Shorts & Stouts 2019

A Short Story Discussion Group held at Dry Ground Brewing company on the Second Monday of each month at 7 PM.

Discussion led by Matt Jaeger of the McCracken County Public Library.

All are welcome. No Stout purchase required. See reverse for story schedule.
A pair of stories by each author is discussed at Dry Ground Brewing Company on the second Monday of each month at 7 PM.

JANUARY 14 - Brothers Grimm - "Hansel & Gretel" & "Little Red Riding Hood"  
(Themes: The Woods, Abandonment, Puberty, Predation, Cannibalism)

FEBRUARY 11 - W.E.B. DuBois - "Jesus Christ in Texas" & "The Comet"  
(Themes: Second Comings, Unrecognizability, Dystopian Values, Becoming More Human)

MARCH 11 - Margaret Atwood - "Happy Endings" & "Rape Fantasies"  
(Themes: The Ending, Middle Class Values, Innocence, Dark Humor, Awkward Conversations)

APRIL 8 - Sherwood Anderson - "Adventure" & "The Egg"  
(Themes: Small Towns, Grotesques, Shells, Isolation, Side Shows. Ovology)

MAY 13 - Jhumpa Lahiri - "A Temporary Matter" & "Interpreter of Maladies"  
(Themes: Marriage, Assimilation, Honesty, Language Barriers, Lousy Americans)

JUNE 10 - Donald Barthelme - "The School" & "A City of Churches"  
(Themes: Educational Standards, Absurdity, Inevitable Death, Meaninglessness, Car Dealers)

JULY 8 - Katherine Anne Porter - "The Jilting of Granny Weatherall" & "Flowering Judas"  
(Themes: Jilting, Weathering, Disenchantment, Illusions, Betrayals)

AUGUST 12 - Zora Neale Hurston - "Sweat" & "The Gilded Six-Bits"  
(Themes: Snakes, Bad Marriage Partners, Gender Expectations, Class, Vernacular, Floridians)

SEPTEMBER 9 - Nathaniel Hawthorne - "Dr. Heidegger's Experiment" & "The Minister's Black Veil"  
(Themes: Testing the Waters, Visages, Social Experiments, Purity, Accessories)

OCTOBER 14 - Patricia Highsmith - "The Snail Watcher" & "The Quest for Blank Claveringi"  
(Themes: Snail Horror)

NOVEMBER 11 - Haruki Murakami - "The Kangaroo Communiqué" & "On Seeing the 100% Perfect Girl One Beautiful April Morning"  

DECEMBER 9 - Anton Chekov - "Gooseberries" & "Vanka"  
(Themes: Social injustice, Fulfillment, Landscape, Ignorant Children)

Need the stories? Have questions? Email Matt at mjaeger@mclib.net.