the point that she could not walk, talk, read, write, or recall any of her life, all within four brief hours. Here Taylor shares her unique perspective on the brain and its capacity for recovery, and the sense of omniscient understanding she gained from this unusual and inspiring voyage out of the abyss of a wounded brain. Book Jacket.. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

**September 10, 2009**

***PPLD 2009 All Pikes Peak Reads Selection***  
***Have Space Suit Will Travel***  
By Robert Heinlein

A high school senior wins a space suit in a soap jingle contest, takes a last walk wearing "Oscar" before cashing him in for college tuition, and suddenly finds himself on a space odyssey. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

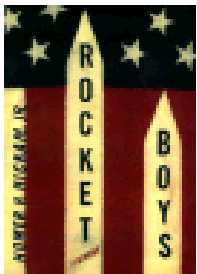


**October 8, 2009**

***PPLD 2009 All Pikes Peak Reads Selection***

***Rocket Boys: A Memoir***

by Homer Hickam



In 1957, when fourteen-year-old Homer Hickam, Jr. (aka Sonny) watches Sputnik fly over his hometown of Coalwood, West Virginia, his life is changed forever. Knowing he wants to be part of the space race, Sonny and his friends, set

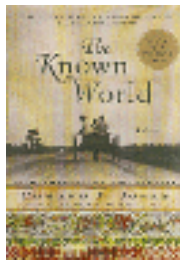
out to learn as much as they can about launching rockets. Soon, these Rocket Boys wind up enlisting the help of everyone in the town—and blowing up some of Sonny's mother's best kitchenware in the process. Set against a backdrop of miners' strikers, the beginning of the Cold War, and America's loss of innocence, *Rocket Boys* reads like a novel. It is an unforgettable story that will surely launch the dreams of a new generation. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

**November 12, 2009**

***The Known World: A Novel***

by Edward P. Jones

Henry Townsend, a black farmer, boot maker, and former slave, has a fondness for *Paradise Lost* and an unusual mentor, William Robbins, perhaps the most powerful man in antebellum Virginia's Manchester County. Under Robbins's tutelage, Henry becomes proprietor of his own plantation as well as of his own slaves. When he dies, his widow, Caldonia, succumbs to profound grief, and things begin to fall apart at their plantation. Slaves take to escaping under the cover of night, and families who had once found love beneath the weight of slavery begin to betray one another. Beyond the Townsend estate, the known world also unravels. Low-paid white patrollers stand watch as slave "speculators" sell free black people into slavery, and rumors of slave rebellions set white families against slaves who have served them for years. Book Jacket. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.



**December 10, 2009**

***Newport in the Rockies: The Life and Good Times of Colorado Springs***

by Marshall Sprague



In 1871, General William Jackson Palmer, a Civil War cavalry hero, dreamed of a Rocky Mountain resort town where sedate, temperate, wealthy folk could enjoy life in tranquil comfort. From its inception as a tiny resort hamlet,

Colorado Springs has grown into the second largest city in the Colorado Rockies. In the town's early years, rich easterners and Englishmen came seeking adventure, romance, and gentility. But when gold was discovered at nearby Cripple Creek in 1900, Colorado Springs became an instant boom town. Swallow Press.

**January 14, 2010**

***Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society***

by Mary Ann Schaffer

January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. She finds it in a letter from a native of Guernsey, the British island once occupied by the Nazis. As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, she is drawn into the world of the man and his friends, all members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a unique book club formed in a unique, spur-of-the-moment way, as an alibi to protect its members from arrest by the Germans. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds there will change her forever. Book Jacket. Distributed by Syndetic Solutions, Inc.

