

**Philadelphia Great Books Council's
65th Annual Spring Institute
Saturday May 17, 2025 by Zoom**

Leaving on Our Own Terms

Join us for a day of Zoom discussion of two critically acclaimed novels. In the morning we will discuss *Housekeeping* by Marilynne Robinson. Published in 1980 this debut novel was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and awarded the PEN/Hemingway Award for best first novel. In 2003, the *Guardian Unlimited* named it one of the hundred greatest novels of all time, describing the book as "haunting, a poetic story drowned in water and light, about three generations of women." In the afternoon, we will discuss *Tinkers* a first novel by Paul Harding. Marilyn Robinson was his teacher at the Iowa Writers Workshop. This novel follows three generations focusing on the men of the Harding family. In 2010, it garnered the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction. The Pulitzer board called it "a powerful celebration of life in which a New England father and son, through suffering and joy, transcend their imprisoning lives and offer new ways of perceiving the world and morality."

Your \$40 fee covers mailing of new copies of both books, which will be sent promptly upon receipt of your registration. Please send this form, with your check made out to **Philadelphia Great Books Council**, to **John J. Munk**, 82-28 250 Street, Bellerose, New York 11426-2524. For more information, contact him by email at johnjmunk@verizon.net or at 718-347-7815 or Susan Odessey at sodessey5759@gmail.com or at 215-327-1691. The registration deadline is April 28, 2025.

Print email and phone number very clearly or use a mailing label.

Full Name(s): _____

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Total Fee: number of attendees x \$40 for each registration & set of books: = _____