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CAPITAL AREA READS

One Book





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WELCOME TO
Capital Area Reads!

A good book is even better when people get together to talk about it. The Capital Area Reads project is designed to encourage discussion and spark the exchange of ideas across Ingham County.

Choosing a book for Capital Area Reads is a difficult task. How do you find a story that will bridge generations and appeal to the wide variety of readers in an entire county? Committee members read widely and debated the strengths and weaknesses of many books before agreeing that Scott Turow's *Ordinary Heroes* was the extraordinary reading experience they most wanted to share.

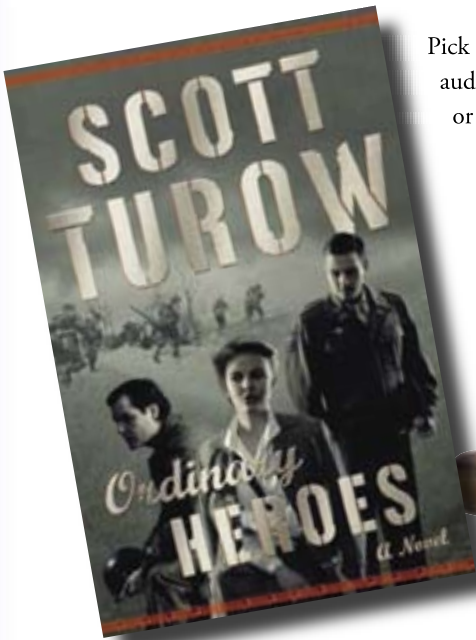
This rich novel combines page-turning suspense with universal themes of family relationships, racism, and the inevitable loss of innocence in war.

CADL and its partners invite you to join with other readers in experiencing this exciting and thought-provoking novel. This brochure includes information about special library programs, book discussion groups, a wide variety of print and media resources, and Mr. Turow's upcoming visit.

ABOUT THE BOOK

"All parents keep secrets from their children..."

Stewart Dubinsky knew his father, David, had served in World War II. And he'd been told how David had rescued Stewart's mother from the horror of the Balingen concentration camp. But when he discovers, after his father's death, a packet of wartime letters to a former fiancée, and learns of his father's court-martial and imprisonment, he is plunged into the mystery of his family's secret history. In reconstructing the terrible events and agonizing choices his father faced on the battlefield, in the courtroom, and in love, Stewart gains a better understanding of his own heritage and of the brutal nature of war itself.



Pick up a copy of the book or audiobook at any [CADL location](#), or [place a hold at cadl.org](#).



"Ordinary Heroes is a beautifully wrought, finely achieved reconstruction of an elusive, a clandestine life—a World War II life, as it happens—by Scott Turow at the very top of his form. So, be warned, a book to start on Friday night." – Novelist Alan Furst

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

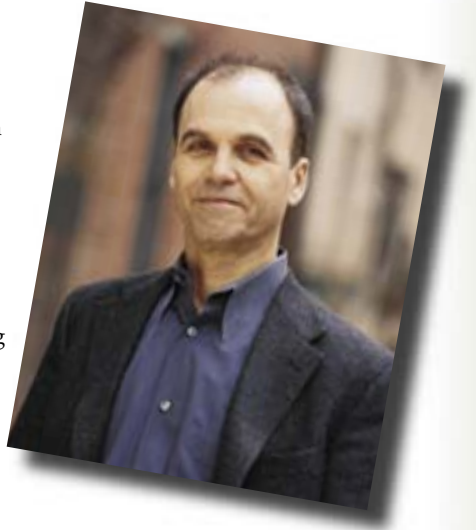
Scott Turow is the world famous author of seven best-selling novels, from *Presumed Innocent* (1987) to *Ordinary Heroes* (2005), as well as the novella *Limitations* (2006) and nonfiction works *One L* and *Ultimate Punishment*. His books have been translated into more than 25 languages and have sold more than 25 million copies. His literary awards include the 2003 Heartland Prize for *Reversible Errors* and the 2004 Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for *Ultimate Punishment*.

Book Signing

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 • 3:30 pm
Okemos Library

Presentation

TUESDAY, MARCH 27 • 7 pm
NEW VENUE*
Cooley Law School Temple Building
6th floor auditorium
217 S. Capitol Avenue, Lansing
Get a map



Hear Mr. Turow talk about *Ordinary Heroes*, followed by a question and answer period. Copies of the book will be available for sale and signing.

This will be a ticketed event, with free tickets available beginning Feb. 26. See library staff or call (517) 367-6348 for ticket information. Some restrictions may apply.

* Please note that this location has changed from the Okemos school listed in the CADL Winter Program Guide.

Parking available in the South Capitol and Townsend Street ramps. A fee will be charged.

ADD YOUR VOICE

Share your reactions, ideas and questions about *Ordinary Heroes* by participating in a book discussion at one of our libraries. No registration is required.

Click on any library name for directions and contact information.

MAIN LIBRARY

Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 12 noon

AURELIUS

Tuesday, March 20 • 3 pm

DANSVILLE

Tuesday, March 20 • 6:30 pm

FOSTER

Thursday, Jan. 18 • 1 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 7 • 7 pm

HASLETT

Wednesday, March 7 • 7 pm

HOLT-DELHI

Wednesday, March 21 • 6:30 pm

LESLIE

Wednesday, Feb. 14 • 1 pm

MASON

Tuesday, Jan. 16 • 2 pm

OKEMOS

Thursday, March 1 • 10 am

(Friends Group)

Thursday, March 15 • 12 noon

(Book Group)

SOUTH LANSING

Tuesday, Feb. 27 • 12 noon

STOCKBRIDGE

Friday, Feb. 23 • 12 noon

WEBBERVILLE

Monday, March 26 • 7 pm

WILLIAMSTON

Monday, Feb. 26 • 7 pm



BOOK DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Here are some suggested questions to use in discussing Ordinary Heroes.

1. The book opens with personal V-Mails and includes David Dubin's own eyewitness accounts and artifacts. Is this an effective way to tell his story?
2. How do David's and Stewart's perceptions of life differ?
3. What did you initially think of Robert Martin? Did this impression change?
4. Were Martin's actions unpatriotic? Would you have let him escape?
5. How would you describe Gita's allure to men? How does she differ from her mother? Discuss Gita's dream to have an ordinary life.
6. What does war teach Dubin about love?
7. How does Staff Sergeant (Biddy) Bidwell's perception of racism compare to David's? What common ground do the two men share?
8. Chapter 13 ends with Leach's recollection that David feared his children would learn his secrets. To what extent do you think we should keep secrets from our descendants? To what extent is this harmful?
9. What does the book's title mean to you? Is there such a thing as an "ordinary" hero? What is a hero from Scott Turow's point of view? Who are your heroes?
10. Has your father or any other relative ever discussed wartime experiences with you? If so, did it help you understand him better? Does your family history include mystery or heroism?

Find additional questions [here](#) and [here](#).

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

In addition to hosting Scott Turow, CADL is pleased to welcome a celebrity judge to our area. We also will present a variety of programs and events related to *Ordinary Heroes'* themes of family and history.

All programs are free and open to the public; some require advance registration. Click on any library name for directions and contact information.

Judge Glenda A. Hatchett

CADL is excited to host an appearance by Glenda A. Hatchett, Georgia's first African-American Chief Presiding Judge of a state court, and star of the award-winning television show *Judge Hatchett*. Read more about her [here](#).

FOSTER

Saturday, Feb. 24 • 2 pm

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Preserving Your Family Treasures

Learn from local experts how to preserve your heirlooms, collections, photos and other family treasures for years to come.

HOLT-DELHI

Thursday, March 1 • 7 pm

WEBBERVILLE

Tuesday, March 13 • 7 pm

SOUTH LANSING

Tuesday, March 6 • 6:30 pm

HASLETT

Friday, March 16 • 10 am

DANSVILLE

Thursday, March 8 • 2 pm

MAIN LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 21 • 7 pm

Genealogy 101

Sam Pardee of the Ingham County Genealogical Society will help you get started on one of today's most popular hobbies—researching your family history.

WILLIAMSTON

Tuesday, March 6 • 2 pm

FOSTER

Wednesday, March 21 • 6:30 pm

SOUTH LANSING

Tuesday, March 20 • 6:30 pm

HOLT-DELHI

Thursday, March 22 • 7 pm

Remembering the Homefront: 1941 – 1945

This interactive program features a video of homefront activities, plus WWII mementos and songs. Presented by Bill Nelton, Director of CADL Outreach Services.

HASLETT

Friday, March 9 • 10 am

FOSTER

Wednesday, March 14 • 10:30 am

STOCKBRIDGE

Sunday, March 11 • 2 pm

DANSVILLE

Thursday, March 22 • 2 pm

Registration required.

WWII Sites in Europe

Visit historic WWII sites in Great Britain, France, Luxembourg, Belgium and Germany via this fascinating slide show travelogue. Presented by Dr. Jeffrey G. Charnley, MSU Associate Professor, Department of Writing, Rhetoric and American Cultures.

MASON

Tuesday, March 6 • 6:30 pm

LESLIE

Thursday, March 15 • 6:30 pm



Beginning Scrapbooking

Bring three photos with a similar theme and learn to construct a fun and meaningful scrapbook page. Presented by Carolyn Edwards of Creative Memories. All materials provided; advance registration required.

WILLIAMSTON

Thursday, March 1 • 6 pm

Those Delta Rhythm Kings

Focusing on jump blues and the little big band sound of the 1940's and beyond, the award-winning Kings play the music of legends like Count Basie, T-Bone Walker and BB King. TDRK's lively and nostalgic tunes will appeal to crowds of all ages.

OKEMOS

Sunday, March 11 • 2 pm



Women in WWII

Hear fascinating stories of women who served in the armed forces during WWII, including several from the Lansing area: Eleanor Smith (Navy nurse), Stella Staley (Coast Guard) and Wanda Kearns (Navy WAVES). Presented by Katie Cavanaugh from the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame.

AURELIUS

Tuesday, March 13 • 2 pm

Preserving Your Life Stories

Learn how to capture your unique voice and your personal stories for future generations. Presented by Arlene Golden Campanella, founder of Golden Voice Memoirs.

OKEMOS

Wednesday, March 21 • 7 pm

LIBRARY RESOURCES

Learn more about WWII from many points of view and in a variety of formats, all available at the library. Click on any category name to see a list.

[Adult Fiction Titles](#)

[Adult Non-fiction Titles](#)

[Recommended for Teens](#)

[Recommended Movies](#)

INTERNET RESOURCES

Scott Turow used a variety of Internet sources while researching and writing Ordinary Heroes. Click [here](#) for a complete bibliography.

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PROJECT PARTNERS

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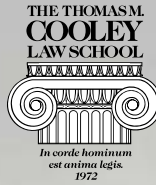
Michigan Women's Hall of Fame

MY18

Schuler Books & Music

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(517) 367-6363

AURELIUS LIBRARY

1939 S. AURELIUS ROAD, MASON
(517) 628-3743

DANSVILLE LIBRARY

1379 E. MASON STREET, DANSVILLE
(517) 623-6511

FOSTER LIBRARY

200 N. FOSTER AVENUE, LANSING
(517) 485-5185

HASLETT LIBRARY

5670 SCHOOL STREET, HASLETT
(517) 339-2324

HOLT-DELHI LIBRARY

2078 AURELIUS ROAD, HOLT
(517) 694-9351

LESLIE LIBRARY

201 PENNSYLVANIA STREET, LESLIE
(517) 589-9400

MASON LIBRARY

145 W. ASH STREET, MASON
(517) 676-9088

OKEMOS LIBRARY

4321 OKEMOS ROAD, OKEMOS
(517) 347-2021

SOUTH LANSING LIBRARY

3500 S. CEDAR STREET, LANSING
(517) 272-9840

STOCKBRIDGE LIBRARY

200 WOOD STREET, STOCKBRIDGE
(517) 851-7810

WEBBERVILLE LIBRARY

115 S. MAIN STREET, WEBBERVILLE
(517) 521-3643

WILLIAMSTON LIBRARY

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