

George Elliot

George Elliot, the pen name used by Mary Ann Evans, was born in Warwickshire, England in 1819. A voracious reader of demonstrable intelligence, Elliot undertook a comprehensive program of independent study while still a teenager. Elliot loved to write and her father’s death in 1849 left her with enough money to finance her literary intentions. In 1854, she met the noted philosopher and literary critic, George Henry Lewes, who encouraged her to get published.

Elliot was one of England’s leading writers during the Victorian era. Her books include *Scenes of Clerical Life* (1857), *Adam Bede* (1859), *The Mill on the Floss* (1860), *Silas Marner* (1861), and her masterpiece, *Middlemarch* (1872). Elliot described the complex relationships that centered about her well-intentioned characters, giving us such memorable heroines as Maggie Tulliver (*The Mill on the Floss*) and Dorothea Brooke (*Middlemarch*). Although they appear to have functioned without a purpose, Elliot’s creations occupied well-developed plots, and their efforts were essential to human progress.

Especially adept at describing England’s rural life, Elliot defined a woman’s role in society well over a century before it became fashionable to do so. George Elliot died at Chelsea, an affluent neighborhood in southwestern London, in 1889.

Essay by Bill Lounsbury

KRL has all of these writings by Eliot, as well as a DVD of Middlemarch and Daniel Deronda.

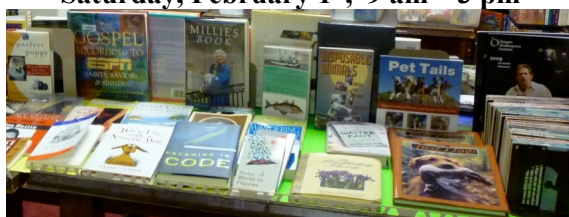
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Reading Recommendation from The Editor:

Slough House (spy series) by Mick Herron. 2010s, or so, in London. A small group of unwanted MI-5 agents work near Barbican Tube Station in London, doing what they see as “busy work.” However, events intercede and they are drawn into major events involving rogue agents, sleeper spy cells, jewel heists, and hit squads. KRL has all 6 books – READ IN ORDER – start with *Slow Horses!*

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Saturday, February 1st, 9 am – 3 pm



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On January 27, *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman. On February 10, the One Book, One Community selection, *Evicted* by Matthew Desmond.

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