

Long Novel Weekend 2018

Dates: July 14-15, 2018

Venue: Vallombrosa Center, Menlo Park, California

We will discuss

East of Eden

By John Steinbeck

About the Book:

A masterpiece of Biblical scope, and the magnum opus of one of America's most enduring authors

In his journal, Nobel Prize winner John Steinbeck called *East of Eden* "the first book," and indeed it has the primordial power and simplicity of myth. Set in the rich farmland of California's Salinas Valley, this sprawling and often brutal novel follows the intertwined destinies of two families—the Trasks and the Hamiltons—whose generations helplessly reenact the fall of Adam and Eve and the poisonous rivalry of Cain and Abel.

Guest Speaker: Susan Shillinglaw, Director of the National Steinbeck Center in Salinas

Susan has served on the NSC board, helped coordinate Steinbeck Festivals, and was NSC Scholar in Residence from 2005 to the present. She spent most of her career as a Professor of English at San Jose State University, where she was the President's Scholar for 2012-13. Susan also directed the San Jose State University Steinbeck Center for 18 years.



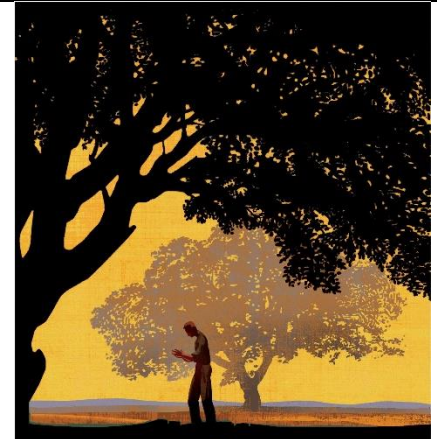
Shillinglaw has been teaching and writing about Steinbeck for 27 years and has never tired of either man or writer.

About the Author:



John Ernst Steinbeck, Jr., (1902 – 1968) was an American author who won the 1962 Nobel Prize in Literature "for his realistic and imaginative writings, combining as they do sympathetic humor and keen social perception." He has been called "a giant of American letters," and many of his works are considered classics of Western literature. Most of Steinbeck's work is set in central California, particularly in the Salinas Valley and the California Coast Ranges region. His works frequently explored the themes of fate and injustice, especially as applied to downtrodden or everyman protagonists.

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PENGUIN CLASSICS

JOHN STEINBECK

East of Eden

We will use the Penguin Twentieth Century Classics paperback edition with an Introduction by David Wyatt, published October 1, 1992.

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ISBN-13: 978-0140186390

Please purchase only this edition from your bookseller.
(The book is available in new and used versions on Amazon.com.)

Steinbeck himself said of the book,
"It has everything in it I have been able to learn about my craft or profession in all these years. I think everything else I have written has been, in a sense, practice for this."

For further information: Contact Event Coordinator Caroline Van Howe at carolinevanhowe@comcast.net or 415.453.1014. Registration form on page 2 of this flyer and available online at: www.greatbooks-sf.com

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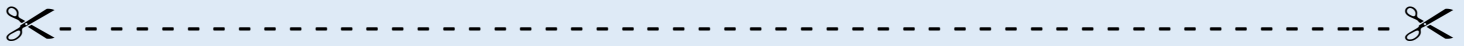
The Location: The Vallombrosa Center in Menlo Park is located on a ten-acre site that was originally known as the Old Mansion, was built during the Civil War period. Originally a simple wooden structure, it was later expanded and decorated with its distinctive Italianate touches. The center includes meeting rooms, a dining room, accommodation and ample free parking. Participants will be housed in single or double rooms with ensuite bathroom. Delicious meals with local produce, including vegetarian and gluten-free options, are included in the registration fee.

The Weekend: Please arrive about 9:15 a.m. on Saturday. There will be three discussion periods, four fine meals, a wine and cheese reception and the showing of the iconic 1955 movie of *East of Eden*, directed by Elia Kazan and starring James Dean. The program will conclude after lunch on Sunday.



The Vallombrosa Center

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Food Needs: _____

Roommate Preference: _____

Different _____ Same _____ Discussion Group

New to the Long Novel Weekend? Yes / No

Weekend Cost Per Person

REGISTER BY JUNE 13 DEADLINE!

Registration Type	Registration Fee
Double Occupancy Rooms: includes meals and lodging	\$220
Single Occupancy Rooms: includes meals and lodging	\$240
Commuter: includes meals	\$170

Two ways to register: DEADLINE IS JUNE 13 TO RESERVE A SPOT

Mail this form and check to:

Great Books Council of San Francisco
Brian Mahoney, Registrar
800 Cherry Way #10, Hayward, CA 94541

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www.greatbooks-sf.com/events/longNovel