

Ford Madox Ford

Ford Madox Ford was born Ford Hermann Hueffer in Merton, Surrey in 1873. Ford was a prolific writer who published over eighty novels, poems, criticisms, and memoirs. He smoozed with the best of them -- prominent *literati* like Henry James, Ezra Pound, Gertrude Stein, and James Joyce. In 1898 he began an eleven-year collaboration with Joseph Conrad on two novels and a novella. Toward the end of that association, Ford founded *The English Review*, a periodical that not only featured established storytellers such as Ford's good friend H.G. Wells, but spotlighted struggling young writers as well -- promising authors like D.H. Lawrence and Wyndham Lewis.

Ford served as an army officer in a Welch Regiment during World War I, and sustained a severe concussion when a shell exploded next to him during the Battle of the Somme. Diagnosed with shell-shock, Ford was reassigned to North Wales. He returned to France a short time later and performed administrative duties in Rouen until hospitalized a month after his arrival.

When World War I ended, he changed his name to Ford Madox Ford and moved to Paris. There he founded the *Transatlantic Review* (with Ernest Hemingway as his sub-editor, no less). Ford's best known for his novels *The Fifth Queen* (a romantic trilogy about Henry VIII and Catherine Howard), *The Good Soldier* (an early stream-of-consciousness tale that many literary critics consider his finest work), and *Parade's End* (a series of four novels that depict British society during the Great War). In the 1920's and '30's, Ford traveled extensively between Paris, Provence, and New York. Although regarded as something of a wing nut, Ford reached toward the stars when most of us hardly bother looking up. Ford Madox Ford died at Deauville, France in 1939.

Essay by Bill Lounsbery

KRL has *Parade's End & The Good Soldier*

FALL Activities: DIY & Crafts *Registration required*

Dip-Dyed Mugs **November 1, 6 pm**

Exercise your artistic skills and permanently personalize a mug just in time for hot cocoa and cooler weather.

Handwarmers **December 4, 6 pm**

Create your own pair of pocket sized hand warmers while learning some basic hand sewing techniques like the blanket stitch...just in time for cooler weather!

Announcement

Annual Membership Meeting
And
Election of Officers and Directors

To be held: December 6, 2017
At the Manchester Library 7:00 p.m.

Nominees for office are:

President: John Winslow
Vice President: Thomas Uemoto
Secretary: Susan Seykota-Smith
Treasurer: Theresa McBride
Director, Position # 1: Bill Lounsbery (1 year term)
Director, Position #2: Frank Gilbert (3 year term)

Additional nominations may be made at the meeting,
or send your nominations to John Winslow, at
johnwinslo@aol.com

Come join the FOML and support our community library!

HOLIDAY GIFT/ READING Suggestions from your Friends

Karin Fossum *Bad Intentions*

Also *Murder of Harriet Krohn*

John Le Carre *A Legacy of Spies*

Nicole Krauss *Forest Dark*

(read her *History of Love* if you haven't yet)

Christina Kline *The Orphan Train*

George Saunders *Lincoln in the Bardo*

Josh Dean *The Taking of K-129: How the CIA used
Howard Hughes to Steal a Russian Sub ...*

Michael Lewis *Boomerang: Travels in the New Third World*

Amor Towles *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Truman Capote *A Christmas Memory*



Towel Sculpture:

A DIY winter activity to try to copy from the stewards of a recent cruise. Perhaps the skill resides in Manchester. If so let your editor or the Librarians know.