



THE BOOK STALL

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THE FRONT LINE



Summer is finally here! And, of course, June is a month of important events: weddings, graduations, and Father's Day. We have books and gifts for everyone on your list and inside these pages, you'll find a carefully curated selection of Father's Day/Summer Reads by Jon Grand. We're also happy to be welcoming a few more of you into the store, and we love seeing the top half of your faces! This is a gentle reminder that we still have a mask policy to keep everyone safe until further notice, and we will also work to maintain a safe number of customers in the store at any given time.

We have a few nice events lined up for the lazy days of summer and while most of these are virtual, there is one very exciting exception! Our great friend and author Renee Rosen, who has given many memorable presentations at the store, will be in-person at Good Grapes Wednesday, July 28 at 6:30 pm to talk about her latest book, *The Social Graces*, which tells the story of the rivalry between the Vanderbilts and the Astors. This is a ticketed event; register on our website. Theresa, owner of Good Grapes, will have wine and cocktails as well as charcuterie boards available for purchase. We anticipate that this event will sell out, as seating in the lovely courtyard is limited!

The June event calendar starts strong with a trio of young adult authors discussing their famous books: Veronica Roth (*Divergent*), Alexandra Bracken (*Lore*) and Marie Lu (the *Skyhunter* duology) in a program titled "Revisiting Dystopia" on Tuesday, June 1 at 6 pm. Bookseller and interviewer extraordinaire Jon Grand hosts Ed Achorn, author of *Every Drop of Blood: The Momentous Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln* on Thursday, June 10 at 6:30 pm for what is sure to be a fascinating conversation. Mark Shriver, President of Save the Children, is our very special guest for Saturday Storytime on Saturday, June 12 at 10:30 am. Mr. Shriver will read from his picture book, *10 Hidden Heroes*, which teaches children counting and how to be heroes in their everyday lives.

We're thrilled to announce a virtual event on Tuesday, June 15 at 7 pm with Broadway superstar Lin-Manuel Miranda and Book Stall friend Jeremy McCarter for their new book *In the Heights: Finding Home* about Miranda's first break-out hit set in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York. For those with a taste for the morbid, join us on Tuesday, July 13 at 6:30 pm as Dean Jobb discusses his new book, *The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream: The Hunt for a Victorian Era Serial Killer*. Looking for a great recommendation? Book group leaders Alice Moody and Ann Walters present *A Midsummer Night's Literary Event: Recommendations You Won't Want to Miss* on Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 pm.

There are so many books to grab as you enjoy time in the summer sun! My particular favorite is *Leonard and Hungry Paul* by Ronan Hession. This charmer of a novel is about two single 30-something men who are nice to their parents, live at home, and enjoy board games. Stay with me—this novel is witty and warm and will keep you smiling as you turn the pages. I love this book! I adore Katherine Heiny's writing (*Standard Deviation* and *Single, Carefree and Mellow*) and her recent book, *Early Morning Riser* did not disappoint. Set in Boyne City, Michigan, it's a wonderful and humorous story about how family and connection come in many different forms. Another delightful read is Beck Dorey-Stein's *Rock the Boat*, about a young woman who returns home to seaside home in New Jersey after a failed romance. She finds friends in unexpected places and re-discovers herself. And if you're in the mood for a page-turner, pick up Laura Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me*. A woman's outwardly ideal life falls apart when her devoted husband suddenly disappears. The reader is left guessing, and Dave is expert at dribbling out clues in this perfectly paced mystery.

Hope to see you in the store! *Steph*

Virtual Events in June and July

Our author events in June and July are available to you on your computer and mobile device. Each requires registration. To sign up, please go to www.thebookstall.com and on the home page, click "Events" and scroll down to "June and July Events." Click on the date of the event and follow directions for reserving your spot.

TUESDAY, JUNE 1

6 pm



VERONICA ROTH, ALEXANDRA BRACKEN, and MARIE LU
Veronica Roth is joined by Alexandra Bracken (*Lore*) and Marie Lu (the *Skyhunter* duology) to talk about the genre of dystopian books over the past 10 years. See page 6 for details about this exciting event.

7 pm, a Family Action Network (FAN) Program MICHAEELEN DOUCLEFF

Hunt, Gather, Parent: What Ancient Cultures Can Teach Us About the Lost Art of Raising Happy, Helpful Little Humans

Dr. Doucleff, the global health correspondent for NPR's Science Desk, speaks about her new book with *Chicago Tribune* columnist Heidi Stevens. In it, Dr. Doucleff offers practical tips for managing kids. This book focuses on Mayan families in Mexico, Inuit families above the Arctic Circle, and Hadzabe families in Tanzania. It illuminates how various cultures develop a relationship with children that is based on cooperation, trust, and personalized needs. For more information, go to familyactionnetwork.net.

7 pm, an event sponsored by multiple public libraries

MARTHA HALL KELLY
Sunflower Sisters

Ms. Kelly's bestseller *Lilac Girls* and *Lost Roses* introduced readers to Caroline Ferriday. Now, in *Sunflower Sisters*, she tells the story of Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Wollsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War; Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold and conscripted into the Army; and Ann-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists.

MONDAY, JUNE 7

7 pm, a Family Action Network (FAN) Event CAROL ANDERSON



The Second: Race and Guns in a Fatally Unequal America
Award-winning author Carol Anderson discusses her new book, a critical new look at the Second Amendment—which protects the



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THE INSIDE LINE

AIMEE ANDERSON



Lady Sunshine by Amy Mason Doan (\$28.99). I quite simply loved this little gem of a book. The late-June release date is perfect timing for what is sure to be one of the best “beach reads” of the summer. *Lady Sunshine* is the engaging story of Jackie Pierce, a privileged yet unhappy teenager from San Francisco. In the summer of 1979, in search of freedom from her overbearing father and fussy stepmother, she decides to spend the next few months at the compound of her bohemian folk-singer uncle. When she arrives, she is immediately in awe of the artists, musicians, and free thinkers—so different than anyone she’s ever known. Most fascinating, however, is her cousin Willa. The two form a strong friendship and their bond seems unbreakable. At the end of the summer, Jackie discovers tension between her aunt and uncle. She and Willa devise a plan that they believe will make things right again. However, the plan goes horribly wrong, tragedy strikes, and Willa disappears forever. Twenty years later, Jackie returns to the compound, preparing to sell the property after her aunt dies and leaves her the estate. As Jackie wanders through the beloved spots she once cherished, she revisits that magical summer, confronts the tragic events of the past, and ponders her current relationships.



LAURA BERENGER



Finding Freedom: A Cook's Story, Remaking a Life from Scratch by Erin French (\$28). I would like to introduce another category of summer reading: “beyond the beach read.” That would be a book that is not too complicated, that does not introduce too many characters, nor requires a dictionary at hand to help with the sophisticated vocabulary. But the story does include love and heartbreak, vivid and relatable characters, some delicious food and wine thrown into the mix of memory, love, and dreams come true. And it lingers with you after you’ve closed the covers. *Finding Freedom* is such a book. Erin French is the owner and chef of the Lost Kitchen, a 40-seat restaurant in Freedom, Maine. It can take years to get a reservation—yes, because it is that good. My favorite memoirs are those that detail the challenges of taking risks, and hatching plans, and then seeing the results come to life in the most beautiful ways. The backdrop of Maine, family ties and trouble, strong coffee, resolve, lumps of sugar, and deep satisfaction...it’s all here in Erin French’s story.



ELIZABETH HUBBARD



Shoulder Season by Christina Clancy (\$27.99, out on July 6). This book called out to me as I grew up just north of Chicago and frequented Lake Geneva as a teenager. This book tells the story of Sherri Taylor, a small-town Wisconsin girl, whose young life was ordinary and small. She dreams of more. After both parents die, Sherri takes a big risk and interviews for a job at the famed Playboy Club. Through her rigorous training and then first year at the Club, we meet the other Bunnies and learn about life behind the scenes. Though billed as a family resort, there is also a lot of drinking and drugs and men! Sherri wanted a whole new life and gets one, for better or worse. The book takes us from 1981 to 2019, and we see Sherri go from a wide-eyed innocent to a far more jaded grown woman who looks back on her Bunny days

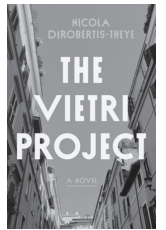


with very mixed emotions. This book charmed me in ways I didn't expect, as I rooted for Sherri and the other Bunnies.

SHARMAN MCGURN



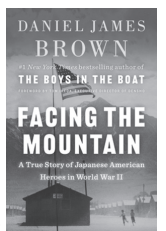
In **The Vietri Project**, author Nicola DeRobertis-Theye (\$24.99) explores a young woman’s haunting quest for meaning, place, and purpose. It is 2011 and, at age 25, Gabriele’s life is unfocused. The specter of her mother’s schizophrenia hovers over her, preventing her from moving forward with her life—because what if her mother’s disease becomes hers as well? Gabriele is fascinated with an Italian man, signor Vietri, whose large orders of esoteric and academic books are placed to the Berkeley bookstore where she works part-time. She is assigned the task of fulfilling them. As his orders come via mail, with no email address or phone number, she assumes that he is an elderly gentleman. What is his story? Why does he want so many titles covering a variety of obscure subjects? Gabriele decides to travel to Rome, where his books are sent, and coincidentally where she has many family members, to find out. Rome, a significant character in the story, opens up a whole new world, one that Gabriele had rejected earlier in her life, having spent several summers there living with her mother’s relatives. To date, she has thrived on solitude, destroying relationships with those who want to get close to her. Her restlessness is apparent as the story undulates, interesting people ebbing and flowing within her Italian orbit. Through trying to learn about Vietri’s past, back stories emerge of World War II and Fascist Italy’s role in Ethiopia and Libya. As the various threads seem to come together then break apart, Gabriele wonders, “How were these things, Vietri’s book orders, the painter and his lonely death, the massacre of the monks in Debre Libanos, how were these part of the same world, how would they ever be one narrative?” Parallel to this history, Gabriele learns more about herself and her family. She eventually realizes that “there were no divisions, all of my Roman selves, all of the different selves I had had with different people, I could see now they were all merging into one person.” But does Gabriele find Vietri? For the answer, I recommend reading *The Vietri Project*.



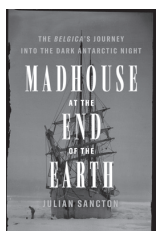
JON GRAND



Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II by Daniel James Brown (\$30). Brown, author of *The Boys in the Boat*, delivers once again. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the U.S. was at war with Japan. Fears of a fifth column led to the internment of Japanese-Americans. The sons of four of these families volunteered for the U.S. Army and were assigned to special combat units in Europe. Their stories of courage in the face of unrelenting danger play out, while their families live behind barbed wire. The tenacity, the single-minded pursuit of their mission, that made them heroes on the battlefield takes on a new purpose as they seek to restore the rights of their families. Different boys in a different “boat,” but equally moving.

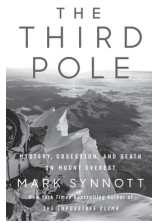


Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night by Julian Sancton (\$30). The year is 1897, and geographic societies across the globe have made the study of Antarctica their priority. A young Belgian captain, Adrien de Gerlache, sets out on a three-year expedition to be the first to locate the magnetic South Pole. Among the crew are an American doctor, Frederick Cook, and Roald Amundsen.

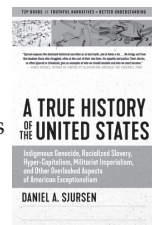


Cooke would gain fame as a con artist and end up in prison; Amundsen would become famous as the first man to reach the South Pole. But that was all in the future. The *Belgica* reached Antarctica late in the season. Despite knowing the danger, De Gerlache pushed his ship further south into the pack ice. As the ice closed in, the ship was held fast as the long, dark Antarctic winter descended. In the unremitting darkness, illness and madness stalked the crew. And we are there as the ship's timbers groan against the ice and the threat of disaster is ever-present.

The Third Pole: Mystery, Obsession, and Death on Mount Everest by Mark Synnott (\$29). Years before Edmund Hillary stood atop Mt. Everest, George Mallory and Sandy Irvine attempted the ascent. On June 8, 1924, they made their way to the top. They were within 800 feet of their goal when they vanished. Mallory's body was only found in 1999; Irvine's body is still lost...along with his small Kodak camera, a camera whose film may still be good. In 2019, Mark Synnott set out to find Irvine's body. But it was a different Everest, crowded with climbers paying huge fees to guiding companies. As Synnott searched for Irvine, 11 climbers would die on Everest.



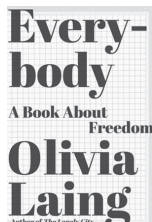
A True History of the United States: Indigenous Genocide, Racialized Slavery, Hyper-Capitalism, Militarist Imperialism and Other Overlooked Aspects of American Exceptionalism by Daniel A. Sjursen (\$19.95 in paperback). How many times has a news story caused you to think "I never learned that in school." American history is the story of a people remarkable for their accomplishments and persistent belief in a set of ideals set forth in their foundational documents. But as with any history, there are aspects that we prefer to ignore. Inevitably, the ugly side of history catches up with us, and we have two choices: continue to ignore it or examine it deeply and critically in the hope of righting wrongs and preventing future errors. Sjursen has not written an easy or comfortable book. Terms like "Manifest Destiny" sound much better than "indigenous genocide." Understanding our history, warts and all, leads us to reaffirm our commitment to the values and ideals on which our nation rests.



ROBERT McDONALD

Everybody: A Book About Freedom by Olivia Laing. (\$26.95). Over the past year Olivia Laing's nonfiction books, with their artful blend of scholarship, memoir, and travelogue have become touchstone books for me, from her look at male writers and drinking in *The Trip to*

Echo Spring, to her study of loneliness (hers and others) in *The Lonely City*, and her fascinating look at art and the artworld of the past 50 years in *Funny Weather*. In *Everybody*, she uses the life and theories of Freud protégé Wilhelm Reich as her springboard, from his ground-breaking work on trauma, sex, and sexuality in Weimar Berlin to his later post-war years in America, where some of his ideas veered into the frankly whack-a-doodle. As Liang shows, (in her beautiful sentences) Reich's influence on Western culture, both during his time and reaching on into our own, is far-reaching, and his influence extends to such figures as William Burroughs, Kurt Cobain, Kathy Acker, James Baldwin, Michael Foucault, Andrea Dworkin, and Nina Simone, to name a few. Laing says of Reich's work: "The free body: what a beautiful idea. Despite what happened to his, and despite what was happening to the movements in which he participated, I could still feel the optimism vibrating through the decades: that our bodies are full of power, and furthermore that their power is not despite but because of the manifest vulnerabilities." This book is something I didn't know I needed, a hopeful book about freedom, and the future.



right to keep and bear arms--and how it has been engineered to deny the rights of African Americans since its inception. She appears in conversation with **Heather Cox Richardson**, a professor of history at Boston College.

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

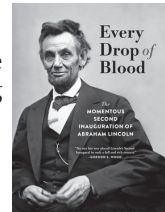
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ED ACHORN

Every Drop of Blood: The Momentous Second Inauguration of Abraham Lincoln

Writes Steve Forbes of *Forbes*:

"Achorn, a noted editor and author, does a splendid job of recreating the atmosphere and experience of being in Washington on the day before and the day of Lincoln's second inauguration. He has a gift for evocative, elaborate detail, and his



descriptions of Washington—from a canal of stinking sewage to the new Capitol dome to the brothels and the various social functions—give readers a full flavor of the good and the plentifully ugly." Mr. Achorn appears in conversation with our staffer **Jon Grand**.

SATURDAY, JUNE 12

10:30 am, Saturday Storytime

MARK K. SHRIVER

10 Hidden Heroes



Mark K. Shriver joins us virtually to read his new book. It highlights the various ways children and adults can be real-life heroes in their everyday lives. Children learn to count the individual heroes who shine a light on the importance of helping others whether it's through teaching, caring for animals, protecting the environment, or keeping others from harm. Adults who read along can help their children make connections to the unseen acts of compassion that occur in their own neighborhoods. Mr. Shriver is the president of the Save the Children Action Network and author of the best-selling memoir, *A Good Man: Rediscovering My Father, Sargent Shriver*. *10 Hidden Heroes* appeals to kids age 3 – 8—and up!

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

7 pm

LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

In the Heights: Finding Home

We're proud to join with other independent bookstores to participate in a spectacular one-night virtual event with authors Lin-Manuel Miranda, Quiara Alegria Hudes, and Jeremy McCarter. We'll celebrate



the publication of this extraordinary inside look at Miranda's breakout Broadway debut. (The film version releases on June 11!) Twenty years ago, way before the phenomenon of "Hamilton," Miranda was a kid with a dream: Could he share the story of Washington Heights in all its glory—the people, the music, the home that shaped him? Guests will have the unique experience of hearing from the creative team behind this timeless story of how one neighborhood can speak to the whole world.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

6:30 pm

CORY FRANKLIN

A Guide to Writing College Admissions Essays: Practical Advice for Students and Parents

We are proud to welcome Dr. Franklin back to the store. He is an intensive care physician turned essayist who has published four books. His newest, co-authored with his wife Sue Franklin, Linda Black, and Paul Weingarten, is a guide for students writing their college admissions essays, primarily the 650-word Common App essay and supplementary essays.

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

7 pm, a FAN Event

DAX-DEVLON ROSS

Letters to My White Male Friends

In his new book, Black author and journalist Ross speaks to the millions of middle-aged white men who are suddenly awakening to race and racism. He offers white men direction so that they can take just action in their workplace, community, family, and, most importantly, in themselves, especially in the future when race is no longer in the spotlight.

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

Happy Father's Day!

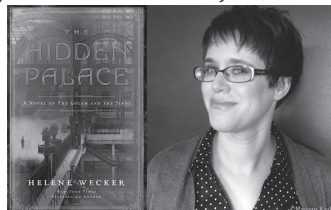
TUESDAY, JUNE 22

7 pm

HELEN WECKER

The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni

We are delighted to join with Evanston, Glencoe, Highland Park, Mount Prospect, Wilmette, and Winnetka Public Libraries as we present Ms. Wecker's long-awaited new novel, a sequel to *The Golem and the Jinni*. In this new historical epic, set in New York City and the Middle East in the years leading to World War I, Ms. Wecker revisits her beloved characters Chava and Ahmad as they confront unexpected new challenges in a rapidly changing human world. She will appear in conversation with acclaimed fantasy writer **Kat Howard**.



THURSDAY, JUNE 24

2 pm

LEOTA ESTER

Crossing: A Caregiver's Journal

Roberta Rubin presents local poet Leota Ester, reading from both published and new work. Ms. Ester is the author of *Crossing*, a volume of poems that reflect the experience of living with and caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's. Ms. Ester's years as a wife and mother to three daughters, as well as her careers as a high school English teacher and manager of her own business, have encouraged a depth of understanding life that her poetry expresses.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

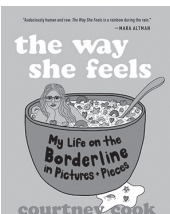
6:30 pm, Book Release Party

COURTNEY COOK

The Way She Feels



Ms. Cook, a Winnetka native, joins us to celebrate the release of this new memoir, told in words and images, and detailing and drawing the life of a girl with borderline personality disorder who finds her way one day at a time.



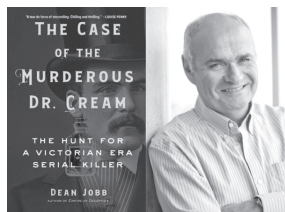
TUESDAY, JULY 13

6:30 pm

DEAN JOBB

The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream: The Hunt for a Victorian Era Serial Killer

In the span of 15 years, Dr. Thomas Neill Cream murdered as many as 10 people in the United States, Britain, and Canada. Poison was his weapon of choice. Largely forgotten today, this villain was as brazen as the notorious Jack the Ripper. Mr. Jobb transports readers to the late 19th century, as Scotland Yard traces Dr. Cream's life through Canada and Chicago and finally to London, where new investigative tools called



forensics were just coming into use. Writes Louise Penny: "A tour-de-force of storytelling. A wondrous example of creative non-fiction and one of the best books I've read this year."

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

6 pm, Winnetka Public Library

CANDACE FLEMING

Candace will guide attendees through a crime scene investigation of King Tutankhamun's Tomb and talk about her research for her forthcoming middle-grade release *The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb*. Ages 7+.

7 pm

CASEY McQUISTON

One Last Stop

In this new romantic comedy, August moves to New York, believing that things like magic and cinematic love stories don't exist, and the only smart way to go through life is alone. Then she meets Jane, a gorgeous girl on the subway, who is dazzling, charming, and mysterious.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

6:30 pm

ALICE MOODY and ANN WALTERS

A Midsummer Night's Literary Event:

Recommendations You Won't Want to Miss

Please join **Ann Walters** and **Alice Moody**, founders of Between the Covers Book Discussions, as they recommend exciting new summer reads. This is a ticketed virtual event; your ticket includes a \$10 gift card that can be used either online or in the store. All attendees will be entered in a raffle to win great prizes.



SUNDAY, JULY 25

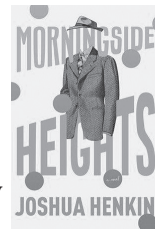
2 pm

JOSHUA HENKIN

Morningside Heights



Mr. Henkin speaks with **Judy Levine** about his new book. Writes *Kirkus*: "A superstar literature professor is struck down in his prime in the cruelest possible way. . . Henkin specializes in melancholy stories about complicated families,



and this one is a real heartbreaker. His portrait of Pru is nuanced and sensitive, following her into one of the darkest places a spouse can go and hitting the notes just right. . . Caring for a spouse with Alzheimer's is an ever more common heartbreak, illuminated by this tender portrait of a marriage."

TUESDAY, JULY 27

6:30 pm

ROBERTA RUBIN

Books So Good You Need to Read Them Twice

Roberta presents a list of books she recommends revisiting, and people will have a chance to share their own experiences of going back to previously read titles.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

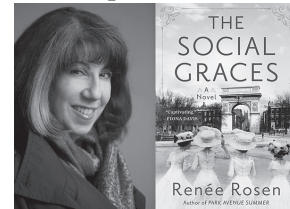
6:30 pm

Ticketed outdoor evening program at Good Grapes

RENEE ROSEN

The Social Graces

Chicago author Renee Rosen throws back the curtain on one of the most remarkable feuds in history: Alva Vanderbilt and Caroline Astor's notorious battle for control of New York society during the Gilded Age. Named one of the most anticipated historical novels of 2021! Book Stall fans remember her for *Park Avenue Summer*, *Windy City Blues*, *White Collar Girl*, *What the Lady Wants* and *Dollface*. See our website for details.



Happy Father's Day...and Happy Summer Reading!

Fiction

- Tom Clancy Target Acquired** by Don Bentley (\$29)
In this eighth Jack Ryan novel, Jack is filling in for his friend on what he thought would be an easy assignment in Israel.
- 2034: A Novel of the Next World War** by Eliot Ackerman and Admiral James Stavridis, USN (\$27)
A geopolitical thriller that imagines a naval clash between the U.S. and China in the South China Sea in 2034—and the path from there to a nightmarish global conflagration.
- Project Hail Mary** by Andy Weir (\$28.99)
A great blend of technology and suspense in an outer space setting.
- The Thousand Crimes of Ming Tsu** by Tom Lin (\$28)
A reimagining of a classic Western through the eyes of a Chinese American assassin on a quest to rescue his kidnapped wife and exact his revenge on her abductors.
- Sooley** by John Grisham (\$28.95)
Samuel "Sooley" Sooleymon is a raw, young talent from South Sudan with big hoop dreams ... and even bigger challenges off the court.
- Three O'Clock in the Morning** by Gianrico Carofiglio (\$23.99)
A father and his teenage son are forced to spend two sleepless nights exploring the city of Marseilles, an unexpected adventure and profound discovery that helps them come to truly know each other.
- Paradise, Nevada** by Dario Diofebi (\$28)
Four out-of-towners brave the explosive political tensions behind the deceptive, spectacular, endlessly self-reinventing city of Las Vegas.
- A Gambling Man** by David Baldacci (\$29)
Aloysius Archer, a World War II veteran fresh out of prison, hops on a bus and begins the long journey out west to California, where rumor has it there is money to be made if you're hard-working, lucky, criminal—or all three.
- The Man Who Lived Underground** by Richard Wright (\$22.95)
An explosive, previously unpublished novel about race and police violence by the legendary author of *Native Son* and *Black Boy*.

Science

- Waves and Beaches: The Powerful Dynamics of Sea and Coast** by Kim McCoy (\$29.95)
- A Brief History of Earth: Four Billion Years in Eight Chapters** by Andrew Knoll (\$24)
- The God Equation: The Quest for a Theory of Everything** by Michio Kaku (\$22)
- The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race** by Walter Isaacson (\$35)

Adventure

- Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night** by Julian Sancton (\$30)
See Jon Grand's review on page 2.
- The Third Pole: Mystery, Obsession, and Death on Mount Everest** by Mark Synnott (\$29) See Jon's review on page 3.
- World Travel: An Irreverent Guide** by Anthony Bourdain, with Laurie Woolever (\$35)
- Chasing the Thrill: Obsession, Death, and Glory in America's Most Extraordinary Treasure Hunt** by Daniel Barbarisi (\$28)



American History

- JFK: Coming of Age in the American Century, 1917-1956** by Fredrik Logevall (\$40)
- Blood and Treasure: Daniel Boone and the Fight for America's First Frontier** by Bub Drury / Tom Clavin (\$29.99)
- Until Justice Be Done: America's First Civil Rights Movement, from the Revolution to Reconstruction.** by Kate Masur (\$32)
- The Patriots: Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and the Making of America** by Winston Groom (\$30)
- A Worse Place Than Hell: How the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg Changed a Nation** by John Matteson (\$35)
- The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War** by Catherine Grace Katz (\$28)
- The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, A Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War** by Malcolm Gladwell (\$27)
- Agent Sonya: Moscow's Most Daring Wartime Spy** by Ben Macintyre (\$28)
- Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes** by Daniel James Brown (\$30) See Jon's review on page 2.
- Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service** by Carol Leonnig (\$30)

General History

- The Road Less Traveled: The Secret Battle to End the Great War, 1916-1917** by Philip Zelikow (\$30)
- In Search of a Kingdom: Francis Drake, Elizabeth I, and the Perilous Birth of the British Empire** by Laurence Bergreen (\$29.99)
- The Invention of Medicine: From Homer to Hippocrates** by Robin Lane Fox (\$35)
- Nuclear Folly: A History of the Cuban Missile Crisis** by Serhii Plokhy (\$35)
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- The Bookseller of Florence: The Story of the Manuscripts That Illuminated the Renaissance** by Ross King (\$30)
- The Free World: Art and Thought in the Cold War** by Louis Menand (\$35)
- This Is How They Tell Me the World Ends: The Cyberweapons Arms Race** by Nicole Perloth (\$30)
- Freedom** by Sebastian Junger (\$25.99)

Sports

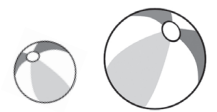
- A Most Beautiful Thing: The True Story of America's First All-Black High School Rowing Team** by Arshay Cooper (\$17.99 in paperback)
- The Lucky Thirteen: The Winners of America's Triple Crown of Horse Racing** by Edward Bowen (\$26.95)
- Splash: 10,000 Years of Swimming** by Howard Means (\$28)
- Pee Wees: Confessions of a Hockey Parent** by Rich Cohen (\$27)

Food and Wine

- Volcanoes and Wine: From Pompeii to Napa** by Charles Frankel (\$27.50)
- The Wine Lover's Bucket List: 100 Amazing Adventures in Pursuit of Wine** by Simon J. Woolf (\$36.95).
- How to Grill Everything: Simple Recipes for Great Flame-Cooked Food** by Mark Bittman (\$30)
- Rodney Scott's World of BBQ** by Rodney Scott and Lolis Eric Elie (\$29.99)



the children's line...



Hello Children's Book fans,

We have one event for you this month, but it is a stellar one! On **Tuesday, June 1 at 6 pm** we will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the *Divergent* series with author **Veronica Roth**, who will be joined by **Marie Lu** (the *Skyhunter* duology) and **Alexandra Bracken** (Lore). These three authors will take a look

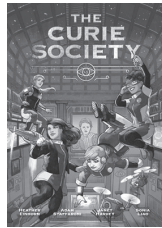
KARI PATCH

back at the dystopian genre that transported so many readers and continues to do so. They'll dive into the heroes and villains of the genre, what they miss most, those moments that inspired us, broke our hearts, and everything in between.



How to join this virtual event: Purchase any of Veronica's books from the *Divergent* or *Carve the Mark* series, or *The End and Other Beginnings* from The Book Stall. Then, on **June 1 at 4 pm** Chicago time, receive an *exclusive* Crowdcast link to join the event. **The first 100 purchases of Ms. Roth's titles from The Book Stall will receive signed bookplates with their books.**

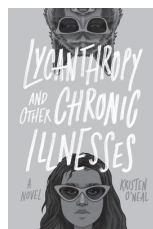
There are lots of wonderful new books out recently and coming out in the month of June. For the graphic novel lover in your life, *The Curie Society* by Heather Einhorn, Adam Staffaroni, Janet Harvey, and Sonia Liao is the start of a fantastical new series involving science and adventure. Teen science prodigies Simone, Maya, and Taj are just starting their freshman year of college when they're invited to join a secret organization founded to support the most brilliant female minds in the world. Join their first adventure as they learn to work together and see whether they have what it takes to become members of The Curie Society. *Ages 11 and up*



For the middle grade reader who likes cryptids (or if possibly off to camp this summer), check out *Secrets of Camp Whatever* by Chris Grine. Eleven-year-old Willow doesn't want to move to her family's inherited house or go to the summer camp her dad barely remembers attending when he was her age. She definitely doesn't care when townspeople start telling her that her new house and the camp are haunted. Or maybe just a little...off. Soon Willow finds herself neck-deep in a mystery involving stolen snacks, suspected vampires, and missing campers, all shrouded in the sinister fog that hides a generation of secrets at Camp...whatever it's called.



And speaking of cryptids, I'm halfway through *Lycanthropy and Other Chronic Illnesses* by Kristen O'Neal and loving her unique take on werewolves as told between friends with chronic illnesses. Priya has been forced to leave her sophomore year at Stanford and her pre-med dreams due to a diagnosis of chronic Lyme disease. She makes friends online with Brigid, who has her own chronic illness. When Brigid suddenly goes silent online, Priya takes the family car and heads out to find her friend. What follows is an examination of friendship and support and what it means to be normal.



Until next month, happy reading!

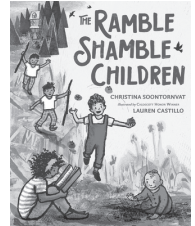
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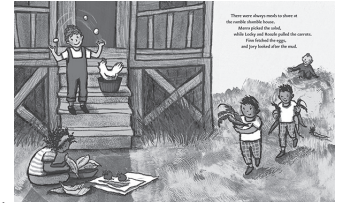
AMY TROGDON Picture Books



The Ramble Shamble Children by Christina Soontornvat, illustrated by Lauren Castillo (\$16.99). "Down the mountain, across the creek, past the last curve in the road, five children lived together in a ramble, shamble house." That first



sentence sold me on this book, with the well-loved theme of children in charge. The adorable multiethnic family decide to fix up the dilapidated house and garden and live free of parental control. After a bit of time on their own, they sensibly decide that perhaps the previous life they led is the best possible choice. Illustrated in lovely impressionistic drawings, this is a delight to share. *Ages 4-8*



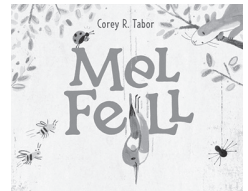
The Midnight Fair by Gideon Sterer, illustrated by Mariachiara Di Giorgio (\$16.99). After all the humans have gone to bed, the animals in the forest get ready for fun at the county fair. This



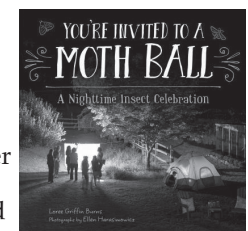
wordless picture book is truly a wonder—filled with gorgeous illustrations that depict the animals having a blast—playing games, covering their eyes on the rides, and eating the fabulous fair food! This book is sure to be a hit with all kids who love the fun and excitement of a fair! *Ages 3-6*



Mel Fell by Corey R. Tabor (\$17.99). A tiny bird named Mel jumps off a branch and free-falls. This is made even more realistic by the reader holding the book vertically. As she splashes into the water, the reader is told to turn the book clockwise and follow her back up, with a fish in her beak! She flies! Mel's determined personality comes through the pen and ink drawings. A delight! *Ages 3-6*

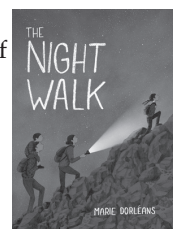


You're Invited to the Moth Ball: A Nighttime Insect Celebration. by Loree Griffin Burns, photos by Ellen Harasimowicz (\$16.99). Come to the Moth Ball, where



children observe moths on a summer night. This is a great STEM-related activity kids will love. The photographs are informative and helpful in following the activities, which include identifying a variety of moths. A great book for a summer evening! *Ages 4-8*

The Night Walk by Marie Dorleans, translated from French by Polly Lawson (\$17.95). A family of four set out expectantly into a dark night. Flashlights in hand, they forge ahead, as their mystery destination unfolds at daybreak. The poetic text pulls readers into the story, which ends with a breathtaking sunrise. A peaceful, quiet story that embraces the warmth of family. *Ages 4-8*



Middle Grade Fiction

A Place to Hang the Moon by Kate Albus (\$17.99). William, Anna, and Edmund are left without a guardian after their grandmother, who didn't seem to care for them very much, passes away. To complicate matters even more, World War II has just begun in Europe, and their home in London is in danger. The solicitor decides to evacuate them to the countryside, where they are fostered by several not-so-kind families. Throughout the bad days, the children find solace in the local library. They love books and begin to love the kind librarian. Could their search for the perfect forever family be over? A wonderful story about the importance of family. Unforgettable. *Ages 8-12*



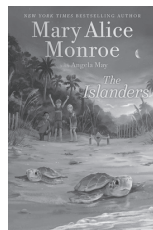
BETSY BALLEAT

Sisters of the Neversea by Cynthia L. Smith (\$16.99). Although relatives remember how close Wendy Darling and Lily Roberts have been, the friendship between the stepsisters has hit a very large bump in the road. Their parents are separating for the summer, with

Wendy and her father traveling to New York, while Lily and her mother and 4-year-old Michael will remain home in Tulsa, Oklahoma. On Wendy's last night in Tulsa, Lily worries that divorce means they can't stay sisters. Wendy is frustrated that Lily won't fly to New York with her. The girls are so tense that neither notices anything amiss—until Peter Pan and Belle the fairy zip through the bedroom window. Practical Lily, who is Muscogee Creek, distrusts Peter immediately. Fanciful Wendy is beguiled by Peter and accepts his invitation to Neverland.

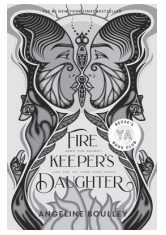
Unfortunately, Peter has turned the magical Neverland we all remember into a dystopia. Peter has destroyed the environment by hunting species to extinction, and stolen children are forced to live as his companions. Lily sets out to rescue her siblings and groups of tribally affiliated kids that Peter kidnapped to use as battle foes. With Wendy's thirteenth birthday approaching, Lily remembers that growing up is something Peter Pan refuses to forgive, so Wendy is in real danger. Short chapters, plenty of action, and the wry voice of the narrator help make the tale of Native pride and environmentalism accessible. A refreshing adventure that gives new life to an old story. *Ages 8-12*

The Islanders by Mary Alice Monroe with Angela May (\$17.99). Eleven-year-old Jake's life has just been turned upside down. His father has been wounded in Afghanistan, and his mother has left to take care of him. This means Jake has come to spend the summer on tiny Dewees Island with his grandmother. The island is a nature sanctuary—no cars, paved roads, no stores or restaurants. To make matters worse, his grandmother does not believe in cable or internet, which means Jake has no cell phone and no video games. He is barely on the island before he meets two other kids: Macon, who is another summer kid, and Lovie, who lives there and shows the boys the ropes of life on the island. All three children are struggling with their own family issues, and they quickly bond, going on adventures all over the island. But one misadventure, involving an abandoned boat, leads to community service. Their punishment? The kids must do a daily dawn patrol on the beach on the hunt for loggerhead sea turtle tracks. When a turtle nest is threatened by coyotes, the three friends must find a way to protect it from predators. Can Jake's love for the island and its inhabitants help to heal his father? Book Stall customers know Ms. Monroe for her *Beach House* books for adults; this is her first title for middle grade readers. *Ages 8-12*



Firekeeper's Daughter by Angeline Boulley (\$18.99). Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine has never quite fit in, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. She dreams of a fresh start in college, but when family tragedy

strikes, Daunis puts her future on hold to look after her fragile mother. The only bright spot is meeting Jamie, the charming new recruit on her brother Levi's hockey team. Yet even as Daunis falls for Jamie, she senses the hockey star is hiding something. Everything comes to light when Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into an FBI investigation of a lethal new drug. Reluctantly, Daunis agrees to go undercover, drawing on her knowledge of chemistry and Ojibwe traditional medicine to track down the source. But the truth is more complicated than she imagined, and Daunis grows concerned with the investigation that seems more focused on punishing the offenders than protecting the victims. Now, as the deceptions and deaths keep growing, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Ojibwe woman and how far she will go for her community, even if it tears apart the only world she has ever known. This is a beautifully written novel that is sure to be a prize winner. I would give it four stars. I loved it! *Ages 12 up*.



Instructions for Dancing by Nicola Yoon (\$19.99). After her parent's divorce, romance enthusiast Evie Thomas, 17, swears off love. Donating all her romance novels in the process, she comes across a neighborhood library box, and a mysterious woman encourages her to take a book for herself. Evie doesn't think much of the volume, *Instructions for Dancing*, but realizes that something strange is occurring when she sees her sister kissing her boyfriend and has a vision of how they got together and how they will break up. After Evie sees the romantic fate of other kissing couples, her best friend encourages her to visit the "please return to" address in the book to the La Brea Dance Studio. There Evie is sucked in by the magnetic owner and her grandson X. Soon she is persuaded to join the L.A. Danceball competition to help the studio gain clients. With X as her partner, she learns the steps to leading with her heart. With deadpan humor, realistically wrought relationships, and a well-executed fantastical element, Yoon delivers a story that you will not soon forget. *Age 12 up*



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Where Secrets Lie by Eva V. Gibson (\$19.99). Amy, Ben, and Teddy are best friends and every summer they reunite in Ben and Teddy's hometown, River Run. Last summer, the strong bonds of their friendship began to fray and eventually break, the result of a significant shift in dynamics. The friendship and playfulness between Amy and Teddy transformed into love and lust. Last summer ended with a soul-crushing fallout between the three. This summer begins with the sudden disappearance of Teddy's little sister, Nat. As a town-wide investigation begins, the friends fight through their grief, desperation, and complicated history in order to find out what happened to the missing girl. But there are so many answers unsolved, and the tragedy of this summer only put the past on pause. Unfinished arguments and feelings will come out eventually, and so will the countless secrets held in tightly by the inhabitants of River Run. No secret can stay secret forever, and once one comes out, the rest tend to follow. Readers will be enthralled by the mystery of Nat's disappearance and by the friends' search to find a balance for themselves and with each other in their new reality. Told from the perspective of Amy between last summer and this summer, *Where Secrets Lie* will take readers into the dark history of River Run and the people who call it home.



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Virtual Book Discussion Groups

Wednesday, June 16, Evening Discussion at 6:30 pm
Shuggie Bain by Douglas Stuart, Led by Alice Moody

Wednesday, June 23, Morning Discussion at 9:30 am
Klara and the Sun by Kazuo Ishiguro, Led by Nancy Buehler

These discussion groups are free to attend, but registration is required. Please email events@thebookstall.com.
 Note that space is limited.

Go Green Reads Book Discussion

Monday, July 12 at 7 pm
Nature's Best Hope: A New Approach to Conservation That Starts in Your Yard by Douglas W. Tallamy

This free event will be held via Zoom. To register, please email gogreenreads@gmail.com.

Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 pm
Roberta Rubin

Books So Good You Need to Read Them Twice

These discussion groups are free to attend, but registration is required. Please email events@thebookstall.com.
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Special Book Discussions

Thursday, July 15 at 6:30 pm
Ann Walters and Alice Moody
A Midsummer Night's Literary Event: Recommendations You Won't Want to Miss

This is a ticketed event.

Virtual Events in JUNE

- Tues. 1 6 pm**
VERONICA ROTH, ALEXANDRA BRACKEN, and MARIE LU
Divergent 10th Anniversary
- 7 pm, a Family Action Network event**
MICHAEELEN DOUCLEFF
Hunt, Gather, Parent
- 7 pm**
MARTHA HALL KELLY
Sunflower Sisters
- Mon. 7 7 pm**
CAROL ANDERSON
The Second
- Thurs. 10 6:30 pm**
ED ACHORN
Every Drop of Blood
- Sat. 12 10:30 am, Saturday Storytime**
MARK K. SHRIVER
10 Hidden Heroes
- Tues. 15 7 pm**
LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA
In the Heights
- Wed. 16 6:30 pm**
CORY FRANKLIN
A Guide to Writing College Admissions Essays
- Thurs. 17 7 pm, a FAN Event**
DAX-DEVLON ROSS
Letters to My White Male Friends
- Sun. 20 Father's Day!**
- Tues. 22 7 pm**
HELEN WECKER
The Hidden Palace

- Thurs. 24 2 pm**
LEOTA ESTER
Crossing
- Tues. 29 6:30 pm, Book Release Party**
COURTNEY COOK
The Way She Feels

Virtual Events in JULY

- Tues. 13 6:30 pm**
DEAN JOBB
The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream
- Wed. 14 6 pm, Winnetka Public Library**
CANDACE FLEMING
The Curse of the Mummy: Uncovering Tutankhamun's Tomb
- 7 pm**
CASEY McQUISTON
One Last Stop
- Thurs. 15 6:30 pm**
ALICE MOODY and ANN WALTERS
A Midsummer Night's Literary Event
- Sun. 25 2 pm**
JOSHUA HENKIN
Morningside Heights
- Tues. 27 6:30 pm**
ROBERTA RUBIN
Books So Good You Need to Read Them Twice
- Wed. 28 6:30 pm, Ticketed outdoor program**
RENEE ROSEN
The Social Graces

