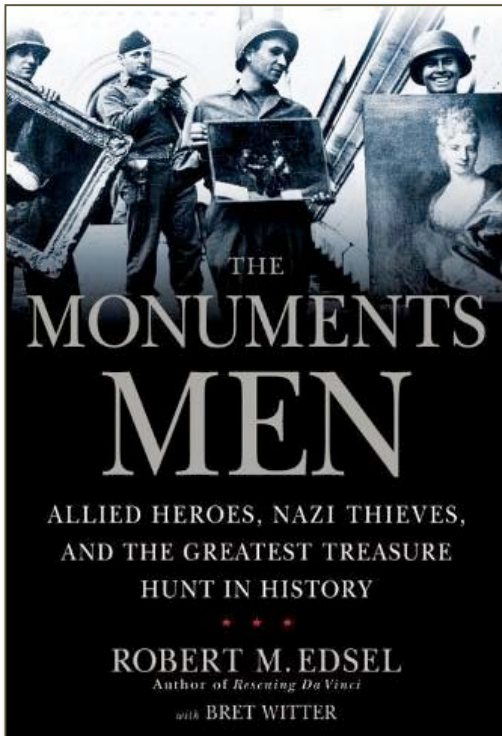


## Join the Attleboro Arts Museum's **Art Lovers Book Club**

*Next Meeting: November 20, 2010 featuring  
"The Monuments Men" by Robert M. Edsel*



### ***The Monuments Men*** **Meeting:**

Saturday, Nov 20, 2010  
2-4pm, Free admission.  
Open to all.

2-3pm: Guest Speaker  
3-4pm: Book Discussion

Attleboro Arts Museum  
86 Park Street, Attleboro, MA

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### **The Monuments Men** **By Robert M. Edsel**

WWII was the most destructive war in history and caused the greatest dislocation of cultural artifacts. Hundreds of thousands of items remain missing. The main burden fell to a few hundred men and women, curators and archivists, artists and art historians from 13 nations. Their task was to save and preserve what they could of Europe's great art, and they were called the *Monuments Men*.

Focusing on the organization's role in northwest Europe, Edsel and contributor Bret Witter, describe the *Monuments Men* from their initial mission to limit combat damage to structures and artifacts - to their changed focus of locating missing items. In southern Germany alone, over a thousand caches emerged, containing everything from church bells to insect collections.

The story is both engaging and inspiring and remarkable to explore how, in the midst of a total war, armies systematically sought to mitigate cultural loss.

- ***Publishers Weekly***

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**The Monuments Men *is currently available in hardcover, and is scheduled for release in paperback on September 17, 2010.***