

ANNUAL SHORT STORY DISCUSSION GROUP

Presented by: Denny Klos

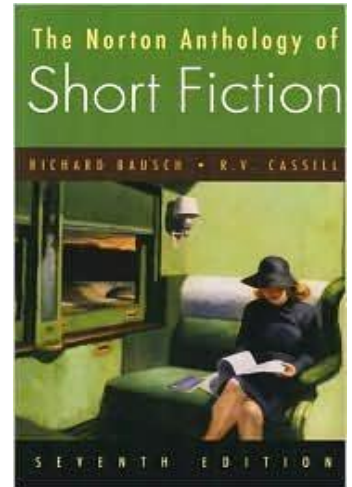
Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2020

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Valle Verde Social Room

900 Calle de los Amigos, Santa Barbara

Short stories written by acclaimed authors will be the focus for group discussion. Prior to each meeting, participants will read three stories chosen from the book *The Norton Anthology of Short Fiction*, Seventh Edition (ISBN 0-393-92611-7). This is the long edition with an all-green cover. A low-priced copy in very good condition can be purchased from Amazon. The group will be limited to 16 participants.



“My short stories are like soft shadows I have set out in the world, faint footprints I have left ... Short stories are like guideposts to my heart ...” — *Haruki Murakami*

“Short stories are targeted, hand grenades of ideas. When they work, they hit, they explode, and you never forget them.” — *Paolo Bacigalupi*

“Short stories are tiny windows into other worlds and other minds and other dreams. They are journeys you can make to the far side of the universe and still be back in time for dinner.” — *Neil Gaiman*

----- Preferred registration deadline*: February 21, 2020 -----

*Early enrollment helps us with our planning; also, those who register by the preferred deadline will be given priority in case of over-enrollment.

Enrollment form: Short Story Discussion Group

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“I love short stories because I believe they are the way we live. They are what our friends tell us, in their pain and joy, their passion and rage, their yearning and their cry against injustice.” — *Andre Dubus*

“Storytelling reveals meaning without committing the error of defining it.”
— *Hannah Arendt*

“I think the best stories always end up being about the people rather than the event, which is to say character-driven.” — *Stephen King*

“A short story is the shortest distance between two points; a novel is the scenic route.” — *Robert J. Sawyer*



Denny Klos is a retired clinical and forensic psychologist. He has a BS in Electrical Engineering from Purdue, an MBA and PhD from Harvard University, and a postdoctoral fellowship from Yale University. He was a professor at Williams College, the University of Michigan, and the California School of Professional Psychology. He was an academic dean, a clinical practitioner, and an expert witness. Inspirational teachers of English nourished Denny’s lifelong interest in the human condition as depicted in short stories and novels.

VISTAS Calendar — Winter/Spring 2020

Seminar/Event	Inclusive dates	Time	Venue
Vistas Winter Social	Saturday, January 25	2:00 pm	Music Academy of the West
Nonfiction Book Club	2nd Thursday monthly	1:30 pm	Vista del Monte / Sierra Madre Lounge
Documentary Film Club	3rd Thursday monthly	2:00 pm	Maravilla Theater
Lesser-Known Heroes and Rogues II	Weds., Jan. 15, 22, 29	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
All Politics Are Local	Tues., Jan. 21	9:30 am	Covarrubias Adobe / SB Historical Mus.
The Scientific Revolution	Mon., Jan. 27, Feb. 3, 10, 17	9:30 am	Bethany Congregational Church
“Things About S.B.’s Past I Never Knew!”	Tues., Feb. 4	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church
Donizetti’s Three Queens	Wed., Feb. 12, 19, 26	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
Free Speech, Zoning, Constitutional Law	Mon., Feb. 24, March 2, 9	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
SBCB Theatre trip: <i>The Curious Incident</i> ...	Sun., Mar. 1	2:00 pm	SBCB / Garvin Theatre
Annual Short Story Discussion Group	Weds., Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25	1:00 pm	Valle Verde / Social Room
Opera SB trip: <i>Il Postino</i>	Sun., Mar. 8	1:45 pm	Lobero Theatre
Three Important Economic Issues	Tues., Mar. 17, 24, 31	9:30 am	Goleta Library
Spirituals, Dance Bands, and Hot Solos	Wed., Apr. 1, 8, 15	9:30 am	Music Academy of the West
“Sounds Good! But Does It Really Work?”	Mon., Apr. 6, 13, 20, 27	9:30 am	Vista del Monte / Sierra Madre Lounge
Opera SB trip: <i>Roméo et Juliette</i>	Sun., May 3	1:45 pm	Lobero Theatre
Let’s Talk Art!	Mon., May 4, 11, 18	9:30 am	Bethany Congregational Church
Accidental Presidents	Weds., May 13, 20	9:30 am	Montecito Covenant Church