

2024 Carlsbad Reads Together

PROGRAM GUIDE



“The Maid” by Nita Prose

In-person author event: Thursday, April 18, 6 p.m.

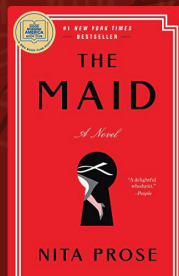
Schulman Auditorium, Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane

Admission Process: Interested patrons may claim a number for admission beginning at 5 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. for seating. Once all numbers are claimed, a standby line will form and patrons will be admitted as space allows. Please note that this event will not be livestreamed.



About the Author:

Nita Prose is the author of “The Maid” and “The Mystery Guest,” which has sold over 1 million copies worldwide and has been published in more than 40 countries. A #1 New York Times bestseller and a Good Morning America book club pick, “The Maid” won the Ned Kelly Award for International Crime Fiction, the Fingerprint Award for Debut Novel of the Year, the Anthony Award for Best First Novel, Barry Award for Best First Mystery and was an Edgar Award finalist for Best Novel. Twitter and Instagram: @NitaProse

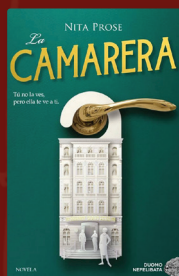


Book Synopsis:

A charmingly eccentric hotel maid discovers a guest murdered in his bed, turning her once orderly world upside down and inspiring a motley crew of unexpected allies to band together to solve the mystery in this utterly original debut. A Clue-like, locked-room mystery and a

heartwarming journey of the spirit, “The Maid” explores what it means to be the same as everyone else and yet entirely different and reveals that all mysteries can be solved through connection to the human heart.

<http://tinyurl.com/545urpz>



Sinopsis en español:

Molly es una joven camarera en un hotel de lujo. Es tímida y torpe en el trato social. Es también aplicada, comprometida, profesional. Una perfeccionista. En su trabajo, muelle almohadones y arregla los desastres que ocasionan los huéspedes, barriendo sus secretos. Es solo una

camarera, y nadie repara en ella. Pero un asombroso hallazgo en una de las suites hace que su vida dé un vuelco, y la obliga a convertirse en detective para limpiar su propio nombre, a adentrarse en un mundo que va más allá de lo aparente. <http://tinyurl.com/mttbem2h>

Carlsbad Reads Together 2024 events will take place at all three library locations.

Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane – 1775 Dove Lane

Georgina Cole Library – 1250 Carlsbad Village Drive

Library Learning Center – 3368 Eureka Place

Library hours are Mon – Thu 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Fri – Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



EVENTS FOR "THE MAID"

Adult Book Club Meetings

- Wednesday, April 3, 2 p.m., Dove Library
Gowland Meeting Room
- Thursday, April 4, 5:30 p.m., Cole Library
Community Room & Zoom (Hybrid Meeting)
- Thursday, April 11, 2 p.m., Cole Library
Community Room

For any inquires, email librarian@carlsbadca.gov

Special Carlsbad Reads Together Events

Learn about Neurodiversity with Dr. Christina Lambert:

Wednesday, April 3, 6 p.m., Georgina Cole Library
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)

Synopsis: Molly Gray in Nita Prose's "The Maid" is a neurodivergent character. While her diagnosis is never explained, it does bring an interesting explanation for the reader about what neurodiversity truly is. Join Dr. Christina Lambert and learn about being an ADHDer, what it means to be neurodiverse and what it means to be on the spectrum.

Heroes vs. Villains in Mysteries

Thursday, April 4, 6 p.m., Library Learning Center
(3368 Eureka Place)

Synopsis: In partnership with the writing group Partners in Crime – The San Diego Chapter of Sisters in Crime, hear local San Diego-based authors lead a discussion about the history of mysteries in literature, what traits make a hero, what makes a villain and why mysteries are one of the most popular genres in fiction today.

How Mysteries are Really Solved

Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m., Georgina Cole Library
(1250 Carlsbad Village Drive)

Synopsis: Join detectives from the Carlsbad Police Department for a discussion about how crimes are really solved, what detective work entails and how the media accurately or inaccurately depicts crime solving. This panel will be moderated by Senior Librarian Bill Sannwald.

EXPLORATION HUB

Exploration HUB Programs

Join us in the Exploration HUB, the Carlsbad City Library's makerspace and memory lab, for "Carlsbad Reads Together" themed activities. Get hands on experience with 3D design, coding and robotics or learn how to use the Silhouette Cameo, a computerized cutting machine to create personalized designs on vinyl, heat transfer vinyl or cardstock.

All activities are free, no prior experience necessary and all supplies will be provided. All activities are for patrons ages 13 and older unless otherwise indicated. If you have questions, call the Exploration HUB 442-339-2039 or email explorationhub@carlsbadca.gov. Find details here: www.carlsbadca.gov/hub



CARLSBAD HISTORY

Burning Secrets: A Carlsbad Hotel Mystery

Georgina Cole Library
April – while supplies last

Step back in time and experience a taste of the rich history of our community with our new Carlsbad history escape room take-home kit. Explore an adventure set in the past, where you will solve puzzles to find clues and learn a bit about the people and places that shaped the City of Carlsbad. This adventure is perfect for history buffs and puzzle enthusiasts alike and is a great way to learn about the unique and interesting history of the local area. Pick up a take-home kit at any library location and dive into the past with our game that will leave you feeling like a true detective!



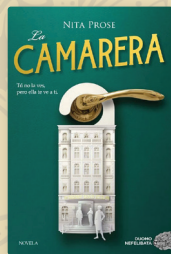
EVENTOS PARA "LA CAMARERA"

Selección de adultos:

"La Camarera" por Nita Prose

Clubs de Lectura en Español (Spanish Language Book Clubs)

- El Club de Lectura en Español Vespertino:
Abril 4, 6 p.m., virtual
- Club de Lectura en Español:
Abril 16, 10 a.m., virtual

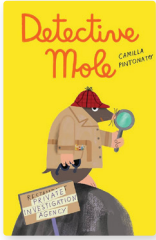


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CHILDREN'S SELECTION: "DETECTIVE MOLE"



About the book: Oscar is a whiz in the kitchen, but he's always dreamed of being a detective. When a squirrel is reported missing, Oscar hopes this will be his big break. Since he's read so many mysteries and has a nose for details, he knows exactly how to lead an investigation. But the clues pile up and he's nowhere closer to solving the case. Will he be able to track down the missing squirrel?

<http://tinyurl.com/yw4eey7n>

"Detective Mole" Scavenger Hunt

All April Long

Calling all junior sleuths! Can you find all of the clues hidden throughout the children's area and help Detective Mole solve the mystery? Finish the scavenger hunt and you'll win a small reward. The scavenger hunt is available at all three library locations and runs throughout the month of April.

All-Star Readers Book Club

Tuesdays in April (April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30), 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

Children in grades one to three are invited to meet on Tuesdays in April and discuss various books relating to the Carlsbad Reads Together theme and discuss the title "Detective Mole" by Camilla Pintonato.

Book Explorers

Thursdays in April (April 4, 11, 18, 25), 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

A book club for children in grades four to six. Explore all kinds of books including graphic novels and non-fiction titles. The April selection is "The Mona Lisa Vanishes" by Nicholas Day.

Tinker Tuesdays

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad City Library on Dove Lane

For Kindergarten to grade three: join us for a forensic science edition of Tinker Tuesday with a hands-on STEAM exploration including microscopes, paint splatter analysis and more!

Tuesday Afternoon Adventures

Tuesday, April 16, 3:30 p.m.

■ Georgina Cole Library

For Kindergarten to grade six: young detectives are encouraged to attend and learn about fingerprinting and forensic science at this special Tuesday Afternoon Adventures program.

Bilingual Storytime

Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m.

■ Carlsbad Library Learning Center
3368 Eureka Place, Carlsbad 92008

For families and children ages three to five: Join us in the Storytime Room for stories and a craft!

Para familias con niños de tres a cinco años: ¡Acompáñenos para escuchar cuentos y hacer una manualidad!

Preschool Storytime

Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m.

■ Georgina Cole Library

Join us as we read "Detective Mole" as one of our book selections and stick around after the program for play time and a craft activity.

Discussion Questions for "Detective Mole"

- How would you describe Detective Mole's personality? Does he possess qualities that make him a good detective?
- How does Detective Mole's background as a chef influence his detective skills?
- What clues does Detective Mole discover during his search for the missing squirrel?
- Were you able to solve the mystery along with Detective Mole, or were there surprises along the way?
- What challenges does Detective Mole face during the investigation, and how does he overcome them?

"DETECTIVE MOLE" STORYTIME EVENTS

- ♦ **Saturday Stories**, ■ Dove Library
Saturday, April 6, 11 a.m. (For families of all ages)
- ♦ **Bilingual Storytime**, ■ Library Learning Center
Tuesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. (For ages 3 to 5)
- ♦ **Preschool Storytime**, ■ Cole Library
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. (For ages 3 to 5)
- ♦ **Bilingual Storytime**, ■ Library Learning Center
Wednesday, April 17, 3:30 p.m. (For ages 3 to 5)

TEEN SELECTION: "SADIE"

About the Book: Sadie's been raising her sister Mattie in an isolated Colorado town, trying her best to provide a normal life and keep their heads above water. When Mattie is found dead and the police investigation is botched, Sadie is determined to bring her sister's killer to justice. She hits the road following a few meager clues. When West McCray, a radio personality working on a segment about small, forgotten towns in America, hears Sadie's story, he becomes obsessed with finding the missing girl. He starts his own podcast as he tracks Sadie's journey, trying to figure out what happened, hoping to find her before it's too late.

❖ Odyssey Award for Excellence in Audiobook Production

❖ 2019 Edgar Award for Best Young Adult

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Book Warriors Virtual Book Club

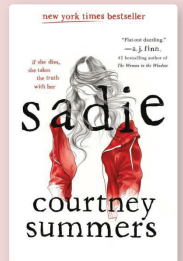
Tuesday, April 16, 4 p.m.

Read "Sadie" by Courtney Summers and join the virtual Book Warriors book club. Email libraryteens@carlsbadca.gov for a Zoom link.

Teen Insights giveaway:

April 1–30, Grades six to 12

Teens are invited to "investigate" the library and submit reviews of any item in the library's collection, program or service. Submit two reviews and earn four service hour credits. Teens who submit reviews will be considered for a small reward. Email libraryteens@carlsbadca.gov.



Discussion Questions for "Sadie"

- What do you think the appeal of true crime podcasts are?
- Did you like how the podcast transcript was interwoven throughout the novel?
- This book is an Edgar Award winner for young adults. Do you think this novel is worthy of that award?

CINEMA CLUB PRESENTS MYSTERIES

Seating is limited and is first come, first served. All films are free to the public and are subject to change. Doors open 30 minutes prior to showing. All films are shown in original language with English subtitles.

"A Haunting in Venice"

Crime, Drama (2023, R, 1h 44m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 3, 4 & 7 p.m.

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 5, 1:30 p.m.

In post-World War II Venice, Poirot, now retired and living in exile, reluctantly attends a seance. But when one of the guests is murdered, it is up to the former detective to uncover the killer once again.



"The Pez Outlaw"

Documentary, Comedy (2022, PG, 1h 25m)

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 5, 4 & 7 p.m.

Steve Glew spent the 1990s smuggling rare PEZ dispensers into the USA from Eastern Europe, making millions of dollars. It was all magical until his arch-nemesis, The Pezident, decided to destroy him.



"Missing"

Drama, Mystery, Thriller (2023, PG-13, 1h 51m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 10, 4 & 7 p.m.

After her mother goes missing, a young woman tries to find her from home, using tools available to her online.



"The Past/ Le passé"

France, Drama, Mystery (2013, PG-13, 2h 10m)

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 12, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 12, 4 & 7 p.m.

An Iranian man deserts his wife and her two children to return to his homeland. Meanwhile, his wife starts up a relationship, a reality her husband confronts upon his wife's request for a divorce.



"State of Play"

Crime, Drama, Mystery (2009, PG-13, 2h 7m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 17, 4 & 7 p.m.

When a congressional aide is killed, a Washington D.C. journalist starts investigating the case involving the Representative, his old college friend.



"Billion Dollar Heist"

Documentary (2023, NR, 1h 24m)

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 19, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 19, 4 & 7 p.m.

The story of one of the most daring cyber heists of all time, the Bangladeshi Central Bank theft. Tracing the origins of cyber-crime, from turn of the millennium credit card fraud by individuals to global criminal organizations.



"The Girl on the Train"

Crime, Drama, Mystery (2016, R, 1h 52m)

■ Dove Library

Wednesday, April 24, 4 & 7 p.m.

A divorcee becomes entangled in a missing persons investigation that promises to send shockwaves throughout her life.



"Incendies"

Canada, Drama, Mystery, War (2022, R, 2h 8m)

■ Cole Library

Friday, April 26, 1:30 p.m.

■ Dove Library

Friday, April 26, 4 & 7 p.m.

Twins journey to the Middle East to discover their family history and fulfill their mother's last wishes.



IF YOU LIKED "THE MAID," TRY THESE

"The Mystery Guest" by Nita Prose

"The Golden Spoon" by Jessa Maxwell

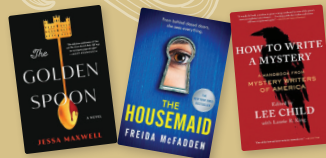
"The Fiancée" by Kate White

"The Housemaid" by Frieda McFadden

"Pistols and Petticoats: 175 Years of Lady Detectives in Fact and Fiction" by Erika Janik

"How to Write a Mystery: A Handbook from Mystery Writers of America" by Lee Child

"Unmasking Autism: Discovering the New Faces of Neurodiversity" by Devon Price



For more movie events at Carlsbad City Library, scan the QR code



Discussion questions for "The Maid"

- What would you do if you did not understand a situation at work? How would you react?
- How does the author portray the neurodiverse protagonist, and what impact does this portrayal have on the overall story?
- Were you able to predict the outcome of the mystery, or were there unexpected twists that surprised you?
- Identify and discuss any recurring themes in the novel. How do these themes contribute to the overall message or meaning of the story?
- Are there moral or ethical dilemmas presented in the novel, and how do the characters navigate them?
- If you've read other mystery novels, how does "The Maid" compare? Are there elements that make it stand out within the genre?

