

BOOK REVIEW



St. Dale by Sharyn McCrumb

An unlikely group of race car fans set out on a bus tour of Southern speedways to pay homage to their idol NASCAR champion Dale Earnhardt. Among those on this pilgrimage: a dying orphan, an Episcopalian priest, a Nebraskan farmer, and a young couple hoping to get hitched at their first stop. Whether you're a racing fan or not, you will probably love the characters Sharyn McCrumb has created in this book.

At the book sale the most asked question after "How much does it cost?" is "What do you use the money for?" Two major purchases the Friends have recently made are the complete works of Shakespeare on DVD and a new CD/DVD revolving tower.

Book Sale Update

by Jim Wooten (Writer, Editor, Volunteer & Actor !)

Price sells books -- and videos. Bargains galore at the Jonquil Festival's fall sale by Friends of the Smyrna Library raised more than \$1,800 to support children's programs and other activities. Buyers were winners. And so was the library. Every sale is unique. Because many of the books being offered for sale are donated and are excess to the library's needs, buyers are able to find gems among the offerings. Special collections for Winston Churchill aficionados, for gardeners, do-it-yourselfers, cooks and others sold for no more than \$10. Most books, in fact, sold for \$3 or less, including recent best-sellers. Some first editions sold for \$1. Paperbacks were 50-cents. All individual books were priced at \$5 or less. It was a bargain-hunters dream. An unusually large collection of videos sold for as little as \$1 each. One shopper bought more than 15 books for less than \$25. "This will tide me over until the spring sale," she said, referring to the Friends of the Smyrna Library sale held during April's Jonquil Festival.

For readers who love books, the sale is a good time to browse -- and to volunteer. While most of the book sale workers volunteer year-after-year, new recruits are always welcomed. If you have an interest in joining the pool of volunteers for future sales, please call Jim Wooten at 770-432-9883.