

**“A Lifetime of Books”  
Harold Cobb  
Speaker Series  
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**David McCullough**

- Johnstown Flood
- The Great Bridge
- The Path Between the Seas
- Mornings on Horseback
- Truman \*
- John Adams
- 1776
- The Greater Journey
- The Wright Brothers
- The Pioneers

**Doris Kearns Goodwin**

- Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream
- The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys
- No Ordinary Time \*
- Team of Rivals \*
- Leadership in Turbulent Times \*
- The Bully Pulpit \*

**Jon Meacham**

- American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House
- Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power
- The Soul of America: The Battle of our Better Angels

**Walter Isaacson**

- The Wise Men
- Kissinger \*
- Benjamin Franklin
- Einstein
- Steve Jobs \*
- Leonardo DaVinci

**Ron Chernow**

- Titan: Life of John D. Rockefeller
- Alexander Hamilton
- George Washington\*

**David Maraniss**

- First in His Class (Bill Clinton)
- When Pride Still Mattered (Vince Lombardi)
- They Marched in Sunlight(War and Peace,Vietnam and America)
- A Good American Family(Red Scare and My Father)

## **David Halberstam**

- The Best and the Brightest (Vietnam policy decision-making)
- The Powers That Be (news media)
- Summer of '49 (Yankees/Red Sox pennant race)
- The Fifties
- The Coldest Winter: America and the Korean War

## **Revolutionary War Era**

- John Adams-David McCullough
- 1776-David McCullough
- Washington-Ron Chernow
- Hamilton-Ron Chernow
- Benjamin Franklin-Walter Isaacson
- The Return of George Washington=Edward Larson
- Valiant Ambition-Nathaniel Philbrick  
American Sphinx: The Character of Thomas Jefferson-Joseph Ellis

## **Civil War Era**

- Team of Rivals-Doris Kearns Goodwin
- The Civil War, a narrative-Shelby Foote (3 vols.)\*
- Lincoln in the World-Kevin Perairo \*
- April 1865- Jay Winik
- Lincoln's Last Trial-Dan Abrams
- Lincoln-Carl Sandburg \*(PB)

## **World War II Era**

- Rick Atkinson Trilogy: An Army at Dawn(North Africa)
  - The Day of Battle (Italy)
  - The Guns at Last Light (Europe)
- Steven Ambrose-Band of Brothers
  - D-Day, June 6, 1944
  - The Victors: Eisenhower and His Boys
- FDR-Conrad Black\*
- Truman-David McCullough
- No Ordinary Time-Doris Kearns Goodwin
- James Bradley-Flags of our Fathers
  - The China Mirage \*
- Roosevelt and Churchill-Joseph Lash
- World War II-Winston Churchill (6 vols.)

## **Vietnam Era**

- The Best and the Brightest-David Halberstam
- A Bright Shining Lie-Neil Sheean
- Dispatches-Michael Herr
- They Marched in Sunlight-David Maraniss

## **General History**

- These Truths-Jill Lepore (American history)
- Presidents of War-Michael Beschloss
- Last Call-Daniel Okrent (prohibition)
- Great Fortune-Daniel Okrent(Rockefeller Center)
- History of Civilization-Will and Ariel Durant (11 vols.)\*

### **Religion (Church library)**

- History of God-Karen Armstrong
- The Great Transformation-Karen Armstrong
- Faith of our Fathers Alex Mapp
- Misquoting Jesus-Bart Ehrman
- Religious Literacy-Stephen Prothro

### **Entertainment**

- Paul Simon-Robert Hilburn
- Something Wonderful-Todd Purdum(Rodgers and Hammerstein)
- Born A Crime-Trevor Noah
- Born to Run-Bruce Springsteen

### **Tuesday Evening Dialogue**

- Hillbilly Elegy-J.D. Vance
- Educated-Tara Westover
- Just Mercy-Bryan Stevenson\*

### **Biography**

- Mark Twain-Ron Powers
- Lyndon Johnson-Robert Caro\* (4 vols.-so far)

### **Civil Rights**

- Taylor Branch-Parting the Waters
  - Pillar of Fire\*

### **Crime and Mystery (fiction)**

- John Grisham\*
- Michael Connelly\*
- Sara Paretsky
- Pat Cornwell
- John Lescroart
- Jonathan Kellerman
- Faye Kellerman
- David Baldacci
- James Lee Burke
- Jeffrey Deaver
- Louise Penny\*
- Sue Grafton\*

### **Espionage**

- Steve Berry
- Daniel Silva
- John LeCarre

### **Legal thriller**

- Robert Tannenbaum
- Scott Turow