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Wheat Ridge Reads Selects Madame Velvet's Cabaret of Oddities for 2020

WHEAT RIDGE, Colo. Oct. 23, 2019 – Based on community input from an online survey, Wheat Ridge Reads is happy to announce the book selection for 2020, *Madame Velvet's Cabaret of Oddities*. Author and performer Nancy Stohlman will join the community for a reading and discussion on her book in 2020 at Swiss Flower and Gift Cottage on January 15 and Ye Olde Firehouse on January 16. She will also meet with students at Wheat Ridge High School that week.

Madame Velvet is a woman determined to be a star, even if it means spray on Instant Fame! Meet her reflection, who dreams of a life of her own and manages to find love on the Internet! See the man desperately trying to earn a world record in the most bizarre way possible! Learn the origins of the Four-Legged Woman and the Human Skeleton! Clown mothers, suicidal ringmasters, a cult leader who teaches the cha-cha and Alaska Jackson's Traveling Medicine Show. Each character takes center stage in this vaudeville of fiction. Regardless of whether identified as flash fiction, microfiction, or short-short stories, *Madame Velvet's Cabaret of Oddities* is a compressed story that provides readers with a cabaret of the weird, the absurd, and the bizarre in a bold and bawdy new collection.

Check the City website and social media accounts for news on how to get a free copy of the book, and plan to join the discussion at readings with the author early in 2020. The book can be purchased at The BookBar and is available on loan at Jefferson County libraries.

Wheat Ridge Reads is sponsored by the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission, the Jefferson County Public Library, and the Wheat Ridge Library.

About Wheat Ridge Reads

Wheat Ridge Reads is a citywide book club, sponsored by the Wheat Ridge Cultural Commission. Presented annually, Wheat Ridge Reads is designed to promote literacy and a shared reading experience throughout the city.

About the City of Wheat Ridge

The City of Wheat Ridge, located west of Denver with a population of 31,000 residents, is home to a mix of retail/commercial businesses and unique residential neighborhoods. Wheat Ridge is a vibrant community in a prime location, providing easy access to the Denver metro area and to recreation west into the mountains. The City was recently ranked Top Smallest City by the Economic Development Council of Colorado. Info about Wheat Ridge ci.wheatridge.co.us

About Jefferson County Public Library

Jefferson County Public Library (JCPL) is the third largest public library in the state of Colorado. Their mission is to meet the changing needs of communities by providing information and environments that promote personal growth and community transformation. A JCPL library card provides access to an online library that operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week, a network of 10 libraries, a Bookmobile, a Traveling Children's Library and an eTrain mobile computer training lab, as well as books, periodicals, CDs and DVDs, audio and eBooks, and computer and Internet resources. For more information visit jeffcolibrary.org.

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