

Sesquicentennial Readers for September

The Puma Years by Laura Coleman

Tuesday, September 21, 7 p.m., Church Parlor

"Laura Coleman was in her early twenties and directionless when she quit her job to backpack in Bolivia. Fate landed her at a wildlife sanctuary on the edge of the jungle where she was assigned to care for a beautiful and complex puma named Wayra. And in Wayra, she made a friend for life.

The sanctuary protected a hundred quirky animals, each lost and hurt in their own way: a pair of suicidal monkeys, a frustrated parrot desperate to fly and a pig with a wicked sense of humor. The humans, too, were cause for laughter and tears. Most of all, there was the jungle – lyrical and alive.

Set against a turbulent and poignant backdrop of deforestation, the illegal pet trade and forest fires, *The Puma Years* explores what happens when two desperate creatures in need of rescue find one another." **Amazon**

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