

Love or War?

You Choose

Experience a stimulating day of discussion, camaraderie and, possibly, civilized controversy at the Long Island Great Books Council's Annual Spring Institute. We invite you to attend one of two concurrent discussions on human relations, either love or war, at our annual one-day Spring Institute and to see a movie after the discussions.

"Love" Readings:

1. **Women In Love by D.H. Lawrence**

This novel of human relations presents several very different personalities as they engage life, seek love, and participate in power relationships of early 20th Century European society. D.H. Lawrence is among the greatest of English-language writers at showing human behavior in a way that enlarges our understanding of people, both ourselves and others. After the discussions, there will be a showing of the movie Women in Love, starring Glenda Jackson, Alan Bates, etc.

2. **"Meneseung" and "Simon's Luck" from Selected Stories by Alice Munro**

These two short stories describe other approaches to life, with and without love, and the power relationships in two societies. Alice Munro is one of the finest living short story writers. She is considered by some to be the true successor to Chekhov.

"War" Readings:

3. **The Killer Angels by Jeff Shaara**

This extraordinary novel is an account of the Civil War battle of Gettysburg. The author built his story upon known facts. He created dialogue that was consistent with the customs and personalities of the principal characters. Some senior military officers have described this book as the most accurate portrayal of men in combat that they have read. This Pulitzer Prize winning novel was the basis for the movie Gettysburg.

4. **A History of Warfare by John Keegan**

We will discuss selections from this work that address the roles of warfare in human society and individual lives. This work describes ancient to modern methods of warfare, and engages the debate on the modern purpose of war that was initiated by Karl von Clausewitz. John Keegan is one of the most highly regarded of contemporary British military historians, and this book contributes to the multi-century dialogue among authors concerned with ideas that matter to human life.

Who is this for?

Anyone who wants to read and discuss thought-provoking literature.

What do you get?

Two books; participation in two discussions; good food (continental breakfast, hot lunch, beverages); and an opportunity to present your ideas and listen to and explore the ideas of others. An outstanding movie, the 1969 production of Women in Love, will be shown at the end of the afternoon discussion from 4 to 6 p.m. For those attending our War discussions, this movie is an opportunity to explore some connections between warriors and lovers.

Where? 223 Stewart Avenue (at Nassau Boulevard) in Garden City (the Unitarian Universalist building)

When? Saturday, June 4, 2005, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (6 p.m. with the movie)

Cost? \$37 per person

How? Request a copy of the registration form at tps.greatbooks@verizon.net or tear off the bottom of this notice.

Are you new to Great Books Discussions? If so, send an e-mail to tps.greatbooks@verizon.net for information or call either June Ferrara at 631-581-5082 or Grahme Fischer at 631-361-3401. We provide an extraordinary, useful, and non-authoritarian discussion method that values life experience as a critical element of learning.

Send \$37.00 check or money order for each person before May 1, 2005. Books (and travel directions) will be shipped after receipt of funds.

Checks payable to: **The Long Island Great Books Council**

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Name(s): _____

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I wish to attend discussions of: **Readings 1 & 2 (love)** ____ **or** **Readings 3 & 4 (war)** ____ **(no other options)**

I plan to attend movie Yes ____ No ____

List special food/dietary needs on reverse side.