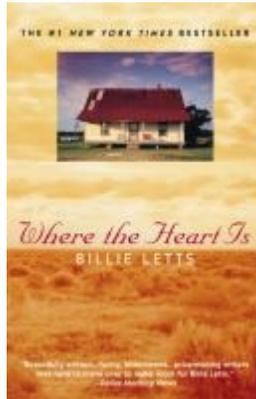


Tuesday 2/2 7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Home is Where the Heart Is by Billie Letts, TriSigma



Location – Westside Pavillion Food Court

<http://www.westsidepavilion.com/>

10800 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90064 Food Court is on the East side by Macy's/

Three hour free parking

Questions or RSVP to webmistress@laapa.net.

Dinner and beverages available at the food court, or pre Valentine shopping.

Summary:

Oprah Book Club-« Selection, December 1998:

A funny thing happens to Novalee Nation on her way to Bakersfield, California. Her ne'er-do-well boyfriend, Willie Jack Pickens, abandons her in an Oklahoma Wal-Mart and takes off on his own, leaving her with just 10 dollars and the clothes on her back. Not that hard luck is anything new to Novalee, who is "seventeen, seven months pregnant, thirty-seven pounds overweight--and superstitious about sevens.... For most people, sevens were lucky. But not for her," Billie Letts writes. "She'd had a bad history with them, starting with her seventh birthday, the day Momma Nell ran away with a baseball umpire named Fred..." Still, finding herself alone and penniless in Sequoyah, Oklahoma is enough to make even someone as inured to ill fortune as Novalee want to give up and die. Fortunately, the Wal-Mart parking lot is the Sequoyah equivalent of a town square, and within hours Novalee has met three people who will change her life. *Where the Heart Is* oddly mixes heart-warming vignettes and surprising, brutal violence. Novalee's story is juxtaposed with occasional chapters chronicling Willy Jack's downward spiral into prison, disappointment, and degradation. And even in Sequoyah, sudden storms, domestic violence, kidnapping, and deadly fires punctuate Novalee's progress. This is not a subtle book; there's never any doubt that our heroine will make a home for herself and her baby. Still, Billie Letts has created several memorable characters, and there's always room for another novel that celebrates the life-affirming qualities of reading, the importance of education, and the power of love to change lives. --Alix Wilber

If you don't have time to read, there is the movie version available for free at

<http://loswat.click/play.php?movie=0198021>