



**54th Annual Wachs Great Books
Summer Institute
at
Colby College, Waterville, Maine
August 1 - 7, 2010**

Cultural Collisions

(All are Nobel Literature Prize recipients.)

J.M. Coetzee	Life and Times of Michael K
Doris Lessing	The Golden Notebook
Naguib Mahfouz	The Thief and the Dogs
V.S. Naipaul	A Bend in the River
Wole Soyinka	The Lion and the Jewel
Wisława Szymborska, Seamus Heaney, Derek Walcott, Octavio Paz, Pablo Neruda	Selected Poems

Join us in our annual reading, discussion and friendship week at Colby College. In a Great Books Discussion, a group of readers share their understanding of a thought-provoking book in a well-conducted forum. We work to find a level of insight rarely achieved by reading alone. Our week is a time for readers who love to think and talk about the world's great works and who enjoy spending time with others who share that joy.

The Registration Fee of \$525 covers your accommodations in a dormitory room (single or double), meals, discussions and books, as well as swimming, tennis, a film, group social activities, and a real Maine lobster bake. The cost for commuters (people who participate in group activities but live off-campus) is \$250, and includes lunches and the lobster bake. Scholarships are available on a need basis. The registration deadline is July 1st.

Application and Refunds: A deposit of \$250 per person is required with application, \$125 of which is refundable for cancellations before July 1. The balance is due at registration on August 1. We do not accept credit cards, so be prepared with a check or cash. We will send books and additional information upon receipt of your deposit, usually within 4 weeks. To register, complete the form that follows and send with your deposit of \$250 per person to:

Great Books Summer Institute at Colby
824 Thomas Road
Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1107

Visit our website www.greatbooksdiscussionprograms.org for details, or direct any questions to Tom Beam at 215-836-2380, or FAX 215-836-7158, or email agreatbook@aol.com.

There is also an **optional bus trip** to the Maine shore for a fee of \$25 (see form). Please indicate your interest on the application form and include the fee in your check.

What is it like to spend a week at the **Wachs Great Books Institute**?

Have you ever closed a book after reading the last page and wished you could discuss it with someone? Every summer, readers gather for one week at Colby College to discuss a set of great works and to enjoy the company of others who have at least these readings in common.

Participants live in the Colby dormitories, eat together in a dining room, and are assigned to discussion groups for the week. Formal discussions take place in the mornings, and follow the rules of the Great Books shared inquiry method. No outside sources are allowed so that all participants are on an equal basis and the emphasis is truly on the reader and the text. We mail books to participants soon after registration, and people are expected to have read the texts completely before they get to Colby. Most discussion groups have assigned leaders, who move from group to group during the week. A few very experienced participants opt for a “leaderless” group.

There are a wide variety of activities during the week, from an opening night orientation to a talent show (strictly voluntary), a lobster bake, and a movie. The world famous Art Museum provides docent tours (signup at registration). The Great Books Institute takes over a social gathering place each night for the “Wachs Works”, our version of a friendly pub, named after our founder, Is Wachs. Here people socialize, play cards and just relax.

Cotter Union, Colby's student center, includes Page Commons (for lectures, performances, and celebrations), the Pulver Pavilion, the student post office, conference rooms, lounges, the Office of Student Activities and the most recent addition, the Colby Seaverns Bookstore. The Joseph Family Spa, which serves beverages, short-order meals, and snacks, is located in Pulver Pavilion, and the Marchese Blue Light Pub is in the south wing. The Pugh Center houses offices for multicultural organizations and meeting space for social and cultural programs.

The food at Colby is good and plentiful. Living arrangements are plain but comfortable. Fans, phones, reading lights and bed boards are available. It is dormitory living, however, with no frills and no air conditioning. (Our Maine location means this usually is not a problem.) We have private bedrooms with shared bath facilities. All buildings are smoke-free. The school provides towels and bed linens. Arrangements can sometimes be made for people with special needs. Let us know if you need access to a refrigerator for medical needs. The college has a great library, a fine art museum, a bookstore, tennis courts and first-class athletic facilities, as well as waterfront property at a nearby lake. For those without cars, rides with other participants are generally available.

Participants make their own travel arrangements. Many arrive by car, but there is air service to Portland and Bangor or South West Airlines et al to Manchester, NH, with rental cars, buses and limousine service available from there. There is also a Greyhound bus terminal in Waterville.

People attending the Institute come from all walks of life. Many of them have come to Colby for decades, but there are also many newcomers every year. Everyone is welcome. The goal is shared inquiry, shared laughter, and shared experience. The results are often friendship, fun and sometimes even glimpses of the truth.

Want additional flyers or information on some other Great Books events?

Go to www.greatbooksdiscussionprograms.org.

Optional Bus Trip to Maine Shore Wednesday, August 4th Noon to 8pm

Discover stunning natural beauty at Coastal Maine in Owls Head and Rockland. Visit these museums:

Owls Head Transportation Museum www.ohtm.org/

Owls Head Light lighthouse.cc/owls/

Maine Lighthouse Museum www.mainelighthousemuseum.com/

Farnsworth Art Museum www.farnsworthmuseum.org/

High on a promontory near Rockland Harbor, this short, brick tower was one of the picturesque lights mentioned when Maine was dubbed "The Lighthouse State." The keeper's house now is a residence for a Coast Guard family, but it sits in a state park open to the public. Owls Head Light Station was built in 1825. See one of the finest collections of pioneer-era aircraft and automobiles in the world.

The Farnsworth Museum and its nationally recognized collection of American art are located in Rockland. New galleries, award-winning restaurants, and trendy shops are rapidly moving into the downtown area.

The bus trip will include a box lunch, available as you board the bus at noon. You can visit the museums, the town, and have dinner on your own. The bus will board promptly at 8pm for the return to campus.

See the reverse side for the Junior Great Books at Colby College Registration form.
To register Juniors fill out the reverse side.

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APPLICATION (Make checks payable to Great Books Summer Institute)

Name (s) _____

Address _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Rooming with _____

Rooming near (if possible) _____

[] Need Handicapped Access

[] Need Bed Board

[] Prefer Self-Directed Leaderless Group

[] Have previous Great Books Experience

[] We have included \$25 per person for the Bus Trip

Indicate Initials

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Junior Great Books at Colby College

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2010 Books – All Newbery Winners or Honor Books

<i>A Year Down Yonder</i>	by Richard Peck
<i>A Single Shard</i>	by Linda Sue Park
<i>Yolonda's Genius</i>	by Carol Fenner
<i>The View from Saturday</i>	by E. L. Konigsburg

Games	Outdoor games	Olympic size pool	Lobster bake
Art	Full run of campus	Tennis courts	Talent show
Full gym	Socialize with friends	College meals	Dorm living

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 Name: _____ Age: _____ Grade in September: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

Accompanying Adult(s) Name(s): _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____

For counselor's information, please let us know your interests.
 Hobbies: _____
 Favorite Book: _____
 Talent for Talent Show: _____

(Please make checks payable to **Great Books Summer Institute**)

On Campus Junior GB families will be housed together on one floor of our dorms.

On Campus		Commuters	
Young Adult	ages 10-16 \$340	Young Adult	ages 10-16 \$160
Children	ages 5-9 \$300	Children	ages 5-9 \$140
Adult	\$525	Adult	\$250