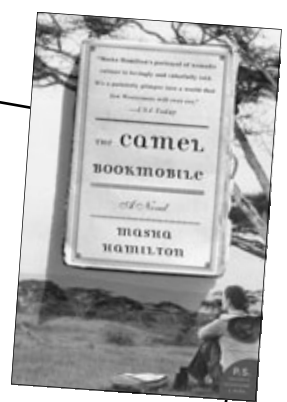


# Paso Robles Library Book Club

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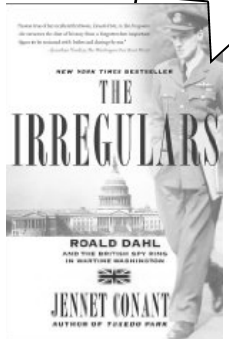
## Thursday, October 15 The Camel Bookmobile by Masha Hamilton

Fiona Sweeney wants to do something that matters, and she chooses to make her mark in the arid bush of northeastern Kenya by helping to start a traveling library to far-flung tiny communities where people live daily with drought, hunger, and disease. Her intentions are honorable, and her rules are firm: due to the limited number of donated books, if any one of them is not returned, the bookmobile will not return. But, encumbered by her Western values, Fiona does not understand the people she seeks to help, and she finds herself caught in the middle of a volatile local struggle when the bookmobile's presence sparks a dangerous feud between the proponents of modernization and those who fear the loss of traditional ways.



## Thursday, November 19 The Irregulars By Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl took up his post at the British Embassy in Washington in 1942; his assignment was to use his good looks, wit, and charm to gain access to the most powerful figures in American political life. Eager to do his part to save his country from a Nazi invasion, he invaded the upper reaches of the U.S. government, winning over First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and her husband, Franklin; befriending wartime leaders; and seducing the glamorous freshman congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce. Dahl was soon caught up in a complex web of deception masterminded by William Stephenson, Churchill's legendary spy chief, who, with President Roosevelt's tacit permission, mounted a secret campaign of propaganda and political subversion to weaken American isolationist forces, bringing the country into the war against Germany, and influencing U.S. policy in favor of England. The "Baker Street Irregulars," as they came to be known, planted British propaganda in American newspapers and radio programs, covertly influenced leading journalists, harassed prominent isolationists and anti-New Dealers, and plotted against American corporations that did business with the Third Reich.



## Thursday, January 21 Shop Class as Soulcraft by Matthew Crawford

This book brings alive the experience of making and fixing things with our hands. Those of us who sit in an office often feel a lack of connection to the material world, and find it difficult to say exactly what we do all day. For anyone who felt hustled off to college, then to the cubicle, against their own inclinations and natural bents, Crawford seeks to restore the honor of the manual trades as a life worth choosing. On both economic and psychological grounds, he questions the educational imperative of turning everyone into a "knowledge worker," based on a misguided separation of thinking from doing, the work of the hand from that of the mind. He makes a case for the intrinsic satisfactions and cognitive challenges of manual work. A wholly original debut, *Shop Class as Soulcraft* offers a passionate call for self-reliance and a moving reflection on how we can live concretely in an ever more abstract world.



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