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Speaker Series at Public Library Spotlights Civil War Novels

In observance of the 150-year anniversary of the Civil War, Cumberland County Public Library & Information Center presents a five-part speaker series, “Let’s Talk about It: America’s Greatest Conflict— Novels of the Civil War,” starting in September. This series of talks is based on novels about the time period, including:

- Sept. 8 – “The March” by E.L. Doctorow
- Sept. 22 – “On the Occasion of My Last Afternoon” by Kaye Gibbons
- Oct. 6 – “Killer Angels” by Michael Shaara
- Oct. 20 – “Enemy Women” by Paulette Jiles
- Nov. 3 – “Lincoln’s Dreams” by Connie Willis

Sometimes historical facts alone are not enough to evoke the truth of the past— perhaps this is what Walt Whitman meant when he claimed of the Civil War that 'the real war will never get into the books.' In these selections, novelists use their imaginative powers to re-create the greatest upheaval in our history in a way that touches emotions and senses as much as the intellect.

All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. and take place at Headquarters Library at 300 Maiden Lane. Copies of each book are available to check out and you must register to participate in the program by calling 483-7727.

For more information about this and other library programs and services, please visit www.cumberland.lib.nc.us, call (910) 483-7727, or find us on Facebook.

“Let’s Talk About It” is a joint project of the North Carolina Humanities Council and the North Carolina Center for the Book, a program for the State Library of North Carolina/Department of Cultural Resources and an affiliate of the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. This program is also made possible by the Friends of the Library and SYSTEL.

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