

Philadelphia's 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Books  
**FALL INSTITUTE WEEKEND**

THE INN AT POCONO MANOR

NOVEMBER 2-4, 2018

Join us in exploring **Unique Characters**



*Selected Poems,*  
*Old Filth*, Jane Gardam  
*A Horse Walks Into a Bar*, David Grossman  
*Emma*, Jane Austen

Friday, we will discuss Selected Poems that focus on *Unique Characters*. We will then highlight three novels whose delineation of character is superlative. Saturday begins with Jane Gardam's *Old Filth*. Sir Edward Feathers has had a brilliant career, from his early days as a lawyer in Southeast Asia, where he earned the nickname Old Filth to his final working days as a respected judge at the English bar. Yet through it all he has carried with him the wounds of a difficult and emotionally hollow childhood as a Raj orphan. He is triumphantly his own man, with a life full of unexpected turns and events of high comedy to offset and compensate for his unpromising beginnings. Saturday afternoon brings David Grossman's *A Horse Walks into a Bar* which has garnered the Man Booker International Award for 2017. At a comedy club in a small Israeli town, the audience encounters a comedian falling apart on stage; an act of disintegration, a man crumbling before their eyes as a matter of choice. They could escape if they were not so drawn to glimpse his personal hell. Dovale Gee, a veteran stand-up comic – charming, erratic, repellent – exposes a wound he has been living with for years: a fateful and gruesome choice he had to make between the two people who were dearest to him. Sunday morning, we address Jane Austen's *Emma*. Beautiful, clever, rich – and single – Emma Woodhouse is perfectly content with her life and sees no need for either love or marriage. Nothing, however, delights her more than interfering in the romantic lives of others. With its imperfect but charming heroine and its witty and subtle exploration of relationships, this is often viewed as Jane Austen's most flawless work. Feel free to invite a friend to our weekend encounter with these distinctive characters.

**COST:** \$370 per person double occupancy, \$470 for single occupancy. Price includes meals, lodging, books, hospitality, and group discussions. When possible, we arrange roommates. Commuter rates are available.

**CANCELLATION:** Deposit, less charge for books and mailing, refunded if notice is postmarked by Friday, October 1, 2017.

**REGISTRATION:** Please send \$250 deposit per person for double occupancy and \$320 deposit per person for single occupancy with the registration below to: **John Dalton, Great Books, PO Box 424, Newtown Square, PA 19073.**

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Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Requests (if possible): \_\_\_\_\_

**DEPOSIT ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (\$250.00 per person/double occupancy) for \_\_\_\_ persons  
\_\_\_\_\_ (\$320.00 per person/single occupancy) for \_\_\_\_ persons

Please make checks payable to: **FALL INSTITUTE COMMITTEE**. On arrival, balance due with **CHECK OR CASH ONLY**: \$120.00 per person/double room or \$150.00 per person/single room.