

**Sammamish Seniors Book Club**  
**August 31, 2022**

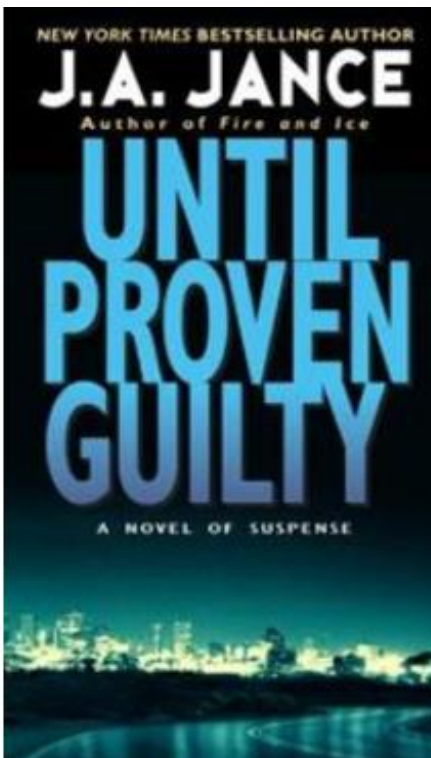
**“Facing the Mountain” – our discussion 8/31/2022**

We had a sobering discussion of the book “Facing the Mountain” by Daniel James Brown (author of “Boys in the Boat” who lives in Redmond). This is the story of the immigrant Japanese Americans and their children during WW II. The great majority of the approximately 120,000 were incarcerated here in the U.S. Some 33,000 of the second generation fought in the war, exhibited great courage and suffered heavy losses, while their parents were in the American “relocation” camps. I never heard of this violation of constitutional rights until my graduate school roommate told me that he had been in one of those camps with his family during the war. Unbelievable, but true.

**Our next reading “Until Proven Guilty” – discussion Weds., November 9, 11am**

Coming up will be another fictional adventure by Bellevue author J. A. Jance. Two years ago we read her novel “Second Watch” about a double murder in Sammamish and how Seattle police officer J. P. Beaumont solved this fictional murder (at the time there had never been a real life murder in Sammamish). Ms. Jance kindly autographed some copies of the book for our club readers.

A little light murder and the introduction to J. P. Beaumont seems like a good next choice for us, so we will be reading the first of the Beaumont novels (which number about two dozen now), “**Until Proven Guilty**”. This delightful murder mystery will be discussed at our next book club Zoom discussion on November 9 at 11am. So curl up with a warm (or cold) drink and go along with J. P. to places you have been as he solves this Seattle area murder.



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