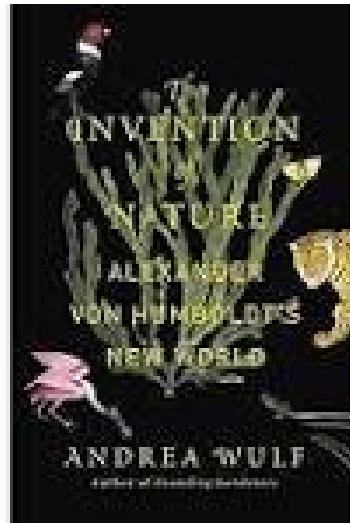


BOOK CLUB FOR MONDAY, 3 JUNE 2024



Come join fellow shareholder for a glass of wine and lively discussion of *The Invention of Nature; Alexander von Humboldt's New World*, by Andrea Wulf. A biography of Alexander von Humboldt, the visionary German naturalist whose ideas changed the way we see the natural world—and in the process created modern environmentalism.

Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1959) was the most famous scientist of his age, a visionary German naturalist and polymath whose discoveries forever changed the way we understand the natural world. Among his most revolutionary ideas was a radical conception of nature as a complex and interconnected global force that does not exist for the use of humankind alone. In North America Humboldt's name still graces towns, counties, parks, bays, lakes, mountains, and a river. And yet the man has been all but forgotten.

In this illuminating biography, Andrea Wulf brings Humboldt's extraordinary life back into focus; his prediction of human-induced climate change; his daring expedition to the highest peaks of South America and to the anthrax-infected steppes of Siberia; his relationships with iconic figures including Simon Bolivar and Thomas Jefferson; and the lasting influence of his writings on Darwin, Wordsworth, Goethe, Muir, Thoreau, and many others. Brilliantly researched and stunningly written, *The Invention of Nature* reveals the myriad ways Humboldt's ideas form the foundation of modern environmentalism—and reminds us why they are as prescient and vital as ever.

MONDAY, JUNE 3rd, at 7 PM, IN THE GRACE STREET LOBBY.

Please RSVP to Todd Cannon at toddcannon@comcast.net or 312 841-9795.

SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE NEXT TWO BOOK CLUBS;

Monday, July 1st, 7 PM; *LIFE AFTER LIFE*, by KATE ATKINSON.

Monday, August 5th, at 7 PM; *HARVEST*, by JIM CRACE.