

# Leadership and Freedom

Experience a stimulating day of discussion, camaraderie and, possibly, civilized controversy at the Long Island Great Books Council's Annual Spring Discussion. We invite you to attend one of two concurrent discussions on personality and leadership methods in a world seeking freedom.

## Group A

### 1. Watership Down by Richard Adams

This novel has been "a phenomenal worldwide bestseller" since the 1970s. It is a much-loved adventure story that presents, along with loyalty, compassion and courage, good and bad leadership styles during a perilous trek for freedom. The author claims it is only a story about rabbits, but professional reviewers have asserted that it is rich in content. Is this another example of there being more in the book than exists in the author? You will enjoy this book!

### 2. The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore Cooper

This novel is the most popular of his Leatherstocking Tales. It describes elements of rural life in New York State around 1757 (the Albany region, a British Colony) during the French and Indian War. This adventure story and romance is valued for its "evocation of wild beautiful landscapes," its groundbreaking treatments of race relations between the British Colonists and Native Americans, and its portrayal of individual leadership and action in contrast with hierarchical decision-making. We will read the Oxford World's Classics edition, an annotated book.

## Group B

### 3. Washington, a Life by Ron Chernow

"The best, most comprehensive, and most balanced single-volume biography of Washington ever written" (*The New York Review of Books*). Those of you who discussed Chernow's biography of Alexander Hamilton have a sense of the extraordinary treat available from *Washington*. Our discussion and *Washington* will provide a rare window into human life and American history. This Pulitzer Prize winner is a long book (67 chapters, 700 pages), so order early.

### 4. The Penguin Guide to the United States Constitution: A Fully Annotated Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution and Amendments, and Selections from The Federalist Papers by Jefferson, Madison, Hamilton, Jay and Richard Beeman

Our reading consists of selections from three major founding documents of the United States, annotated by one of the "foremost experts on the United States Constitution." This volume should assist a contemporary understanding of some of the issues confronted by George Washington and by ourselves.

**Who is this for?** Anyone who wants to read and discuss thought-provoking literature.

**What do you get?** Books; participation in two discussions; good food (continental breakfast, lunch, beverages); an opportunity to present your ideas, listen to, and explore the ideas of others.

**Where:** NEW LOCATION at Garden City Casino, 51 Cathedral Avenue in Garden City, about 15 minutes from the NYC border, or 25 minutes from the Throgs Neck Bridge, or 45 minutes from the Verrazano Narrows Bridge (60 minutes in heavy traffic) and only a 2 minute walk from the Garden City LIRR station.

**When:** Saturday June 9, 2012, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Cost:** \$60 per person

**How:** Request a copy of the registration form at [ligb@optimum.net](mailto:ligb@optimum.net) or tear off the bottom of this notice. Send with check.

Are you new to Great Books Discussions? If so, send an e-mail to [ligb@optimum.net](mailto:ligb@optimum.net) for information or call either Arlene Stock at 212-688-0034 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.

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Send \$60 check or money order for each person before May 21, 2012. Books (& directions) will be shipped after receipt of funds.

Make checks payable to: **The Long Island Great Books Council** or **LIGBC**

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**I wish to attend discussions of:**

**Group A: Readings 1 & 2** \_\_\_\_\_ **OR** **Group B: Readings 3 & 4** \_\_\_\_\_

(No other options are available.)

List special food/dietary needs on reverse side.