

## HILLSBORO COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

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### True Crime...

Some people enjoy a good murder mystery –the enigmatic victim, the cast of eccentric suspects, the clues and the red herrings and the detectives who are also poets, epicures, or British grand dames. And some people find it all too contrived: real life just isn't a conspiracy theorist's scenario. But if you find yourself somewhere in the middle of these two opinions you might just enjoy...

### Featured This Month:

**The Innocent Man: Murder and Injustice in a Small Town** by John Grisham is a new addition to the library. This book, published in October 2006, is Grisham's first venture into non-fiction. It is primarily the story of Ron Williamson and the justice (injustice) system in Ada, Oklahoma.

Five years after a horrific murder of a young woman in 1982 police decided that Williamson, who was mentally unstable, committed the crime. Grisham spent more than 18 months researching trial transcripts, depositions and appeals and interviewing Williamson's relatives and other persons knowledgeable about the case. After his conviction and spending 11 years on death row (sometimes only days from his execution date), Williamson was freed by DNA evidence. The prosecuting attorney still refuses to believe he (the attorney) made mistakes. Williamson died a couple of years after his release. The police never pursued the most likely killer.

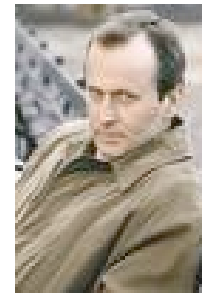
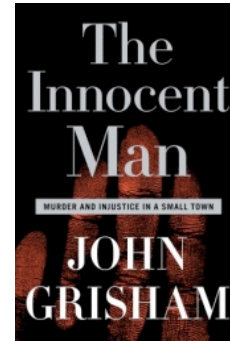
The book gives numerous reasons for concern about our criminal justice system: inadequate and underfunded public defenders, use of jailhouse inmate testimonies (lies) to obtain convictions, poor mental health evaluations and cursory reviews by appeals courts. Williamson's case was not unique. Although they did not receive death sentences, at least three other men (one released after a lengthy internment) were convicted on fabricated evidence in Ada and sent to prison for crimes they did not commit. After all, the juries felt that if the police arrested people and the prosecutor says they did it, they must be guilty!

While at times the details of testimonies, fingerprinting, hair analysis and mental reviews may be tedious, I found the book very interesting and readable—especially since it is a true story. Could injustice like this occur in New Mexico? Read the book and decide.

*Review by Tom Myers*



*Ron Williamson*



*John Grisham*

### May We Also Suggest....

By John Grisham: **Runaway Jury, The Firm, The Broker, The Chamber, The Client, The Brethren, The King of Torts, The Partner, The Rainmaker**

### Notes from the Boards:

Welcome to the new 2007 Friends of the Library Board elected at last month's annual meeting: President – Bill Raacke; Vice-President – John Cornell; Secretary/Treasurer – Cindy Cornell; FOL/Library Board Liaison – Matilde Holzwarth.

New library volunteers are also being sought. anyone knows of someone who might be interested, (clue: "How do I get to know people in town?") please contact Patty Woodruff.

Throwing away your Bullocks receipts? Please save them for the library! Bullocks will donate 2% of your totals to the library. You can leave your receipts at the Library desk.

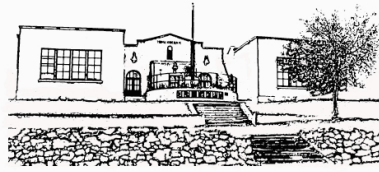
### Special Events:

**Tuesday, March 6: Coffee Hour 7-8 pm**  
**Saturday, April 7: Bake Sale 12pm-2pm**

### Library Hours

Sunday & Monday: CLOSED    Tuesday: 6:30 – 8:30pm  
Wednesday: 1:00– 4:00pm    Thursday: 6:30–8:30pm  
Friday: 10:00am –1:00pm    Saturday 10:00am–2:00pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit our website: <http://www.zianet.com/hbolib>



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### New at the Library:

#### Nonfiction

**To Honor and Comfort; Native Quilting Traditions.**  
Robert Kennedy, by Evan Thomas  
**Wolf in the Southwest**, by David Brown  
**Silver City, Santa Rita, Hurley, NM**, by John Schilling  
**Ben Lilly's Tales of Bears, Lions and Hounds**  
**Death on the Gallows**, by West Gilbreath  
**Spain in the Southwest**, by John Kessell  
**Pueblo Revolt** by David Roberts  
**Fort Craig** by Charles Carroll  
**Traditional Arts of Spanish NM**  
**Hot Empire of Chile**, by Kent Paterson  
**Archaeologies of the Pueblo Revolt**, by Robert Preucel  
**Jewish Pioneers of New Mexico**  
**Rock Art in NM**, by Polly Schaafsma  
**Fine Indian Jewelry of the Southwest**, by Shelby Tisdale  
**UFOs over Galisteo**, by Robert Torrez  
**Guadalupe, our Lady of New Mexico**, by J. Dunnington  
**Viva Guadalupe**, by J. Dunnington  
**Milagros**, by Martha Egan  
**Good Life, NM Traditions and Food**, by F. Gilbert  
**Fly Fishing in Southern NM**, by Rex Johnson  
**New Mexico, Past & Future**, by Thomas Chavez  
**Wild Plants of the Pueblo Province**, by William Dunmire  
**Following the Royal Road**, by Hal Jackson  
**Canyon Gardens**, by V. Price  
**Mountains of New Mexico**, by Robert Julyan  
**Cranes**, by Alice Price  
**Bridge to the Past, NM State Monuments**, by Eliza Smith  
**Crafting Devotions; Tradition in Contemporary NM**  
**Santos**, by L. Kalb  
**Saving the Ranch, Conservation Easement Design**, by Anthony Anella  
**Indian Basketmakers of the Southwest**, by Larry Dalrymple  
**Mimbres Archaeology at the NAN Ranch Ruin**, by Harry Shafer  
**Refranes, Southwestern Spanish Proverbs**, by Ruben Cobos  
**Dictionary of NM & Southern Colorado Spanish**, by Ruben Cobos  
**Timeless Textiles, Traditional Pueblo Arts 1840-1940**, by Tyrone Campbell

#### Films (on VHS)

**Birdcage...Black Hawk Down ... Office Space**  
**Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind**  
**Last Emperor ... Monster's Ball ... Mouse Hunt**

#### Films (on DVD)

**Producers ...All Creatures Great & Small, I & II**  
**My Favorite Brunette...Meet John Doe ... Suddenly**  
**Kingdom of Heaven ...Jamaica Inn...Beat the Devil**  
**Father's Little Dividend...Made for Each Other**  
**2010: The Year We Make Contact**

#### Audio Books

**Omerta**, by Mario Puzo  
**2 titles by Margaret Truman**  
**2 titles by Lisa Scottoline**  
**Last precinct by Patricia Cornwell**

#### Fiction

**Caparisoned Horse** by Richard McMaster  
**Last Matriarch** by Sharman Russell  
**Bull by the Tale**, by John Duncklee  
**Good German**, by Joseph Kanon

#### Mysteries:

**Killing Maze**, by David Cole  
**Thread of the Spider**, by Val Davis  
**6 cat mysteries** by Shirley Murphy  
**Nothing but Trouble** by Michael McGarrity

#### Reference

**National Geographic Family Reference Atlas of the World**  
**Leonard Maltin's 2007 Movie Guide**  
**New York Times Almanac, 2007**

#### Cookbooks

**Cooking in the Land of Enchantment**, by L.Nusom

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