

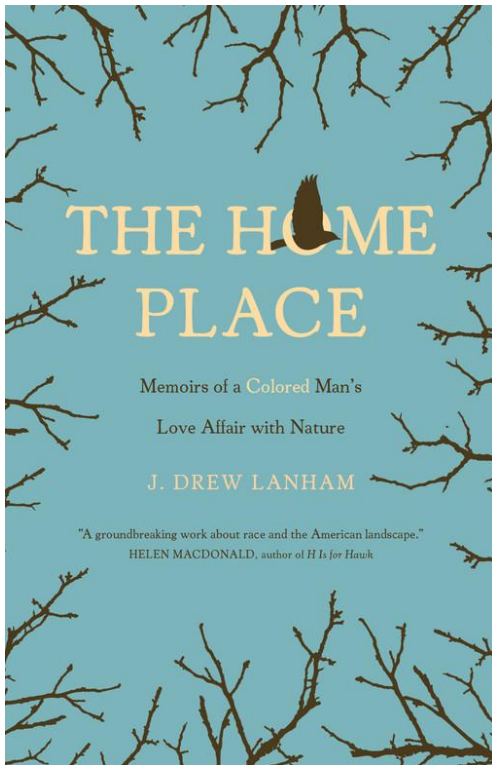


Hope for Creation Virtual Community Book Study

The Home Place

Memoirs of a Colored Man's Love Affair with Nature

By J. Drew Lanham



**Three Tuesdays,
February 21, 28 and March 7
6:30 - 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**
Participants will be divided into
small groups randomly each week

An in-person discussion will be held at
UWRF. Please sign up for details..

Sign Up Now:
hope4creationRF@gmail.com
Sign Up Deadline: Friday, February 17

**Each participant is responsible for
securing their own copy of the book.**
Consider supporting a local business by
purchasing the book from Fox Den Books (117
S. Main, River Falls)

"In me, there is the red of miry clay, the brown of spring floods, the gold of ripening tobacco. I am, in the deepest sense, colored." From these fertile soils—of love, land, identity, family, and race—emerges *The Home Place*, a big-hearted, unforgettable memoir by ornithologist J. Drew Lanham.

Dating back to slavery, Edgefield County, South Carolina—a place “easy to pass by on the way to somewhere else”—has been home to generations of Lanhams. In *The Home Place*, readers meet these extraordinary people, including Drew himself, who over the course of the 1970s falls in love with the natural world around him. As his passion takes flight, however, he begins to ask what it means to be “the rare bird, the oddity”—to find joy and freedom in the same land his ancestors were tied to by forced labor, and then to be a black man in a profoundly white field.

By turns angry, funny, elegiac, and heartbreaking, *The Home Place* is a remarkable meditation on nature and belonging, at once a deeply moving memoir and riveting exploration of the contradictions of Black identity in the rural South—and in America today.