

# HISTORY



## Roundtable est. 2017

### September's Topic: Environmental History

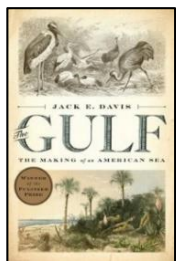
**Meeting Date:** Thursday, September 26th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Register at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us) or by calling 317-881-1953.

More info and handout at [www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable](http://www.greenwoodlibrary.us/historyroundtable).

Read. Watch. Listen. Discuss. Read any non-fiction book, watch a documentary, and/or listen to a podcast pertaining to Environmental History. Environmental history is the study of human interaction with the natural world over time, emphasizing the active role nature plays in influencing human affairs and vice versa. Once you've read/watched/listened to the item, come to the roundtable prepared to summarize your book/video/podcast for all the participants. Possible resources include (but are not limited to) –

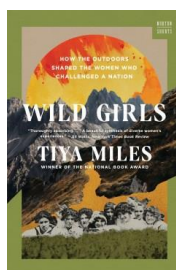
#### Books:



**[The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea](#) by Jack E. Davis – NONFICTION HISTORY WORLD LATIN AMERICA Davis; [eAudio](#) via Hoopla\***

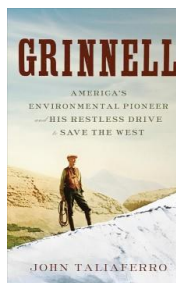
Significant beyond tragic oil spills and hurricanes, the Gulf has historically been one of the world's most bounteous marine environments, supporting human life for millennia. Based on the premise that nature lies at the center of human existence, Davis takes readers on a compelling and, at times, wrenching journey from the Florida Keys to the Texas Rio Grande, along marshy shorelines and majestic estuarine bays, both beautiful and life-giving, though fated to exploitation by esurient oil men and real-estate

developers.



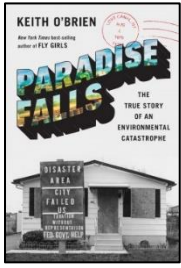
**[Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped the Women Who Challenged a Nation](#) by Tiya Miles – NONFICTION SOCIAL TOPICS WOMEN HISTORICAL Miles; [eAudio](#) via Hoopla\* and [eBook](#) via Libby\***

A National Book Award-winning, New York Times best-selling historian shows how girls who found self-understanding in the natural world became women who changed America. Wild Girls also brings new context to misunderstood icons like Sakakawea and Pocahontas, and to under-appreciated figures like Gertrude Bonin, Dolores Huerta, and Grace Lee Boggs. For the girls at the center of this book, woods, rivers, ball courts, and streets provided not just escape from degrees of servitude but also space to envision new spheres of action.



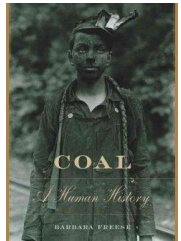
**[Grinnell: America's Environmental Pioneer and His Restless Drive to Save the West](#) by John Taliaferro – NONFICTION BIOGRAPHY Grinnell**

George Bird Grinnell, the son of a New York merchant, saw a different future for a nation in the thrall of the Industrial Age. With railroads scarring virgin lands and the formerly vast buffalo herds decimated, the country faced a crossroads: Could it pursue Manifest Destiny without destroying its natural bounty and beauty? The alarm that Grinnell sounded would spark America's conservation movement.



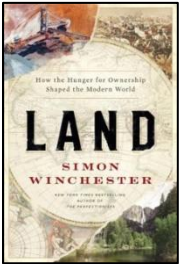
**[Paradise Falls: The True story of an Environmental Catastrophe](#) by Keith O'Brien – NONFICTION SOCIAL TOPICS ENVIRONMENTAL O'Brien**

Lois Gibbs, Luella Kenny, and Barbara Quimby thought they had found a slice of the American dream when they and their families moved onto the quiet streets of Love Canal, a picturesque middle-class hamlet by Niagara Falls in the winter of 1977. One by one, the children of the more than 800 families that made Love Canal their home started getting very sick. O'Brien paints vividly how their dauntless efforts would capture the American imagination at the time and form the foundation of the modern environmental movement.



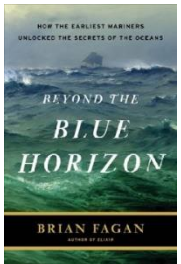
**[Coal: A Human History](#) by Barbara Freese – NONFICTION SCIENCE EARTH SCIENCE Freese; [eAudio](#) via Hoopla\***

The fascinating, often surprising story of how a simple black rock has altered the course of history. Freese traces the history of coal, discussing how it has been used in different cultures, how it is mined, what negative effects it has had on people, economics, and the environment, and the role it has played in world history and development.



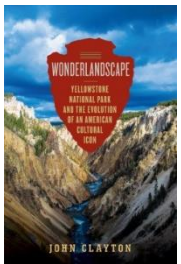
**[Land: How the Hunger for Ownership Shaped the Modern World](#) by Simon Winchester – NONFICTION HISTORY Winchester; [eBook](#) and [eAudio](#) via Libby\***

*Land* examines in depth how we determine where the land lies, how we acquire it, how we steward it, how and why we fight over it, and, finally, how we can, and on occasion do, come to share it. Ultimately, Winchester confronts the essential questions: who actually owns the world's land, how much of it do we really need, and why does it matter.



**[Beyond the Blue Horizon: How the Earliest Mariners Unlocked the Secrets of the Oceans](#) by Brian Fagan – NONFICTION HISTORY WORLD Fagan; [eBook](#) via Libby\***

Bestselling science historian Brian Fagan tackles his richest topic yet: the enduring mystery of the oceans, the planet's most forbidding terrain. This is not a tale of Columbus or Hudson, but of much earlier mariners. From the moment when ancient Polynesians first dared to sail beyond the horizon, Fagan vividly explains how our mastery of the oceans has changed history, even before history was written.



**[Wonderlandscape: Yellowstone National Park and the Evolution of an American Cultural Icon](#) by John Clayton – [eBook](#) & [eAudio](#) via Hoopla\* or request print book via Evergreen\***

Today Yellowstone is often a byword for conservation, natural beauty, and a way for everyone to enjoy the great outdoors. But it was not always this way. *Wonderlandscape* presents a new perspective on Yellowstone, the emotions that various natural wonders and attractions evoke, and how this explains the park's relationship to America as a whole.

**Video:**



**[The Wonders of America's State Parks](#) by National Geographic via Kanopy\***

Pick and choose a tour the United States State Parks from the 24 short episodes available. Topics include:

**Episode 7 – The Tidewater South: America's Birthplace:** Visit a region of Virginia and

Maryland where you can experience more than 400 years of American history, including the Jamestown settlement and the battle of Yorktown.

**Episode 14 – Presidential Parks in the Land of Lincoln:** Trace the formative years of Abraham Lincoln's life and learn how history and nature shaped one of the nation's most iconic presidents.

**Episode 22 – Washington's Orca Islands: The San Juans:** Want a fascinating glimpse of quirky American history? Look no further than a journey through the state parks of the San Juan Islands.

\*=requires GPL Evergreen Indiana card