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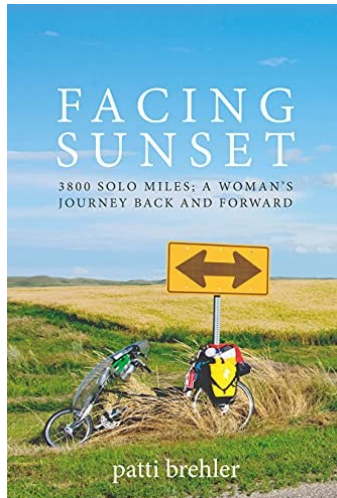
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Coffee Talk with the Author

*Facing Sunset*

By: *patti brehler*

Monday, May 15, 2023 @ 6-7PM



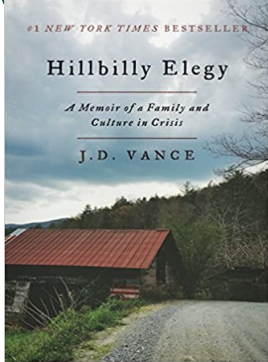
Facing Sunset tells a coming-of-a-certain-age memoir framed within sixty-year-old Patti Brehler's 2016 bicycle tour between her home in northeastern Michigan and Missoula, Montana. Forty years earlier, Patti was one of more than 4000 bicyclists participating in Bikecentennial '76, a transcontinental ride honoring our nation's 200th birthday. How cool to cycle to Missoula for the ride's anniversary party—while she still could? More than a bicycle travelogue, Facing Sunset reflects on a rebellious, pioneering life; affirms what a woman can accomplish against physical and metaphorical headwinds; and witnesses the people populating our vast and wondrous country. The author traces how a lifelong dream brought her to the right place in her life, "facing sunset," even as the reality of riding her "own ride" wasn't quite what she expected. Interested in a first-hand experience pedaling across the country without actually sweating? Sit with Patti on her comfortable recumbent bicycle. Meet headwinds, heat, arduous climbs, thrilling downhill, otherworldly landscapes, and synchronistic encounters. Interactions with strangers show hope for humanity. Struggle with her as she comes to terms with her place in the universe. "I hover among stars at the brink of earth and water, existing in human form this brief moment of time, occupying a nano-space of no consequence, at once all and nothing,"

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**Let's Discuss  
Book Club**



**“Hillbilly Elegy”**

**By: J. D. Vance**

**June 8, 2023 @ 2-3 PM**

*Hillbilly Elegy is a passionate and personal analysis of a culture in crisis—that of white working-class Americans. The disintegration of this group, a process that has been slowly occurring now for more than forty years, has been reported with growing frequency and alarm, but has never before been written about as searingly from the inside. J. D. Vance tells the true story of what a social, regional, and class decline feels like when you were born with it hung around your neck.*

The Vance family story begins hopefully in postwar America. J. D.'s grandparents were “dirt poor and in love,” and moved north from Kentucky’s Appalachia region to Ohio in the hopes of escaping the dreadful poverty around them. They raised a middle-class family, and eventually one of their grandchildren would graduate from Yale Law School, a conventional marker of success in achieving generational upward mobility. But as the family saga of *Hillbilly Elegy* plays out, we learn that J.D.'s grandparents, aunt, uncle, sister, and, most of all, his mother struggled profoundly with the demands of their new middle-class life, never fully escaping the legacy of abuse, alcoholism, poverty, and trauma so characteristic of their part of America. With piercing honesty, Vance shows how he himself still car-

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**May 2023**

**Dates are subject to change**

**May 2- WBDL'S BOOK LOVERS LUNCH @12-1PM**

**May 3- MISS EMILY'S PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @11-12PM**

**May 6th- Blue Bubbles Fishing Day @ 9-10AM**

**May 10- MISS EMILY'S PRESCHOOL STORYTIME @11-12PM**

**May 11-Let's Discuss @ 2PM**

**May 15- Coffee Talk with the Author @6-7PM**

**May 17 -MISS EMILY'S PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11-12 PM**

**May 24-MISS EMILY'S PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11-12PM**

**May 29-Memorial Day-Library Closed**

**May 31-MISS EMILY'S PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11-12PM**

**ONE-DAY BUS TRIP**  
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**  
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**RETURNING ABOUT 7:00 P.M.**

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