This fall, Foothill College is offering a short literature course TTh from 11:00am - 12:20pm at our Middlefield campus, “Bay Area Authors of the Past.”

How many famous literary figures of the past from the Bay area can you name? This course will introduce you to some “hidden” authors (such as the author of "The Absent-Minded Professor" and the author of "I Remember Mama") and reintroduce you to some famous ones, such as Jack London, Frank Norris, Gertrude Atherton, Bret Harte, and Wallace Stegner. Enrollees will learn where and how these authors lived, their styles and recurrent themes, what made them famous, and the plots of their works.

Instructor: Darwin Patnode.

Texts for the class include the following:

1. McTeague: A Story of San Francisco by Frank Norris, Intro by Eric Solomon
2. Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner (Contemporary American Fiction)
3. The Call of the Wild & White Fang by Jack London (Oxford Modern Classics)
4. Complete Short Stories of Ambrose Bierce by Ambrose Bierce, Ed by E. Hopkins

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