

MacMahan Literary Society Book Discussions

Friday July 24th (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

10:00 am

Welch Cottage - *All Are Welcome!*

Please come for coffee and to discuss
The Cider House Rules by John Irving

John Irving has been called the American [Dickens](#). Rich in characterization, epic in scope, first published in 1985, ***The Cider House Rules*** is the heart-wrenching story of orphan Homer Wells and his guardian, Dr. Wilbur Larch, saint and obstetrician, ether addict and abortionist and founder and director of the orphanage in the town of St. Cloud's in rural Maine. With nods of affection to both [David Copperfield](#) and [Jane Eyre](#), Irving's novel follows Homer on his journey from innocence to experience, brilliantly depicting the boy's struggle to find his place in the world.

Monday August 17th

10:00 a.m.

Hamilton Cottage – *All Are Welcome!*

Please come for coffee and to discuss
Euphoria by Lily King, A Maine author

Lily King's novel is the story of three young, gifted anthropologists in 1933 caught in a passionate love triangle that threatens their bonds, their careers, and ultimately their lives. Set between World War I and II and inspired by events in the life of revolutionary anthropologist Margaret Mead, ***Euphoria*** is an enthralling story of passion, possession, exploration and sacrifice. The novel won the New England Book Award for Fiction 2014, and was one of *N.Y. Times Book Review's* 10 best books of 2014.