



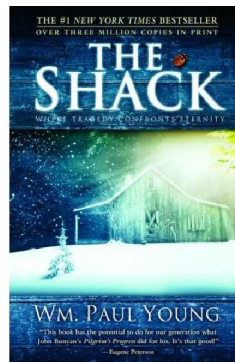
HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY.
ALUMNI BOOK CLUB

Book Discussion

Sunday, February 22, 2009 – 10:00 a.m.
Libby and Joseph G. Shapiro Alumni House

This month's selection is

The Shack By William P. Young



In this novel, the protagonist, Mackenzie Allen Phillips, receives an invitation from God to meet Him at a shack in the woods. It takes Mack a little while to decide to keep the appointment, but his curiosity and his pain eventually convince him to make the trip. When he arrives at the shack, it and its environment are transformed into an idyllic setting by the presence of God. Mack, too, undergoes a remarkable transformation, although that change takes longer to accomplish.

Four years earlier, Mack's youngest daughter, Missy, had been kidnapped during a family outing. Her body had never been found, but the evidence pointed toward her murder at this abandoned shack in the Oregon wilderness at the hands of a serial pedophile. Mack had identified Missy's bloody dress, found on the floor in front of the fireplace in the shack. As would be expected, these years had been difficult for Mack and the rest of the family, a period he describes as "The Great Sadness." But, after spending a couple of days at the shack with God, Mack returns home a changed man. Through a series of conversations with God, he begins to understand how God's love provides the basis of forgiveness and the power to change human lives. The transformative power of redemption through forgiveness is the theme of the book.

Source: Insight for Living: Glenn R. Kreider

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SAVE THE DATE - March 29, 2009 – *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao*,
by Junot Díaz