

# Mary Baldwin College Alumnae/i Book Club

April 2009

What we are reading in  
2008:

Jan 1: *How My Magic  
Refrigerator Sent Me To  
Paris Free. 7 Rules To Make  
Dreams Come True* by Lolly  
Anderson

Feb 5: *Water for Elephants*  
by Sara Gruen

Mar 5: *The Thirteenth Tale*  
by Diane Setterfield

Apr 2: *The Color of Water:  
A Black Man's Tribute to His  
White Mother* by James  
McBride

May 7: *A Woman in Berlin:  
Eight Weeks in the  
Conquered City* by  
Anonymous

June 4: *Polite Sex* by James  
Wilcox

July 2: *Founding Mothers* by  
Cokie Roberts

Aug 6: *Follow the River* by  
James Alexander Thorn

Sept 3: *A Long Way Gone:  
Memoirs of a Boy Soldier* by  
Ishmael Beah

## *Five Years of Books!*

April 2009 marks 5 years that this book club has been in action! It's so hard to believe! As I've just returned from celebrating my 10<sup>th</sup> reunion at MBC last month I'm feeling a little nostalgic. On Friday afternoon I stood in Francis Auditorium with several other alumnae across the years. We were supposed to be singing the MBC Alma Mater. I will admit that I don't sing and if you ever heard me sing you would understand. So while standing there attempting to mouth the words I was listening to all of the other wonderful voices in the room. Voices of women who were so proud to be an MBC Alumnae. They were beautiful. So this month I thought I would include the words to the MBC Alma Mater and also the MBC Hymn.

### **Mary Baldwin College Alma Mater**

Thou wast born of dreams, Mary Baldwin, Mary Baldwin,  
Woman's dreams of love and true desire;  
Conqu'rer dreams with passions ardor glowing;  
Caught from Truth's undying pure white fire.

Born to live, to perish never,  
To inspire to high endeavor,  
To uphold that light forever, Mary Baldwin.

Thou was built of dreams, Mary Baldwin, Mary Baldwin,  
Dreams of faith, the dreams of early dawn.  
Thou shalt live beyond time's farthest limit;  
Dreams shall last when walls of stone are gone.

Born to live, to perish never,  
To inspire to high endeavor,  
To uphold that light forever, Mary Baldwin.

The words are by Katherine See and the music is by Lillian Ireland.

We are on the MBC website!!  
[www.mbc.edu/alumnae](http://www.mbc.edu/alumnae)

Join us online!!  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/MBCAlumBookClub>

If you are in the Richmond, VA area we would love for you to join us! All meeting times are 7pm and last approximately 1 hour.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Theresa Cash Lewis '99 at [pinkferrets@gmail.com](mailto:pinkferrets@gmail.com) or the Alumnae/i office at 1-800-763-7359.

### A Hymn for Mary Baldwin Dr. Gordon Page

To these walls where Wisdom Reckons,  
To these hills where Beauty dwells;  
Where the search for Learning beckons;  
Where its tumult ever swells.

Here we bring our childhood visions  
Stirring in the quest for truth;  
Here we forge the mind's decisions  
Tempered by the faith of youth.

Friendship, honor, sorrow, laughter  
Are the ways by which we learn  
Knowledge first then Wisdom after  
Love that seeks not for return.

When we reach the last tomorrow  
Of our days in class, on field  
We will know how we must borrow,  
Mary Baldwin from thy yield.



### Your Guide to the Classics: 2006 to 2009

Here is a list of all of the books that have been included in the section since it was started in 2006:

*The Great Gatsby*  
*Brave New World*  
*Mrs. Dalloway*  
*Frankenstein*  
*All the King's Men*  
*Madame Bovary*

*The Grapes of Wrath*  
*Nineteen Eighty-Four*  
*The Adventures of Augie March*  
*Summer*  
*Vanity Fair*  
*Peter Pan*  
*Lady Chatterley's Lover*  
*Beowulf*

*The Arabian Nights*  
*The Red Badge of Courage*  
*The Catcher in the Rye*  
*The Call of the Wild*  
*The Count of Monte Cristo*  
*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave*  
*Don Quixote*  
*The Bostonians*

F. Scott Fitzgerald  
Aldous Huxley  
Virginia Woolf  
Mary Wollstonecraft  
Robert Penn Warren  
Gustave Flaubert  
Agatha Christie  
John Steinbeck  
George Orwell  
Saul Bellow  
Edith Wharton  
William Makepeace Thackeray  
J.M. Barrie  
D. H. Lawrence  
Anonymous

Stephen Crane  
J.D. Salinger  
Jack London  
Alexander Dumas  
Frederick Douglass

Miguel de Cervantes  
Henry James