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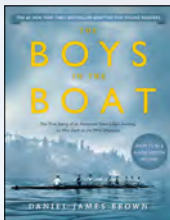
Daniel James Brown

Saturday, October 14,
2:30 pm,
Spackenkill High School

The 2023 Big Read flagship title is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown, the true story of the University of Washington rowing crew who represented the United States at the 1936 Summer Olympics in Berlin, Germany, against the dual historical contexts of the Great Depression and the rise of Nazism.



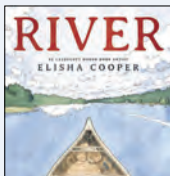
Companion Titles



THE MIDDLE READ

The Boys in the Boat: Young Readers' Adaptation by Gregory Mone

At the center of the tale is Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, whose personal quest captures the spirit of his generation—the generation that would prove in the coming years that the Nazis could not prevail over American determination. Includes never-before-seen photos!



THE LITTLE READ

River by Elisha Cooper

Follow a traveler's beautifully illustrated trek down the Hudson in her canoe. Explore the wildlife and urban landscape at the river's edge. *River* is an outstanding introduction to seeing the world through the eyes of a young explorer. Maps and information about the Hudson River and famous landmarks are included in the back of the book.

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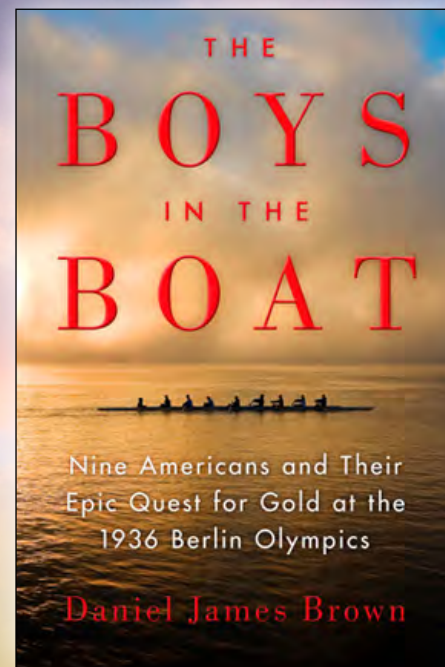
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FDR Presidential Library Series

Tuesdays, 7 pm, Virtual

Jeffrey Urbin, Educational Outreach Specialist for the FDR

Presidential Library & Museum, will share three of his popular historic presentations this fall. **Registration is required, including a valid email address to receive the Zoom link; register once to attend one or all.**

The Roosevelts of Hyde Park: October 17

The Hudson Valley, FDR's Classroom for Conservation: October 24

Roosevelt and the River: November 14

Film Screening: *The Boys of '36*
Wednesday, October 18, 7 pm, Boardman



Inspired by *The Boys in the Boat*, this documentary by PBS tells the thrilling story of the American Olympic rowing team that triumphed against all odds in Nazi Germany and features interviews with Daniel James Brown, historians, and surviving children of the 1936 Washington team.



Ecology of the Hudson River

Thursday, October 19, 7 pm, Boardman

Dr. Stuart Findlay of the Cary Institute will discuss the general ecology of the Hudson River, as well as current management issues and predictions for climate change.

Hudson River Eel Project **Great for kids and families!**

Monday, October 23, 5 pm, Adriance

Eels are in the building. Join experts from the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation to learn about the life cycle and migration habits of the freshwater eels living in the Hudson River! All ages are welcome!



The Hudson River: Impact on History

Tuesday, October 24, 10:30 am, Adriance

The 1996 Congressional designation of the Hudson River Valley as a National Heritage Area identifies it as one of the most significant scenic, cultural, economic, and historic regions in the US. Join Thomas Wermuth, Co-Founder & Director of the Hudson River Valley Institute for a conversation about the Valley's namesake.



Clearwater Sloop Sails

Be a "member of the crew" of the beloved Hudson River sloop the *Clearwater*. Meet at Waryas Park Dock.

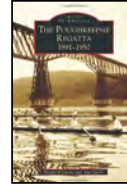
Teen: Wednesday, October 25, 3:30 pm

Adult: Friday, October 27, 3 pm

The Poughkeepsie Regatta

Sunday, October 29, 2:30 pm, Cornell Boathouse

Meet authors Elizabeth Clarke and Ann Sandri. Each summer, rowing enthusiasts crowded the banks of the Hudson River between Highland and Poughkeepsie to get a glimpse of the biggest intercollegiate event of its kind that included the University of Washington "Boys in the Boat."



Free Black Communities Along the Hudson

Monday, October 30, 7 pm, Adriance

We will examine the stages of securing freedom, defending it against constant incursion, and ultimately the flourishing in individual persons and dreams along America's river of dreams. Presented by Bill Jeffway, Executive Director of the Dutchess County Historical Society.

Hudson River Commercial Fishing Traditions and the Waterfront

Saturday, November 4, 3 pm, Adriance

Join John Mylod for a talk on the history of the Hudson River fishing industry and the history of the Poughkeepsie Waterfront. Mylod has a storied affiliation with the river, having served in leadership capacities in several Hudson-River-based organizations over five decades, and is the author of the 1969 book *Biography of a River*.

Fish ID **Great for kids and families!**

Monday, November 6, 5 pm, Adriance

Elementary-aged kids and their families are invited to join experts from Cornell Cooperative Extension Dutchess County for a fun game that teaches you how to identify various fish living in the Hudson River!



A Brief History of Rowing on the Hudson

Thursday, November 9, 7 pm, Boardman



Bill Davies explores the fascinating history of rowing on the Hudson River around Poughkeepsie and Newburgh in the 19th and 20th centuries. Since then, rowing has expanded to many local academic institutions. Bill is a past president of the Mid Hudson Rowing Association and a rowing coach.

Colors of the Hudson

Saturday, November 11, 10 am, Underwear Factory

Create a shirt or bag with the blades of local crew teams.



Ice Yachts

Sunday, November 12, 1 pm, Boardman

Explore the beginnings of iceboating on the Hudson, where the sport developed in

the early 1800s, to today. View vintage slides, photos, and videos. Presenter Brian Reid has been iceboating on the Hudson River since 1990. Following the presentation, participants will be invited to tour the Sports Museum of Dutchess County, where they will be able to enjoy a reception and view an original 1920s iceboat.

Other People in the Boat: Indigenous Removal in the North

Sunday, November 19, 2:30 pm, Boardman

Dr. Christian Crouch considers the relationship between the Muhheacannituck River (the Hudson River) and the original residents of the lands surrounding it. This lecture introduces the significance of the waterway to Indigenous communities and discusses the active removal of these original stewards of the land and waterways in the 19th century by the State of New York.



Big Read en Español

Viernes, 20 de octubre y 17 de noviembre, 6 pm, Virtual

Remando como un solo hombre escrito por Daniel James Brown. La historia del equipo estadounidense compuesto por ocho remeros y su épica misión de ganar la medalla de oro en 1936 en los Juegos Olímpicos del Berlín de Hitler. **Requiere inscripción.**