“A Book Discussion to End all Book Discussions”
at the Westchester Great Books Council’s
31st Annual Day of Discussion Saturday January 27, 2024

Saturday, January 27, 2023 9:30am - 3:30pm  Briarcliff High School, Briarcliff Manor, NY

Light breakfast provided with beverages. BYO lunch with beverages and dessert provided.

You are invited to join other inquisitive readers for the Westchester Great Books Council’s day of discussion on the WWI novels, Hemingway’s A Farewell to Arms and Pat Barker’s Regeneration. Trained leaders will help you gain new insights through open ended questions using the “shared inquiry” style for discussion that encourages dialogue and respectful debate relying entirely on the text as the source for point and counterpoint.

A Farewell to Arms by Ernest Hemingway
Written when Ernest Hemingway was thirty years old and lauded as the best American novel to emerge from World War I, A Farewell to Arms is the unforgettable story of an American ambulance driver on the Italian front and his passion for a beautiful English nurse. Set against the horrors of the battlefield—wearily, demoralized men marching in the rain during the German attack on Caporetto; the profound struggle between loyalty and desertion—this gripping, semiautobiographical work captures the harsh realities of war and the pain of lovers caught in its inexorable sweep.

Excerpted Amazon

A Farewell to Arms – Ernest Hemingway

Regeneration by Pat Barker
Pat Barker’s Booker Prize nominated historical anti-war novel explores the experience of World War I British army officers being treated for shell shock at an Edinburgh war hospital. It draws extensively on first person narratives from the period, using characters based on individuals present at the hospital including poets and patients and psychiatrist W. H. R. Rivers, who pioneered treatments of post-traumatic stress disorder during and after World War I. The novel is thematically complex, exploring the effect of the War on identity, masculinity, and social structure.

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Regeneration - Pat Barker

Using the designated editions facilitates your active participation in the discussion and is strongly encouraged.

Questions? Contact Marta Burachok at westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com

Registration Details
Register via PayPal to westchestergreatbooks@gmail.com using the “Send to Family and Friends” option.

Important -must include email & phone number for contact if discussion is changed to Zoom due to snow

Cost: $15.00  Deadline: January 20, 2024

If this becomes a Zoom event, your registration fee will be donated to the Ossining Food Pantry.

PayPal strongly preferred.

2023 Annual Day of Discussion Mail-In Registration Instructions
Checks payable to Westchester Great Books Council can be mailed to:
Westchester Great Books Council, P.O. Box 233, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510