



# THE BOOK STALL

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## THE FRONT LINE



Saturday, November 27 is the 12th annual **Small Business Saturday**, and it feels like a particularly appropriate time to support all the businesses that have worked so hard to continue operations during the pandemic. This time last year we were taking online and telephone orders and shipping, delivering, or passing packages out our front door. We were incredibly grateful for the support, but so missed the excitement of in-store book selling during the holidays. This year, we're optimistic that the store will be busy, and that we'll be able to help you find just the right book. And mark your calendar as we'll be having our **annual 20% off sale** on Saturday December 4 and Sunday, December 5. Although the sale is usually just on one day, Sunday, this year we're hoping to have a less crowded store as we spread the fun over two days!

Staffers have worked to compile our annual "List of Lists" on pages 4 and 5 of this newsletter, and we think that there is something for everyone, no matter what their interest. Please note that not all the books are out yet, and that due to supply chain issues, we may have trouble getting some of these books—so shop early. And if we don't have exactly what you're looking for, we can help you find a great substitute!

Hanukkah begins on November 28 this year, and Thanksgiving is on November 25. We have some cookbooks to help you set the perfect table. We love Dorie Greenspan, and *Baking with Dorie: Sweet, Salty & Simple* is a great addition to any baker's shelf. *The Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook (2001-2022)* has an entire chapter on Thanksgiving feasts. For Hanukkah festivities, we have *Jew-ish: A Cookbook, Reinvented Recipes from a Modern Mensch* and the beautiful *The Jewish Cookbook* by Leah Koenig.

We have some great virtual events scheduled for this month. Our friend Susanna Calkins will appear on Sunday, November 7 at 2 pm to talk about her 6th novel in the Lucy Champion series, *The Cry of the Hangman*. Susanna writes wonderfully atmospheric mysteries set in 17th century London—perfect fireside reading! Of course, the Family Action Network (FAN) has some remarkable programs this month. (See inside.) I'm especially excited about Nikole Hannah-Jones speaking about *The 1619 Project* (out November 16) on Friday, November 19 at 7 pm. Pulitzer Prize and MacArthur Genius Grant winner Hannah-Jones won plaudits for *New York Times'* The 1619 Project which explores the long shadow slavery has cast over American history—and this new book expands with essays from such luminaries as Bryan Stevenson, Eve Ewing, Tracy K. Smith, and Jesmyn Ward.

November brings a flurry of new titles to our shelves! There has been great anticipation for dissident artist Ai Weiwei's memoir *1000 Years of Joys and Sorrows*. The hilarious and thoughtful author Gary Shteyngart has penned one of the first pandemic novels, with *Our Country Friends* about friends gathering in upstate New York to wait out the pandemic. I'm a huge fan of Elizabeth Strout, and *Oh William!* continues the story of Lucy Barton and her unique relationship with her former husband. Elizabeth is such an intensely personal writer; it's sometimes hard to remember that Lucy Barton is a fictional character. Lily King (*Euphoria*) has a new collection of stories, *Five Tuesdays in Winter*, for anyone who appreciates a fine short story with fully realized, unforgettable characters. My husband, Roger, loved the police procedural *The Dark Hours* (out November 9) by Michael Connelly. Beloved Ann Patchett has a new collection of essays in *These Precious Days*, which range from her experience at the Iowa Writer's Workshop to her relationship with Tom Hanks' assistant, who stayed with her while receiving medical treatments. And last, but certainly not least, I can't wait to read *Renegades: Born in the USA* by Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen.

See you in the store!

*Steph*

## CALENDAR

All events require registration. Please go to [www.thebookstall.com](http://www.thebookstall.com), click on "Events," and scroll down to "November." Click on the date of the event and follow directions for reserving your space.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7 pm, a Park Ridge Public Library Event—in person and virtual

JOHN HAPP

*The Navigation Case: Training, Flying and Fighting the 1942 to 1945 New Guinea War*

Local author John Happ presents the war stories of his father, who grew up in Park Ridge. Discover Len Happ's history, revealing his incredible struggle and growth while serving as a World War II pilot in New Guinea.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 pm, a Multi-library Virtual Event

CATHY PARK HONG  
*Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning*



Dr. Cathy Park Hong is a Korean American poet, writer, and professor at Rutgers University. Her 2020 book was a Pulitzer Prize finalist, won the National Book Critics Circle Award for autobiography, and earned her recognition on *TIME's* 100 Most Influential People of 2021 list.



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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

2 pm, a Virtual Event

SUSANNA CALKINS  
*The Cry of the Hangman*  
(A Lucy Champion Mystery #6)



Susanna Calkins appears in conversation with Lori Rader-Day. In London 1667, Printer's apprentice



Lucy Champion is horrified when her much-loved former master is viciously attacked with a brass hourglass during a break-in. Lucy is determined to get justice, but someone is determined to stop her.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

7 pm, a Virtual Wilmette Public Library Event

DARCIE LITTLE BADGER  
*A Snake Falls to Earth*



A Lipan Apache writer with a PhD in oceanography. In her new book, she draws on traditional Lipan Apache storytelling structure to weave another unforgettable tale of monsters, magic, and family.



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# THE INSIDE LINE

KARA GAGLIARDI

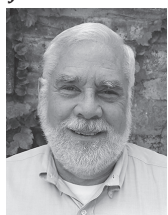


*Matrix* by Lauren Groff (\$28).

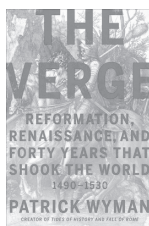
Lovers of historical fiction, strong women, and all things literary must pick up *Matrix* from this season's stack of new releases. Groff tells the story of Marie de France, a bastardess sibling of the crown, banished to a convent by her half-sister Eleanor of Aquitaine. It takes a deep dive into the Middle Ages—wrestles with power, politics, religion, and acceptance—while giving us a giant of a woman, both heroine and poet. The story opens in the year 1158. Marie de France is 17 years old. "Absent of beauty or even the smallest of feminine arts," she travels on horseback to meet her fate. A product of rape and a descendent of female warriors from the Crusades, Marie is cast out of Eleanor's court to run a forgotten abbey in the English countryside. The conditions: primitive. The nuns: sick and starving. With nowhere to go and unwilling to quit, Marie applies her considerable mental and physical faculties to the task. In the course of 50 years, Marie builds a community of women, financially independent and safe from harm. As the "Matrix" she experiences visions that propel her forward. The nuns at her command fell trees, transcribe verses, build labyrinths, fight off intruders. Despite this strength, there is vulnerability. Marie, herself, still longs for the affection of Eleanor, the acceptance of her sub-prioresses, and the love of a childhood nurse who abandoned her. "Is greatness the same as goodness?" Marie wrestles with her conscience and the cost of power. Somehow, Groff creates a 12th century feminist tale that resonates today.



JON GRAND



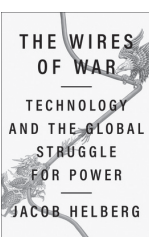
*The Verge: Reformation, Renaissance, and Forty Years That Shook the World 1490-1530* by Patrick Wyman (\$30). Wyman has written a fascinating book that looks at a crucial point in European history, a point that looks Janus-like both forwards and backwards. It is a



period of rapid change, of exploration, and freer thinking. But it is also a time that witnesses attempts to maintain the status quo and thwart the march of progress. Wyman examines these currents through the eyes of 10 figures, whose actions resulted in the world we inherited. From the explorations of Christopher Columbus, to the banking methods of Jakob Fugger, to the challenges to the Church led by Martin Luther: these and others questioned the methods, beliefs and assumptions of their time. The inevitable backlash proved to be no match for the confluence of new ideas that would shape our modern world view.

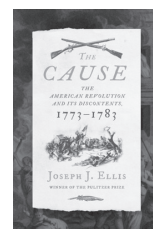
*The Wires of War: Technology and the Global Struggle for Power* by Jacob Helberg (\$28).

Disinformation, foreign interference, hacking, and the control of the internet: these define the modern Cold War. And once again the adversaries are Russia and China against the U.S. and her allies. In a world as interconnected as ours, vulnerabilities exist in virtually every area of our lives. The threats to the integrity of our elections are as real as the threat to our personal individual finances. With social media largely unregulated, the use of these platforms to sow dissension through disinformation is already happening. Unfortunately, there is no realistic way for individuals or our institutions to unplug. And so we are left to fight in another escalating conflict that we cannot afford to lose. Helberg has written an extremely good book on the nature and complexity of the conflict, as well as detailing the costs of losing.



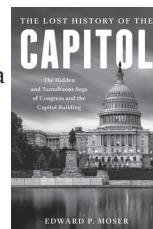
*The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents, 1773-1783* by Joseph J. Ellis (\$30). At

last, an examination of the Revolutionary War that reflects the positions of all parties: American, British, white and Black, loyalist and rebel. Understanding these disparate views is critical to understanding what, ultimately, the American Revolution meant. We tend to view the war as a somewhat low-key affair, with brightly clad British troops marching in formation, while colonials sniped from behind trees and other cover. But, as Ellis reveals, the war was much bloodier. Against this backdrop, political scheming, profit-taking, and treachery reveal the cracks in the presumed unity of purpose behind the Revolution. This third volume in Ellis' trilogy, that begins with *Founding Brothers*, brings the events of 1773 to 1783 to life. More importantly, he helps us understand that the events of that long ago time have important lessons for us today as we struggle to understand the divides that separate us.



*The Lost History of the Capitol: The Hidden and Tumultuous Saga of Congress and the Capitol Building* by Edward P. Moser (\$27.95). It sits atop a

high hill, serene and majestic, our national symbol with its gleaming dome and marble façade. It suggests power and permanence. We were shocked last January 6, when a mob broke into the Capitol in an effort to stop the Congress from doing its duty. But the Capitol is no stranger to violence. Burned by the British in the War of 1812, the building rose again from its ashes. Hangings on the capitol grounds, beatings within its chambers, bomb threats, massive protest marches, and storming of its hallways are all part of this building's history. There are scandals as well. Moser has written an anecdotal history filled with stories of events and personalities, while the Capitol itself floats serenely above the fray.

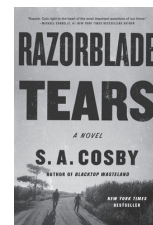


ELIZABETH HUBBARD



*Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Cosby (\$26.99) is a unicorn of a book.

Mystery thriller meets commentary on race, sexuality—and most importantly—parenting. This book was one I couldn't put down both because I wanted to know "who-dunnit," but also because I was rooting for the characters to find peace. It's the story of two dads, one Black, one white, who've tragically lost their sons. They come together against all odds to find out who was responsible for the grisly deaths. On this journey, they learn about themselves and each other and—more achingly—learn to forgive themselves. Hopefully none of us experience this horror personally, but we can all learn about saying "I love and accept you" to our loved ones, before it's too late. This book is definitely crime fiction and is described as "noir," but it is also a heart-warming story perfect for the times in which we live.



*The Coldest Case* by Martin Walker (\$27). In 2020, I got myself through the pandemic by reading a long mystery series from start to finish. Though things are improving now, I still find comfort in familiar characters and the structure a series brings. So, in between reading new books from my usual authors, I delved into Martin Walker's "Bruno Chief of Police" series, set in the South of France. I read the first 13 just in time for his newest one, *The Coldest Case*, which sees Bruno's involvement in a 30-year-old unsolved mystery. An anonymous skull and rumors about Cold War espionage take Bruno and the reader into the past and stories of once Communist-run regions of France. At the same



time, climate change threatens the region with forest fires, and Bruno and his friends step in to help save their beloved "Commune." As always, we are treated to horseback rides, sweet basset hounds, mouth-watering meals, lots of wine, and Bruno's complicated love life. For fans of Louise Penny and history lovers, this series will suck you in, and you won't want to leave St. Denis any time soon.

**Miss Eliza's English Kitchen** by Annabel Abbs (\$16.99 in paperback). Based on the real life of Eliza Acton and her assistant Ann Kirby, this book will take you to England of 1835. As a frustrated poet, whose editor suggests that she write a "cookery book" instead of her beloved poems, Eliza finds herself desperate as her family's bankruptcy forces her into the role of country boarding house matron. She begins to collect recipes while teaching herself to cook and finds that not only does she have a talent for it, but she actually loves it. She hires a young, local girl to help her, and they become close. Ann learns about poetry, "cookery," and love, and together they work on the book, breaking the traditional mold by adding their own flair. This is a novel for food lovers, but also a novel of friendship. Both women struggle for freedom and creativity and learn about each other as they cook side by side. Told from both women's perspectives, this novel—based on real people—is both delightful and informative. It will, however, leave you hungry for many of the dishes that "name" each chapter. There are some recipes included, but I think I'll avoid the Broiled Eels with Sage in favor of Eliza Acton's Chocolate Custards!



#### CHRIS DREHER, Guest Reviewer

**Eight Days in May** by Volker Ullrich, translated by Jefferson Chase (\$28.95). The title of the book refers to the last eight days of Germany's "Thousand-Year Reich" in May 1945. Adolph Hitler had committed suicide (on April 30, 1945) and so had Joseph Goebbels; Hermann Goering was removed from office; the German army—whatever was left—continued fighting; and the atrocities against concentration camp inmates had not stopped. The German author Erich Kaestner characterized these eight days as the gap between "no longer" and "not yet." After Hitler, the German government was led by Admiral Karl Doenitz, who balked at signing an unconditional peace treaty with General Eisenhower. It was finally German General Alfred Jodl who signed the unconditional surrender on May 7, 1945. (Victory in Europe Day was declared one day later.)



Ullrich describes these eight days of German violence, hope, fears, and drama from different perspectives: the Allied forces, the Admiral Doenitz government, the population, concentration camp inmates, soldiers, and others. He also highlights German personalities, who would return from exile and become important leaders in the time after the "not yet" period. For example, Willy Brandt, later mayor of Berlin and chancellor of West Germany, returned from his exile in Norway; Walter Ulbricht, a communist politician and later head of the DDR (German Democratic Republic), came home from Moscow; and Werner von Braun, inventor of the V-rockets, was ushered to the USA. The German-born singer and USO entertainer Marlene Dietrich ("Lilly Marlene") returned as a U.S. Captain to Germany, meeting her sister under unexpected circumstances at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.

Volker Ullrich is a German historian and an eminent Hitler biographer (*Hitler: Ascent* and *Hitler: Downfall*). He reveals many new insights into the collapse of the Third Reich—even for those who believe they know everything about World War II—like me, who grew up in postwar Germany.



### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

7 pm, A Virtual Wilmette Public Library "Meet the Author" Program

OMAR EL AKKAD

*What Strange Paradise*

Mr. El Akkad's new novel looks at the global refugee crisis through the eyes of a child. An author and a journalist, he has reported from Afghanistan, Guantánamo Bay, and many other locations around the world.

### Family Action Network (FAN) Events in November

All FAN events are virtual. The programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required. For more information, go to [familyactionnetwork.net](http://familyactionnetwork.net).

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7 pm

LISA MILLER, PhD

*The Awakened Brain*

In her book, Dr. Lisa Miller reveals that humans are universally equipped with a capacity for spirituality, and that our brains become more resilient and robust as a result of it.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 pm

RAINESFORD STAUFFER

*An Ordinary Age: Finding Your Way in a World That Expects Exceptional*

Journalist Rainesford Stauffer explores how the incessant pursuit of a "best life" has put extraordinary pressure on young adults today.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 pm

GEORGE F. WILL

*American Happiness and Discontents: The Unruly Torrent, 2008-2020*

Washington Post columnist and Pulitzer Prize-winning columnist George F. Will presents his powerful collection of reflections on American culture during the most mercurial period in recent American history.



### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – NEW DATE!

BILLY PORTER

*Unprotected: A Memoir*

The Family Action Network (FAN) has a new date with Emmy, Grammy, and Tony Award winner Billy Porter, author of *Unprotected: A Memoir*. He appears in conversation with Jamal Jordan, a multimedia artist whose first book, *Queer Love in Color*, was just released.



### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7 pm

NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

*The 1619 Project: A New Origin Order*

The New York Times Magazine's award-winning "1619 Project" issue reframed our understanding of American history by placing slavery and its continuing legacy at the center of our national narrative. Nikole Hannah-Jones was the creator of the landmark 1619 Project.

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7 pm

LAURIE ROSENWALD

*How to Make Mistakes on Purpose: Bring Chaos to Your Order*

Laurie Rosenwald's new book is a colorful guide to discovery, with clearly marked directions and witty prompts that show an intuitive and entertaining way to come up with truly original ideas.



# The Book Stall's Holiday 2021 List of Lists

## What Book Should I Choose for the Person Who Loves...



### ...Novels

*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles (\$30)  
*Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr (\$30)  
*The Judge's List* by John Grisham (\$29.95)  
*The Book of Form and Emptiness* by Ruth Ozeki (\$30)  
*The Book of Magic* by Alice Hoffman (\$27.99)  
*Still Life* by Sarah Winman (\$27)  
*Matrix* by Lauren Groff (\$28)  
*Crossroads* by Jonathan Franzen (\$30)  
*Bewilderment* by Richard Powers (\$27.95)  
*Harlem Shuffle* by Colson Whitehead (\$28.95)  
*A Single Rose* by Muriel Barbery, translated by Alison Anderson (\$22)  
*Harrow* by Joy Williams (\$26)

### ...Mysteries

*The Man Who Died Twice: A Thursday Murder Club Mystery* by Richard Osman (\$26)  
*The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny (\$28.99)  
*The Cellist* by Daniel Silva (\$28.99)  
*While Justice Sleeps* by Stacey Abrams (\$28)  
*A Fatal Lie* by Charles Todd (\$28.99)  
*We Know You Remember* by Tove Alsterdal (\$28.99)  
*Razorblade Tears* by S.A. Cosby (\$26.99)  
*Never* by Ken Follett (\$36)  
*State of Terror* by Louise Penny and Hillary Rodham Clinton (\$30)

### ...Fantasy/Science Fiction

*The Last Graduate* by Naomi Novik (\$28)  
*Under the Whispering Door* by TJ Klune (\$26.99)  
*The All-Consuming World* by Cassandra Khaw (\$25.95)  
*The Coward: Book I of the Quest for Heroes* by Stephen Aryan (\$14.99, in paperback)

### ...Biography/Memoir

*1000 Years of Joys & Sorrows: A Memoir* by Ai Weiwei, translated by Allan H. Barr (\$32)  
*Will* by Will Smith (\$30)  
*Churchill's Shadow: The Life and Afterlife of Winston Churchill* by Geoffrey Wheatcroft (\$40)  
*Hero of Two Worlds: The Marquis de Lafayette in the Age of Revolution* by Mike Duncan (\$30)  
*The Last King of America: The Misunderstood Reign of George III* by Andrew Roberts (\$40)  
*Orwell's Roses* by Rebecca Solnit (\$28)  
*Vanderbilt: The Rise and Fall of an American Dynasty* by Anderson Cooper and Katherine Howe (\$30)  
*Bourdain: The Definitive Oral Biography* by Laurie Woolever (\$29.99)  
*Capote's Women: A True Story of Love, Betrayal, and a Swan Song for an Era* by Laurence Leamer (\$28)

### ...American History

*The Cause: The American Revolution and It's Discontents, 1773-1783* by Joseph J. Ellis (\$30)  
*The American Experiment: Dialogues on a Dream* by David M. Rubenstein (\$32)  
*The Lost History of the Capitol: The Hidden and Tumultuous Saga of Congress and the Capital Building* by Edward P. Moser (\$27.95)

*Travels with George: In Search of Washington and his Legacy* by Nathaniel Philbrick (\$30)  
*Our First Civil War: Patriots and Loyalists in the American Revolution* by H.W. Brands (\$32.50)  
*From the River to the Sea: The Untold Story of the Railroad War That Made the West* by John Sedgwick (\$30)

### ...History

*The Viking Heart: How Scandinavians Conquered the World* by Arthur Herman (\$30)  
*Eight Days in May: The Final Collapse of the Third Reich* by Volker Ulrich, translated by Jefferson Chase (\$28.95)  
*Cuba: An American History* by Ada Ferrer (\$32)  
*The Power of Geography: Ten Maps that Reveal the Future of Our World* by Tim Marshall (\$27)  
*Born in Blackness: Africa, Africans and the Making of the Modern World, 1471 to the Second World War* by Howard W. French (\$35)  
*The Verge: Reformation, Renaissance, and Forty Years That Shook the World 1490-1530* by Patrick Wyman (\$30)  
*David Copperfield's History of Magic* by David Copperfield et al (\$35)

### ...Humor

*You Can't Be Serious* by Kal Penn (\$28)  
*A Carnival of Snackery: Diaries (2003-2020)* by David Sedaris (\$32)  
*Subpar Parks: America's Most Extraordinary National Parks and Their Least Impressed Visitors* by Amber Share (\$22)  
*A Confederacy of Dumpty's: Portraits of American Scoundrels in Verse* by John Lithgow (\$22.95)  
*The Field Guide to Dumb Birds of the Whole Stupid World* by Matt Kracht (\$15.95, in paperback)  
*Library of Misremembered Books* by Marina Luz (\$12.95)  
*Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside* by Nick Offerman (\$28)

### ...Business

*Risk: A User's Guide* by Stanley McChrystal and Anna Butico (\$30)  
*The Cult of We* by Eliot Brown and Maureen Farrell (\$28)  
*The Antisocial Network: The GameStop Short Squeeze and the Ragtag Group of Amateur Traders That Brought Wall Street to Its Knees* by Ben Mezrich (\$28)  
*Big Vape: The Incendiary Rise of Juul* by Jamie Ducharme (\$29.99)

### ...Nature/Gardens

*The Birds of America* by John James Audubon, introduction by David Allen Sibley (\$50)  
*150 Gardens You Need to Visit Before You Die* by Stefanie Waldek (\$34.95)  
*The Garden Book, Revised and Updated Edition* by Phaidon Editors, Toby Musgrave, Tim Richardson, Ruth Chivers (\$59.95)  
*By Any Other Name: A Cultural History of the Rose* by Simon Morley (\$35)  
*On Animals* by Susan Orlean (\$28)  
*Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach (\$26.95)



### ...Food and Wine

- The Italian Bakery: Step-by-Step Recipes with The Silver Spoon* by The Silver Spoon Kitchen (\$49.95)  
*The Oxford Companion to Spirits and Cocktails* by David Wondrich, Noah Rothbaum (\$65)  
*Together: Memorable Meals Made Easy* by Jamie Oliver (\$35)  
*The Kitchen Whisperers: Cooking with the Wisdom of Our Friends* by Dorothy Kalins (\$26.99)  
*Cooking at Home* by David Chang and Priya Krishna (\$35)  
*The Cookie Bible* by Rose Levy Beranbaum (\$35)  
*Gastro Obscura: A Food Adventurer's Guide* by Cecily Wong and Dylan Thuras (\$40)  
*The Ultimate Chicago Pizza Guide: A History of Squares and Slices in the Windy City* by Steve Dolinsky (\$24.95)

### ...Things Literary

- The Library: A Fragile History* by Andrew Pettegree, Arthur der Weduwen (\$35)  
*Letters of Note: Correspondence Deserving of a Wider Audience* edited by Shaun Usher (\$40)  
*The Gilded Page: The Secret Lives of Medieval Manuscripts* by Mary Wellesley (\$30)  
*The Writer's Cats* by Muriel Barbery, Alison Anderson, Maria Gultart (\$16.95)  
*The Bookseller of Florence: The Story of the Manuscripts that Illuminated the Renaissance* by Ross King (\$30)

### ...Design/Fashion

- The Art of Bob Mackie* by Frank Vlastnik and Laura Ross (\$50)  
*William Morris* by Anna Mason (\$75)  
*Living with Blue and White* by Jordan Marxer (\$34.95)  
*Gardens of the North Shore of Chicago* by Benjamin Lenhardt, Jr. (\$65)  
*Victoria Hagan: Live Now* by Victoria Hagan (\$55)

### ...Science

- Immune: A Journey Into the Mysterious System That Keeps You Alive* by Philipp Dettmer (\$35)  
*Shape: The Hidden Geometry of Information, Biology, Strategy, Democracy, and Everything Else* by Jordan Ellenberg (\$28)  
*Helgoland: Making Sense of the Quantum Revolution* by Carlo Rovelli, translated by Erica Segre and Simon Carnell (\$20)  
*100 Science Discoveries That Changed the World* by Colin Salter (\$29.95)

### ...Sports

- 100 Slopes of a Lifetime: The World's Ultimate Ski and Snowboard Destinations* by Gordy Megroz (\$35)  
*Powder Days: Ski Bums, Ski Towns and the Future of Chasing Snow* by Heather Hansman (\$26.99)  
*All In: An Autobiography* by Billie Jean King (\$30)  
*Sidecountry: Tales of Death and Life from the Back Roads of Sports* by John Branch (\$27.95)  
*A Course Called America: Fifty States, Five Thousand Fairways, and the Search for the Great American Golf Course* by Tom Coyne (\$28.99)

### ...Music

- The Jazz Standards: A Guide to the Repertoire* by Ted Gioia (\$39.95)  
*Woody Guthrie: Songs and Art\*Words and Wisdom* by Nora Guthrie and Robert Santelli (\$35)  
*Music Is History* by Questlove (\$29.99)

- Classical Crossroads: The Path Forward for Music in the 21st Century* by Leonard Slatkin (\$26.95)  
*The Impossible Art: Adventures in Opera* by Matthew Aucoin (\$28)  
*The Beatles: Get Back* by Peter Jackson et al (\$60)  
*Ten Masterpieces of Music* by Harvey Sachs (\$29.95)  
*Rock Concert: An Oral History as Told by the Artists, Backstage Insiders, and Fans Who Were There* by Marc Myers (\$30)  
*The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music* by Dave Grohl (\$29.99)  
*The First Collection of Criticism by A Living Female Rock Critic* by Jessica Hopper (\$18)  
*Major Labels: A History of Popular Music in Seven Genres* by Kelefa Sanneh (\$28)

### ...Photography/Art

- Vivian Maier Developed: The Untold Story of the Photographer Nanny* by Ann Marks (\$40)  
*There and Back: Photographs from the Edge* by Jimmy Chin (\$50)  
*The Devil in the Gallery: How Scandal, Shock, and Rivalry Shaped the Art World* by Noah Charney, foreword by Martin J. Kemp (\$45)  
*The Flowering: The Autobiography of Judy Chicago* (\$39.95)  
*In Search of Van Gogh* by Gloria Fossi (\$37.50)  
*Slim Aarons: Style* by Shawn Waldron and Kate Betts (\$85)

### ...Adventure

- Sea Stories: 28 Thrilling Tales of the Deep* by Tom McCarthy (\$26.95)  
*Chasing the Thrill: Obsession, Death, and Glory in America's Most Extraordinary Treasure Hunt* by Daniel Barbarisi (\$28)  
*N-4 Down: The Hunt for the Arctic Airship Italia* by Mark Piesing (\$29.99)  
*Madhouse at the End of the Earth: The Belgica's Journey into the Dark Antarctic Night* by Julian Sancton (\$30)  
*The World Beneath Their Feet: Mountaineering, Madness and the Deadly Race to Summit the Himalayas* by Scott Ellsworth (\$30)

### ...Travel

- Wanderlust Alps: Hiking Across the Alps* by Alex Roddie (\$50)  
*Epic Train Journeys* by Monisha Rajesh (\$60)  
*A Thing of Beauty: Travels in Mythical and Modern Greece* by Peter Fiennes (\$27.95)

### ...Movies/Entertainment

- The James Bond Film Guide: The Official Guide to All 25 007 Films* by Will Lawrence (\$34.95)  
*A Long Time Ago in a Cutting Room Far, Far Away* by Paul Hirsch (\$30)  
*Ensemble: An Oral History of Chicago Theater* by Mark Larson (\$35)  
*Mike Nichols: A Life* by Mark Harris (\$35)

### ...Holidays

- A Very Irish Christmas: The Greatest Irish Holiday Stories of All Time* by James Joyce, W.B. Yeats, and Colm Tóibín (\$24.95)  
*Small Things Like These* by Claire Keegan (\$22)

Not every book on this list is out yet. If you see on our website [thebookstall.com](http://thebookstall.com) that its publication is in November, you can pre-order by calling the store at 847 446-8880, ordering online, or stopping by!



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## the children's line...

Hello, children's book fans—of all ages!

This month we feature gift book ideas for the young and the young-at-heart.

They are books that have been our favorites during 2021. If you have questions, please call the store at 847 446-8880 and ask to speak with Kari Patch, Betsy Balyeat, or Amy Trogdon, our children's book experts. They are always happy to help you find just the right books for the special kids on your list!



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### Holiday Books



**Jan Brett's *The Nutcracker*** (\$18.99, out November 16). Beautiful illustrations and the Christmas classic "The Nutcracker" are a match made in picture book heaven.



***Bulldozer's Christmas Dig*** by Candace Fleming, illustrated by Eric Rohman (\$17.99). A very little bulldozer digs up a most unexpected Christmas gift for his friends at the construction site in this jolly third book in the *Bulldozer* series.



***The Ninth Night of Hanukkah*** by Erica Perl, illustrated by Shahar Kober (\$16.95). It's Hanukkah, and Max and Rachel are very excited to light the Menorah. Unfortunately, their Hanukkah box is missing. Could it have been left behind when they moved?



***The Eight Knights of Hanukkah*** by Leslie Kimmelman, illustrated by Galia Bernstein (\$17.99). The last night of Hanukkah is here, and everyone is doing their part for the big celebration. Alas, a dragon named Dreadful keeps joining in and foiling the party preparations!

### Picture Books



***It Fell from the Sky*** by the Fan Brothers (\$17.99). A whimsical and elegantly illustrated picture book about community, art, and the importance of giving back.



***Chez Bob*** by Bob Shea (\$17.99). A tasty tale that proves that anyone, even hungry alligators, can have a change of heart and learn to be a good friend.



***Norman Didn't Do It! (Yes, He Did)*** by Ryan Higgins (\$17.99). Norman and Mildred are best friends. Just the two of them. But when a surprise pops up, life will never be the same again.



***A House*** by Kevin Henkes (\$18.99). A story about home, family, community, and belonging.



***Construction Site: Road Crew, Coming Through!*** by Sherri Duskey Rinker, illustrated by A.G. Ford (\$17.99). The construction team is taking on their biggest challenge yet. They are building a brand-new superhighway. To get it done on time, they will have to add seven new trucks. What a challenge!



***Our Table*** by Peter Reynolds (\$17.99). Our table is an inspiring celebration of family and togetherness. It tells the very relevant story of a modern family that slowly drifts apart—until one very determined little girl refuses to let them drift any farther.



***The Smart Cookie*** by Jory John, illustrated by Pete Oswald (\$18.99). This cookie has never felt like a smart cookie no matter how hard she tries. Will a dash of creativity and a sprinkle of confidence help her?

### Early Readers — Ages 5 - 7



***Guess What!? (An Unlimited Squirrels Book)*** by Mo Willems (\$12.99). In *Guess What !?*, Zoom squirrel is excited to go to the beach. But what will happen when Zoom and pals finally get there? Do you know more about going to the beach than squirrels do? You will by the end of this book.

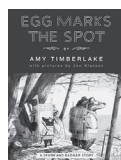


***Cranky Chicken*** by Katherine Battersby (\$12.99). Cranky chicken is, well, cranky—with one cranky eyebrow, cranky eyes, and cranky scratchy feet. A very friendly worm named Speedy arrives and wants nothing more than to be a friend. Will Speedy help Cranky change?



***Sydney and Taylor Take a Flying Leap*** by Jacqueline Davies, illustrated by Deborah Hocking (\$14.99). When Taylor decides he wants to be the world's first flying hedgehog, there is nothing Sydney can do to stop him. Will Taylor realize his dream? And remain in one piece?

### Middle Fiction – Ages 8 -12



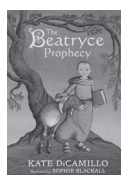
***Egg Marks the Spot: Skunk and Badger 2*** by Amy Timberlake, illustrated by Jon Klassen (\$18.95). Skunk decides an adventure will make Badger happy. Surprisingly Badger agrees, and together they set off on an agate-finding expedition at Badger's favorite spot on Endless Lake. But all is not as it seems when unexpected guests keep turning up.



***Secondhand Dogs*** by Carolyn Crimi, illustrations by Melissa Manwill (\$16.99). A heart-warming and heart-tugging novel about love, loyalty, and what it means to be part of a family. With adorable illustrations by Melissa Manwill, it is perfect for fans of *Dog's Life* and *Because of Winn Dixie*.



***Pax, Journey Home*** by Sara Pennypacker, illustrations by Jon Klassen (\$17.99). This is a long-awaited sequel to *Pax*—a gorgeously crafted, utterly compelling novel about chosen families and the healing power of love.



***The Beatryce Prophecy*** by Kate DiCamillo with illustrations by Sophie Blackall (\$19.99). From two-time Newbery medalist Kate DiCamillo comes a fantastical meditation on fate, love, and the power of words to explain the world. In a time of war, Gentle Brother Edik finds the girl, Beatryce, curled in a stall, wracked with fever, coated in dirt and blood, and holding fast to the ear of Answelica, a goat. It seems that she has a dangerous secret, one that imperils them all.







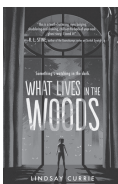
**Pony** by R.J. Palacio (\$17.99). The bestselling author of *Wonder* is back with another enthralling adventure that will show readers how to find courage. It's a modern classic about a boy and his quest to rescue his father. With only a ghost as his companion and a mysterious pony as his guide, this is a beautiful coming-of-age story about the power of love and the ties that bind us.



**Willodean** by Katherine Applegate (\$16.99). A singular novel about Willowdean, a girl who risks everything to help a handmade creature that comes to life. When a handmade birthday gift brings magic to Willodean and her new friend Connor, she is determined to speak up for the animals she loves and perhaps uncover the answer to the mystery of the missing hummingbirds that Willodean especially loves. A timely and timeless tale about our fragile earth.



**Once Upon a Camel** by Kathi Appelt, illustrated by Eric Rohmann (\$17.99). Perfect for fans of *The One and Only Ivan*, Kathi Appelt follows an old camel out to save two baby kestrels during a massive storm in the Texas desert. Zada is a camel with a treasure trove of stories to tell, but now, caught in a massive dust storm the size of a mountain, she is only focused on saving the baby birds nestled in the fur on her head.



**What Lives in the Woods** by Lindsay Currie (\$7.99 in paperback). Twelve-year-old Ginny Anderson and her older brother, Les, are less than thrilled to be spending a month of summer vacation away from their Chicago home. They are off to Saugatuck, Michigan where their dad will be doing historical research and renovation on a legendary spooky mansion. Almost immediately, Ginny begins to witness moving objects, faces in the mirrors, and shadows in the ballroom. Saugatuck residents whisper of strange creatures roaming in the surrounding woods. The scares are real, and the resolution satisfying—a perfect middle grade horror selection.

### Graphic Novels



**Agent Moose: Moose on a Mission** by Mo O'Hara, illustrated by Jess Bradley (\$10.99). Someone is putting the squeeze on the animals of the big forest, and there is only one moose who can help. The circus is in town, Granny Moose is coming to visit, and a mysterious robber is on the loose. Can agent Moose solve the mystery and catch the bad guy?



**Mayor Good Boy** by Dave Scheidt, illustrated by Miranda Harmon (\$9.99). There is a new dog in Greenwood! Finally the town gets the mayor they have been waiting for. This very good dog is going to save the town, one hilarious try at a time!



**Garlic & the Vampire** by Bree Paulsen (\$12.99). Garlic feels as though she is always doing something wrong. But, at least with her friend Carrot by her side and the kindly witch Agnes encouraging her, Garlic is happy. She loves to tend her garden, where it is nice and safe. But then she is chosen to confront a bloodthirsty vampire in a nearby castle. After all, garlic drives away vampires...right?



**Besties Work It Out** by Kayla Miller and Jeffrey Canino, illustrated by Kristina Luu (\$12.99). A fun and fresh series spin-off of the *New York Times* bestselling Click books. When the girls, Beth and Chandra, land a lucrative dog-sitting gig, they are sure that fame and fortune are theirs. Nothing prepares them for the mishaps ahead.

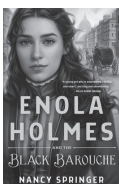


**Cold War Correspondent (Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales #11): A Korean War Tale** by Nathan Hale (\$14.99). Discover the Korean War through the eyes of a journalist who covered it. In 1950, Marguerite Higgins was made bureau chief of the Far East Asia desk of the *New York Herald Tribune*. This put her in a dangerous position when North Korea's army crossed the border between North and South Korea. She wound up trapped in enemy territory.

### Young Adult – Age 13 and up



**Take Me with You When You Go** by David Levithan and Jennifer Niven (\$18.99). This is a story of hope, siblinghood, and finding your home with the people that matter most. Ezra Ahern wakes up one morning to find his older sister, Bea, gone. No note, nothing but an email address hidden somewhere that only he could find. Ezra never expected to be left behind with his abusive stepfather and neglectful mother. How is he supposed to navigate life without Bea? A heart-wrenching, thoughtful, and beautifully written story.



**Enola Holmes and the Black Barouche** by Nancy Springer (\$17.99). Enola Holmes is the much younger sister of Sherlock and Mycroft, but she has all the wits, skills and sleuthing inclinations of both. At 25, she is an independent young woman, living on her own in London, solving crimes that her brothers would find difficult. She is impactful, exacting, and adventurous.



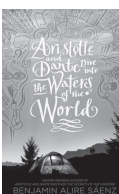
**So Many Beginnings: A Little Women Remix** by Bethany Morrow (\$17.99). North Carolina, 1863. As the Civil War drags on, the Freed People's Colony of Roanoke Island is blossoming, a haven for the recently emancipated. Black people have begun building a community of their own, a refuge from the shadow of the "old life." It is where the March family has finally been able to safely put down roots with four young daughters. Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy will have their adventures in a safe community.



**Beasts and Beauty: Dangerous Tales** by Soman Chainani, illustrated by Julia Iredale (\$17.99). Twelve dangerous tales of mystery, magic, and rebellious hearts. Each twists like a spindle to reveal truths full of warning and triumph, truths that free hearts long kept tame, truths that explore life and...death. These are the stories spun into fresh tales. Read if you dare.



**You'll Be the Death of Me** by Karen M. McManus (\$19.99). From the author of *One of Us Is Lying* comes a brand-new pulse-pounding thriller. It's like "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" with murder—when friends relive an epic day, and it goes horribly and fatally wrong!



**Aristotle and Dante Dive into the Waters of the World** by Benjamin Alire Sáenz (\$19.99). In this highly anticipated sequel to *Dante and Aristotle Discover the Secrets of the Universe*, the boys must discover what it means to build a relationship in a world that seems to challenge their very existence. Ari has spent all of high school hiding who he really is, staying silent and invisible. But he fell in love with Dante, and the boys are determined to forge a path for themselves in a world that doesn't understand them. This is a beautiful romantic and tender tale.



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### *Virtual Book Discussion Groups via The Book Stall*

**Wednesday, November 3, Morning Discussion at 9:30 am**  
*All Adults Here* by Emma Straub. Led by Ann Walters

**Wednesday, November 17, Evening Discussion at 6:30 pm**  
*The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis.  
Led by Jon Grand

**Wednesday, December 1, Morning Discussion at 9:30 am**  
*The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Led by Ann Walters

**Wednesday, December 8, Morning Discussion at 9:30 am**  
*Intimacies* by Katie Kitamura. Led by Nancy Buehler

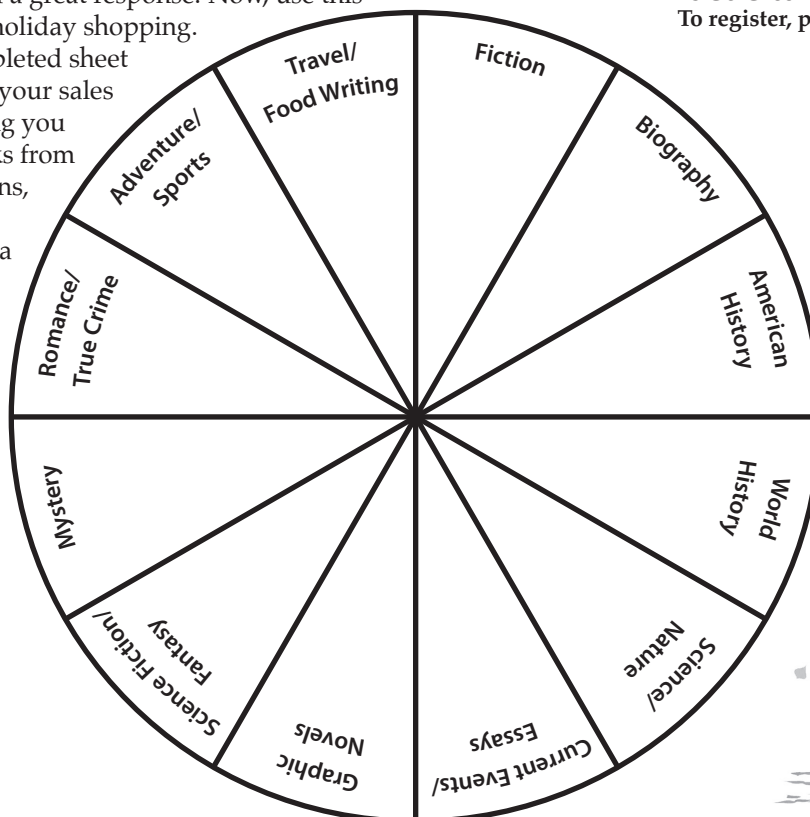
**Wednesday, December 8, Evening Discussion at 6:30 pm**  
*Daughters of Yalta — The Churchills, Roosevelts, and Harrimans: A Story of Love and War* (out in paperback Oct. 19)  
by Catherine Grace Katz. Led by Jon Grand

These virtual book discussion groups are free to attend, but registration is required. Please email [events@thebookstall.com](mailto:events@thebookstall.com).

The Book Stall closes on Wednesday, November 24 at 3 pm.  
We are closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 25.  
*Happy Thanksgiving!*

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Earlier this year, we introduced "Read Around the Book Stall," challenging readers to buy one title from each of the sections in our store. We had a great response! Now, use this graphic for your holiday shopping. Return your completed sheet (accompanied by your sales receipts) indicating you have bought books from 10 of the 12 sections, and receive a \$20 gift card plus a free one-year discount club membership or free renewal. Return by December 15.



### *Go Green Reads Book Discussion*

**Monday, November 8 at 7 pm**

*Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World* by Katharine Hayhoe

This Go Green Reads free event will be held via Zoom.  
To register, please email [gogreenreads@gmail.com](mailto:gogreenreads@gmail.com).

