

LOCAL NEWS

HMH expands oncology services

The Book Nook

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The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows is a book that consists of nothing but letters. This is a book that I found to be very interesting, one that I could not put down until I read the entire book. Yet, it is different than just interesting. The setting of the story is set in 1946, Second World War. Letters to and from Juliet Ashton, a writer who unexpectedly comes to know an expatriate and unique group of people on the island of Guernsey which was occupied by the Germans. She sets out on a fun and adventurous journey.

Who could imagine the she would find it in a letter from a man she never met, a native of Guernsey, the British island once occupied on the flyleaf of a second-hand volume by Charles Lamb. Perhaps she could tell him where he might find more books by this author.

As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, she is drawn into the world of the man and his friends, all members of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a unique book club formed in a unique, spur of the moment way, as an ally to protect its members from the arrest by the Germans.

Juliet becomes a remarkable correspondence with the Society's charming, deeply human members, from pig farmers to philatelists, literature lovers all. Through their letters she learns about their island, their taste in books and the powerful, transformative im-

pect the recent German occupation has had on their lives. Captivated by their stories, she sets sail for Guernsey, and what she finds there will change her forever. This book reminds of you wonderful things and takes you to the wonderful Guernsey, Channel Island. I am ready to travel to this island. The expression whisk me off my feet is the expression that you will use after you have read this book.

In a gentle and sometimes very funny way, these letters tell of both great suffering and the resilience of the human spirit. While reading the book I found myself laughing then I would be crying. It is the most heart felt book that I have read in a very long time. The funny thing is that a friend came in and told me about this book that she had been reading, from listening to her I became very interested in this book. I immediately began to research for it as I could start reading it. Once the book came in and I glanced through it I thought how can this book of letters be so interesting. All I can say is that I was drawn into this book and could not get myself away from it until I reached the last page. I did not want it to come to an end. This book did not read like a bunch of letters, it is a book that comes from the heart of letters but has an impact of a great story told. Laughter, tears, love and journeys all wrapped in one. Some of the greatest stories are told through letters.

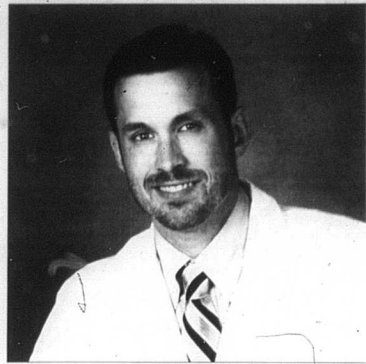
I would suggest that everyone try to get a copy of this book and read it. I am curious as to what you think of the book.

As part of an on-going partnership with University of Kentucky's Markey Cancer Center, Harrison Memorial Hospital is pleased to expand its oncology services and welcome a new cancer specialist on board. James Morgan, M.D. recently served as a fellow at UK and is now full-time status as part of the progressive Markey Cancer Center team.

A native of Kentucky, Dr. Morgan received his undergraduate degree at Western Kentucky University and his medical degree from the University of Louisville School of Medicine. He also completed his residency in internal medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. His fellowship in hematology and oncology was completed at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine. Dr. Morgan is a board-certified physician in internal medicine and is board eligible in medical oncology and hematology. He is also a member of the American Society Hematology and the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

His presence in Cynthiana will expand the current oncology clinic from half day per week to up to two full days, depending upon patient demand.

"Dr. Morgan is a true Kentuckian and one of the best fellows I have trained in my career. He enjoys the people and practice of medicine in a smaller, rural community, and I'm confident he will provide outstanding care to patients at Harrison Memorial Hospital," says Kevin McDonagh, M.D., Medical Director of Markey Cancer Center's affiliate network.



James Morgan, M.D.

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