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On the Irish Frontier

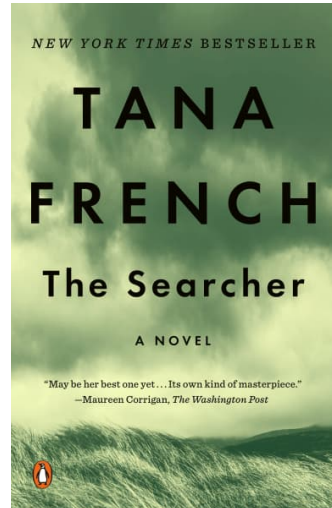
Tana French, the Irish crime novelist, first became known for her procedurals starring two cops from the Dublin homicide squad. As expertly and thrillingly as they were done, French was not about to be bounded by the format of the police procedurals nor seduced into sticking forever with popular characters whose depths she had already plumbed. Her latest novel, *The Searcher*, does however, continue her aptitude for creating surprising, complex characters, heroes and suspects and victims and villains who are never quite what you think they are.

Featured this Month

The Searcher by Tana French

The Searcher sets us in the Irish countryside with retired police detective Cal Hooper, who is trying to challenge the stereotype of the rich ex-pat Yank who has plunked himself down among the local yokels with a better idea about how to do everything. Cal is, in fact, doing his best to fit in — like taking advice from Mart, his neighbor, an old bachelor farmer, or submitting to the nosey inquiries and matchmaking of the village shop keeper Noreen. He knows he's an outsider and doesn't want to overstep. Anyway, he has his own troubles. Rehabbing an old farmhouse is supposed to help him forget the job he left back in Chicago along with his broken marriage, but it doesn't quell the instincts that he has developed over a lifetime, particularly the one that warns him that he's being watched.

The watcher is revealed pretty quickly — Trey, a local child from a family of outcasts, that Cal eventually coaxes into his orbit in much the same way as one of the wild creatures that live around him. And eventually Trey reveals an agenda for approaching a stranger, this outsider — Trey's beloved brother Brendan is missing, and no one seems to want to take the disappearance seriously.



It takes some persuading, but once Cal is enlisted, the search for Brendan is overtly procedural, but French enriches her plot with some surprising twists and reveals. Young Trey is not the apprentice Cal thinks he's adopted, nor is the town the sleepy little village it appears to be, nor is Cal the surefooted expert everyone seems to have assumed he must be. His divorce is more than the old trope about being too invested in his job to pay attention to his family. His treading-on-eggshells phone calls with his daughter is not some absent-parent syndrome. Indeed, the brilliance of French's characterization is in the inner mysteries of her protagonists, the motivations that even they are unaware that they harbor.

French might also legitimately be classed as a suspense writer. Even in the denouement of the novel after the central question of Brendan's disappearance is revealed, one is not quite sure how the story will end for Cal, especially for anyone who has read her previous novels. Expect to be at the edge of your chair to the very last few pages.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

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New at the Library

Fiction

A Light in the Window- by Jan Karon
America's First Daughter- by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie
The Women of Chateau Lafayette- by Stephanie Dray
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store- by James McBride
The Trackers- by Charles Frazier
Before We Were Yours- by Lisa Wingate

Nonfiction

Wilderness World of John Muir- by Edwin Teale
Magnificent Mountain Women- by Janet Robertson
What a Plant Knows- by Daniel Chamovitz
Red- a History of the Redhead by Jacky Colliss Harvey
The Emperor of Maladies- by Siddhartha Mukherjee
A Viking Voyage- by Hodding Carter
Comanche Empire- by Pekka Hamalainen
Sadie Orchard- Madam of New Mexico's Black Range by Garland D. Bills
Bag Man- The Wild Crimes, Audacious Cover-up & Spectacular Downfall of a Brazen Crook in the White House by Rachel Maddow
The Year of Decision 1846- by Bernard DeVoto
Sun on the "Savanette"- A True Story of Life in Southern New Mexico 1902-1941 by John Lee Briscoe and Emma Hawk Briscoe
War on the Border- Villa, Pershing, the Texas Rangers, and an American Invasion by Jeff Guinn
The Three Ages of Water- Prehistoric Past, Imperiled Present and a Hope for the Future Peter Gleick

DVD

Boyhood

Mystery

The Way of the Bear - by Anne Hillerman
Ghost Dancer - by Robert Westbrook
Eagle Falls- by Robert Westbrook
Coyote Alibi- by J & D Burgess
Bear Witness- by J & D Burgess
Turquoise Lady- by Robert Westbrook
Ancient Enemy- by Robert Westbrook
Red Moon- by Robert Westbrook
Blue Moon- by Robert Westbrook
Redemption- by Deborah J. Ledford
Death Waits in the Dark- by Mark Edward Langley
What Remains- by Wendy Walker
Where the Truth Lies- by Anna Bailey
Dead Man Dancing- by John Galligan
The Long Ago- by Michael McGarrity

Young Readers

Amazing Irv's Handbook of Everyday Magic- Tricks to Confuse, Amuse, and Entertain in Every Situation- by Irv Furman
Jacob Have I Loved- by Katherine Paterson
The Puppy Who Wanted a Boy- by Jane Yayer
Dragon Gets By- by Dav Pilkey
Penny and Her Song- by Kevin Henkes
Ruby Bakes a Cake- by Susan Hill
Jasper the Terror- by John A. Rowe
I Want a Hug- by John A. Rowe

Toys

500 piece puzzle Koi Fish....300 piece puzzle Icelandic waterfall

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Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Thursday~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturday ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on for
Saturdays, March 2, and April 6
10:00am -1:00pm
Come and get your goodies!

Notes From the Board

Welcome Lisa Curt

The Library welcomes new board member Lisa Curt. She joins the board with many years of library experience under her belt and will serve as the Fundraising/Friends of the Library Committee Chair.

Vice President Search

The library is seeking someone to serve as Vice President of the Board.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, March Mar 27

Hillsboro Post Office 4:30pm – 5:00pm

Thursday, March Mar 28

Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:45am- 11:00am

<https://nmstatelibrary.org/bookmobiles/west-bookmobile/>

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