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Re: Book discussion of *The Queen of Katwe* by Angela Flournoy  
at the Port Angeles Main Library  
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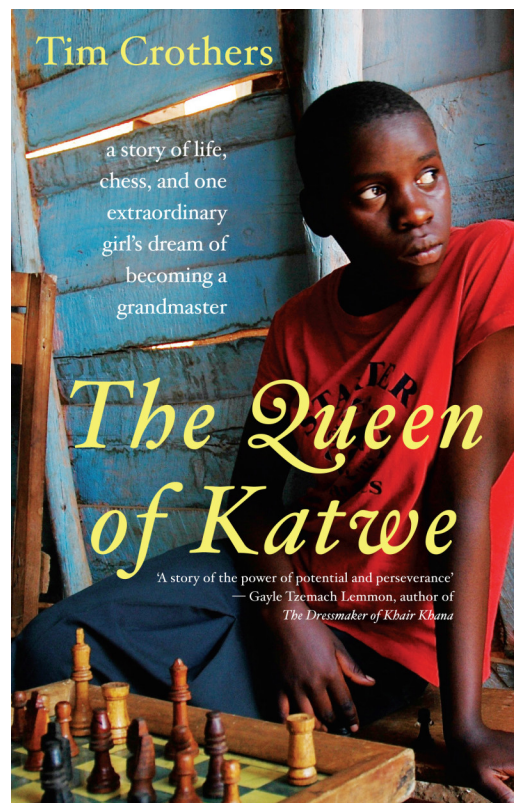
The Port Angeles Literary Society (PALS) meets at the Port Angeles Main Library of the North Olympic Library System (NOLS) every fourth Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm. On Wednesday, November 28, the group will discuss *The Queen of Katwe* by Tim Crothers.

*The Queen of Katwe* is the astonishing true story of Phiona Mutesi, a teenager from the slums of Kampala, Uganda, who, inspired by an unlikely mentor, a war refugee turned missionary, becomes an international chess champion. The “astonishing” (The New York Times Book Review) and “inspirational” (Shelf Awareness) true story of Phiona Mutesi—a teenage chess prodigy from the slums of Uganda. One day in 2005 while searching for food, nine-year-old Ugandan Phiona Mutesi followed her brother to a dusty veranda where she met Robert Katende. Katende, a war refugee turned missionary, had an improbable dream: to empower kids in the Katwe slum through chess—a game so foreign there is no word for it in their native language. Laying a chessboard in the dirt, Robert began to teach. At first children came for a free bowl of porridge, but many grew to love the game that—like their daily lives—requires persevering against great obstacles. Of these kids, one girl stood out as an immense talent: Phiona. By the age of eleven Phiona was her country’s junior champion, and at fifteen, the national champion. Now a Woman Candidate Master—the first female titled player in her country’s history—Phiona dreams of becoming a Grandmaster, the most elite level in chess. But to reach that goal, she must grapple with everyday life in one of the world’s most unstable countries.

Copies of *The Queen of Katwe* are available in various formats including regular print, large print, and downloadable eBook, which may be requested online by visiting the library catalog at [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org). A limited number of copies of each book discussion selection are available at the Library the month prior to each meeting. There will be no PALS meeting in December.

This program is generously supported by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library. To participate, simply read the book and attend the discussion; drop-ins are always welcome.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 South Peabody Street in Port Angeles. For more information about book discussion groups at your library, visit [www.nols.org](http://www.nols.org), call 360.417.8500, or email [discover@nols.org](mailto:discover@nols.org).



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