

THE BOOK STALL

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THE FRONT LINE



June and July are a welcome relief from our especially rainy spring! Warm weather brings outdoor dining, shopping at the farmer's market (we're so looking forward to the Winnetka market in its new spot by the train station), trips to our beautiful lakefront, the Annual Sidewalk Sale (July 15 and 16) and, of course, relaxing in a sunny spot with a good book! This month we'll celebrate grads and dads (Father's Day is June 19) and, in this June/July issue, we have gift suggestions for both.

Although the summer months are usually a quiet time for Book Stall events, we are excited to welcome a few high-profile authors to the store. **Candice Millard**, bestselling author of *Destiny of the Republic* and *River of Doubt* will be in the store on Thursday, June 9 at 6:30 pm to talk about her newest book, *River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile*. She'll be in conversation with our own Jon Grand for what promises to be a fascinating discussion. On Wednesday, June 15 at 6:30 pm, we are so excited to welcome back one of my very favorite authors, **Tom Perrotta** in partnership with the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library. The author of *Election*, later made into the movie with Reese Witherspoon and Matthew Broderick, updates the story with *Tracy Flick Can't Win*.

We're honored to host **Julio Ottino**, Dean of the Robert R. McCormick School of Engineering and Applied Science at Northwestern, and design visionary **Bruce Mau** on Tuesday, June 21 at 6:30 pm for a conversation about Ottino's new book, *Nexus: Augmented Thinking for a Complex World – The New Convergence of Art, Technology, and Science*. On Tuesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm, **Louis Bayard**, a regular guest and one of our favorite authors, will visit to talk about his new novel *Jackie & Me*, already a bookseller favorite. Bayard has fictionalized the relationship between John F. Kennedy's best friend, Lem Billings, and the young Jacqueline Bouvier. It's a fascinating, thought-provoking read, and Bayard is a really wonderful writer. Our friend, **Lauren Margolin**, also known as the Book Fairy, will be interviewing two authors—**Rochelle Weinstein** and **Marilyn Rothstein**—at the store on Thursday, July 21.

And for those lazy days by the beach or pool, we have so many great books. Our paperback table is loaded with fabulous reads, which you may have missed in hardcover. But if you want something brand new, I have a few suggestions. Thought-provoking and, in the end, hopeful, Nikki Erlick's *The Measure* explores what society would be like if we knew how long we had to live. Essayist and humorist Sloan Crosley has written *Cult Classic*, a novel exploring dating and experimental psychology in New York City. And if Maine is your thing, there are two great reads set in that beautiful state: *It All Comes Down to This* by Theresa Anne Fowler and *Vacationland* by Meg Mitchell Moore. My husband Roger recommends Chris Pavone's newest thriller, *Two Nights in Lisbon*. Ruth Ware fans will be happy to know that her newest, *The It Girl*, a murder set in Oxford, is out on July 12. Fans of historical fiction will certainly enjoy *Joan: A Novel of Joan of Arc* by Katherine J. Chen.

Enjoy summer! See you in the store! Now we are open until 6:30 pm Monday-Thursday.

Steph

Some events in June and July are **live** and others **virtual**. Our **Open Houses** with authors invite visitors to come in and meet with the writers; others are sit-down events at a specific time, where authors talk about their books. Please go to our website www.thebookstall.com, click on "Events" and scroll down to "June" and "July" events. Click on the date of the event for more info.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

6:30 pm at the store

ALICE MOODY and MEG MURPHY
College Essays: *The Inside Scoop*

With schools becoming increasingly selective and the rise of test-optional admissions, student essays matter more than ever. Join us for an hourlong conversation between longtime essay coach **Alice Moody** and **Meg Murphy**, experienced essay coach and founder of DreamRoots College Consulting. Alice and Meg will share insights, debunk myths, answer questions, and recommend resources. A perfect opportunity for rising seniors and parents of high schoolers to broaden their understanding of this essential component of college applications.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

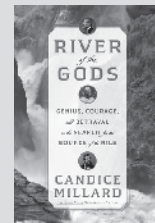
6:30 pm at the store

CANDICE MILLARD

River of the Gods: Genius, Courage, and Betrayal in the Search for the Source of the Nile



For millennia the location of the Nile River's headwaters was shrouded in mystery. In 1854, two men were sent by the Royal Geographical Society to claim the prize for



England. Yet there was a third man, who was enslaved and shipped from his home village in East Africa to India. He eventually traveled back to Africa, where he used his resourcefulness, linguistic prowess, and raw courage to forge a living as a guide. Without him, neither Englishman would have come close to the headwaters of the Nile, or perhaps even survived. **This is a ticketed event.**

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

7 pm at the Winnetka Public Library

MARGOT McMAHON

Through interpreting her father's arts and articles written by her mother, sculptor and author **Margot McMahon** discovered the untold family stories of five generations of her artistic Lake Forest family. Hear how she researched and wrote *If Trees Could Talk*, *Mac and Irene: A WWII Saga*, and *Airdrie*, her trilogy of books about her family in Chicago and Ireland.

THE INSIDE LINE

KATHLEEN CRAWFORD



Dilettante: True Tales of Excess, Triumph, and Disaster by Dana Brown (\$28). In this engaging memoir, Brown recalls his 25-year career at the glossy publication *Vanity Fair*. In the early NYC '90s, Brown was a 20-something



bar-back at trendy 44, the hot restaurant in the Philippe Stark-decorated Royalton Hotel. Everyone who was anyone dined daily at 44 (Tina Brown, Anna Wintour, Jackie O, Karl Lagerfeld, and Calvin Klein), including Graydon Carter, the newly appointed VF editor. Carter spotted young Brown and saw in him a hardy work ethic, trustworthiness, and genuine likability. He then made the bold move to hire him as his assistant and told him in no uncertain language that he was not to cause ruin to his new opportunity. Brown listened, and Carter's prediction paid off. Brown relates riveting encounters with the likes of Donald Trump, Marla Maples, Caitlyn Jenner, Kim Kardashian, Seth Rogen, Dominick Dunne, and a not-to-be missed story involving Lee Radziwill. Yet, what's quite intriguing is how he deftly maps out the major shifts in the print business from the booming '90s and the aughts, to the onslaught of technology—including social media—that has caused the plunge in readership for magazines and newspapers everywhere. In this regard, it is an homage to a remarkable industry, whose time is slipping away. Insightful, thoughtful, and witty, this memoir is a worthy and entertaining read.

SUSAN DAVIS



Before the Coffee Gets Cold by Toshikazu Kawaguchi (\$19.99). This gem of a novel is the first of two books by Kawaguchi that explores the strength of familial and romantic love and the unintended consequences unspoken words can have that test those



relationships. Set in a café operating in the state of suspended disbelief, the reader wafts through the stories of several characters that all are looking for answers and redemption through the power of time travel. With a promise to follow a set of rules, the café offers each traveler a brief encounter to set straight misunderstandings and hold missed conversations, giving the reader a glimpse at what could be if they were given a chance to say those unsaid words in a discussion that is only long enough to last before the coffee gets cold.

CHRISTINE FERDINAND



Book Lovers by Emily Henry (\$27). Henry (*People We Meet on Vacation, Beach Read*) has been called this generation's Nora Ephron. Her romantic comedies have always been the perfect companion on a lazy summer afternoon, and *Book Lovers* does not disappoint. The



story follows Nora, a workaholic New York City literary agent, who has just been left by another boyfriend. While on a business trip, he's fallen head over heels with an attractive woman, who owns a charming hotel in an idyllic small town. It is not lost on Nora that this scenario looks a lot like the formula for the most successful stories she makes her living pitching to editors. In this real-life version, she just happens to be the one who is dumped. When Nora is not championing her clients, she is rescuing her younger sister Libby. The two lost their mother when Libby was young, and even though Libby is about to have her third child she is still

dependent emotionally and financially on her big sister. With somewhat selfish motives, Libby convinces Nora to leave her troubles behind and accompany her to beautiful Sunshine Falls, NC for the month of August. Nora begrudgingly agrees to go. Maybe she can meet a handsome local fellow and enjoy a steamy summer romance. Instead in Sunshine Falls, Nora keeps bumping into her professional nemesis from back in the city, Charlie. Handsome, brooding, and extremely irritating, Charlie is spending his summer running the local family bookstore. His appearance threatens her dream of an escape from her stressful reality back in NYC. Over the weeks the two are thrown together in all kinds of situations and despite their dislike for one another, their chemistry is palpable to everyone around them. Like those in the best romantic comedies, Charlie and Nora's relationship makes for a wonderfully frustrating and captivating read.



LEAH GORDON

Elektra by Jennifer Saint (\$23.95).

In her second novel, Saint pens a mythological tale weaving together the stories of Clytemnestra, Princess Cassandra, and Elektra. The women find themselves on different sides of the House of

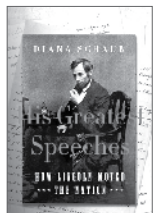


Atrous, but all three fall prey to its infamous curse. Upon marrying Agamemnon, Clytemnestra leaves her sister Helen and Sparta to travel to her new kingdom. Following her husband's sacrifice of their first born to gain a fair wind in his leading of the Trojan War, Clytemnestra pulls away from her other children as grief and vengeance bear down on her. Their daughter Elektra awaits Agamemnon's return as 10 years pass by, during which she suffers an increasingly strained relationship with her mother, following what she believes to be unforgivable behavior. On Troy, Princess Cassandra seeks the gift of prophecy from Apollo only to have him slight her, therefore resulting in her visions going unheard by those around her. As she foresees the Trojan War following the return of her brother Paris, Princess Cassandra continues to be ignored, even as she warns her family against opening the gates to the mighty wooden horse. Following the war, Agamemnon sails home to Mycenae with Princess Cassandra, his return causing the next ripple of the curse to take hold, thereby driving Elektra to pave a much different future for herself than she could have possibly imagined.



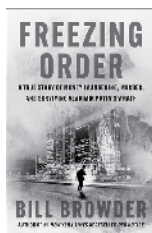
JON GRAND

His Greatest Speeches: How Lincoln Moved the Nation by Diana Schaub (\$27.99). There are only three: the Lyceum Address (1838), the Gettysburg Address (1863), and the Second Inaugural Address (1865). Each lays out a

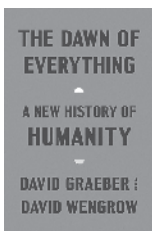


vision of America, its shortcomings, and the need to rededicate to the ideals upon which the country was founded. The Lyceum Address, less known than the other two, was a call for respect of the rule of law and our national institutions in the face of increased lawlessness and mob rule. At Gettysburg, Lincoln reminded his listeners of the ideals of 1776 and the vision of the Declaration of Independence. In the Second Inaugural, Lincoln acknowledges the curse of slavery and the nation's common responsibility. In this slim volume, Schaub takes us line by line through each speech, providing context and drawing out the layers of meaning. The issues in these speeches are with us still today, and Lincoln's words remind us of who we are and who we are yet to become. An excellent and thoughtful choice for Father's Day.

Freezing Order: A True Story of Money Laundering, Murder, and Surviving Vladimir Putin's Wrath by Bill Browder (\$28.99). Browder, as he did in *Red Notice*, continues to peel back the layers of secrecy, violence, and intrigue that define Putin's regime. Here, as before, parts of the story seem almost too bizarre to believe. But the Kremlin's actions in Ukraine, along with its public pronouncements and justifications, confirm the accuracy of Browder's descriptions. George W. Bush's cute sounding nickname for Putin, "Pootie Poot" belies the true nature of the man: a powerful, ruthless ruler with blood on his hands. But Browder is interested in more than just Putin. His investigations into the transfer and "laundering" of illegally obtained funds on an unbelievable scale should give us all pause. Billions of dollars, invested globally, give shadowy figures substantial economic power. At the center of this carefully spun web, sits Putin himself.



The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity by David Graeber and David Wengrow (\$35). Like the earlier book *Sapiens* by Yuval Noah Harari, Graeber and Wengrow attempt to paint a new portrait of our earliest ancestors. Who were they—free and childlike innocents or brutish violent creatures? Much of what we think is colored by 18th century ideas that emerged from comparisons of observed indigenous peoples and Europeans. Civilizing required overcoming the primitive and layering on new modes of behavior and rational thought. It was a view that led to misery and death for untold numbers. However, new information gleaned from archaeological and anthropological studies reveals a different picture. "Primitive" societies and our ancient forebears evolved complex social organizations with highly developed cultural aspects. They were, in a word, civilized. It may seem obvious to today's readers, but Graeber and Wengrow frame their arguments with some challenging, thought-provoking, and sometimes radical arguments.



Adventurer: The Life and Times of Giacomo Casanova by Leo Damrosch (\$35). We have all heard someone referred to as a Casanova, meaning a philanderer, a playboy, or a rake. Such were the exploits of Giacomo Casanova that his name has entered the language as a type. But what do we know of the real Casanova? Quite a bit, as it turns out, as he recorded his exploits in an autobiography *Histoire de Ma Vie*. He was, indeed, a seducer, recording some 120 affairs. And while that is the basis of his fame (or infamy if you wish), he was many other things: a con man, gambler, spy, masonic master, diplomat, and violinist, to name a few. He was also well-connected. He knew Catherine the Great (a reputed Casanova in her own right), along with Voltaire and Benjamin Franklin. He was a man of the Enlightenment, though of its darker side. His belief in unfettered freedom drove his disregard for limits and the rights of others. In that, he carried the Enlightenment's ideals to a logical conclusion. And, as Damrosch notes, Casanova suffered numerous arrests, and his behavior caused harm to numerous others in duels, swindles, and cons. To follow the life of Casanova is to leave the bright promise of the world of the Enlightenment and descend into its darker, seamier side—a journey that plays to our abiding curiosity and fascination with the underbelly of society. Leo Damrosch's knowledge of the 18th century is undisputed. His biography of William Blake and his more recent book, *The Club: Johnson, Boswell, and the Friends Who Shaped an Age* focus on the bright lights of the period. But clearly, he is unafraid to descend to the demi monde as well.



ELIZABETH HUBBARD



Last Summer on State Street (\$27.99, out June 14) is the debut novel of Chicagoan Toya Wolfe. The setting is Chicago, more specifically the Robert Taylor Homes, and as they are knocked down, one by one, the families who call them home navigate the



changing landscape. The story is told by Felicia Stevens, known to most as Fe Fe. We meet her family, her friends, and the residents of building 4950 in the summer of 1999 and learn why resilience is the most valuable trait one can develop. This coming-of-age novel is a complicated love letter to a way of life that many would fear or avoid. But Fe Fe's loving mother, Aunt Pearl, and a dedicated teacher help her navigate the dangers of living in a disintegrating public housing complex and give her hope for the future. The power of the gangs and the dearth of hope make this story dark, but Wolfe peels back the surface, allowing the reader to see the humanity of those who appear lost to the results of institutional racism. It is a book about identity, hope, friendship, and home. You will find yourself rooting for these fictional characters and hopefully understanding the challenges of the real people who share their experiences.

SHARMAN MCGURN



The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd (\$27.99). Shepherd's latest novel revolves around a seemingly worthless travel map that holds an important secret. Seven years prior to the beginning of the book, brilliant, young cartographer Nell Young lost her



position in the Map Department of the New York Public Library for discovering this map. She's fired by none other than her father, a major figure in the department. Why and what happens next? Early in the book, her father is found dead at work. Was it murder? Nell investigates, despite not having seen her father since her firing. The story unfolds; we slowly find out the history of the map and why it is so valuable. The essential clue is that it includes a phantom settlement, a fictional place that cartographers often included on a map, thereby making it easy to detect plagiarism by other mapmakers who copy it, rather than conduct their own surveys of the area. People from Nell's parents' past, all cartographers themselves, weave in and out of the narrative, each providing his or her memories to the plot. The story contains a good deal of magical realism; places hidden from the "real" world, only accessed because they exist on a map. One of the characters tries to figure out the mystery. "He couldn't make sense of it. The physics, the architecture, the bend in reality." At its core, the novel asks big questions about what is real and what is not. If we believe something is, is it? "Could a perfect map only be developed for a perfect world? Or would the perfect map make the world within it perfect?" Shepherd has created a story that is engrossing and makes us think.



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SATURDAY, JUNE 11

10 am, Author Open House at the store

KATE HANNIGAN

*Blips on a Screen: How Ralph Baer Invented TV
Video Gaming and Launched a Worldwide Obsession*

An engaging picture book biography based on the true story of a Jewish refugee from Nazi Germany who used his skills to pioneer home video games. For ages 4 – 8. See page 6.

SUNDAY, JUNE 12

3 - 4 pm at the store

CHICAGO QUARTERLY REVIEW

We welcome recent contributors to the Evanston-based periodical the *Chicago Quarterly Review*, including Gary Houston, its managing editor; Dipika Mukherjee, an internationally touring writer and sociolinguist; and Malcolm Rothman, a regular on the Chicago theatrical scene since 1978 and for the past 20 years portraying Harry Caray at corporate and private events.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

6:30 pm at the store

Co-sponsored by the Winnetka-Northfield Public Library

TOM PERROTTA

Tracy Flick Can't Win

Bestselling author Tom Perrotta brings back his character Tracy Flick, and, once again, Flick—the iconic protagonist of *Election* and Reese Witherspoon's character from the classic movie adaptation—is determined to take high school politics by storm. Tracy is a hardworking assistant principal at a public high school in suburban New Jersey. Still ambitious, she gets a jolt of good news when the longtime principal abruptly announces his retirement, creating a rare opportunity for Tracy to ascend to the top job. **This program is free, but reservations are required. Stop by the store or give us a call at (847) 446-8880.**



THURSDAY, JUNE 16

7 pm, a Virtual Event

Co-sponsored with the Glenview, Lincolnwood and Niles-Maine public libraries

KRISTIN HARMEL

The Forest of Vanishing Stars

Kristin Harmel's coming-of-age World War II story is about a young woman who uses her knowledge of the wilderness to help Jewish refugees escape the Nazis in the forests of Poland—until a secret from her past threatens everything.

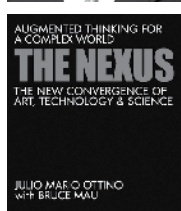
TUESDAY, JUNE 21

6:30 pm at the store

JULIO MARIO OTTINO and BRUCE MAU

*The Nexus: Augmented Thinking for a Complex World—The
New Convergence of Art,
Technology, and Science*

Today's complex problems demand a radically new way of thinking—one in which art, technology, and science converge to expand our creativity and augment our insight. The innovators of the future will have to understand this balance and manage such complexities as climate change and pandemics. **Julio Mario Ottino and Bruce Mau offer a guide for navigating these intersections.**



TUESDAY, JUNE 21

7 pm, a Virtual Event

Sponsored by the Glencoe Public Library
SUZANNE SIMARD

Finding the Mother Tree: Discovering the Wisdom of the Forest
We celebrate the paperback release of this book by the world's leading forest ecologist. It illuminates the vital truth that trees are a complicated, interdependent circle of life. Forests are social, cooperative creatures connected through underground networks by which trees communicate their vitality and vulnerabilities with communal lives not that different from our own.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

7 pm, A Virtual "Illinois Libraries Present" Event

KWAME ONWAUCHI

My America: Recipes from a Young Black Chef

Kwame Onwuachi is a James Beard Award-winning chef who was born on Long Island and raised in New York City, Nigeria, and Louisiana. His new book celebrates the cuisine of the African diaspora. He'll share the importance of the connections between cuisine, place, and culture.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

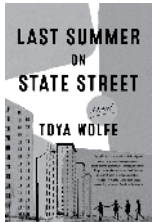
6:30 pm, in store event

TOYA WOLFE

Last Summer on State Street

Toya Wolfe's striking coming-of-age debut is about friendship, community, and resilience, set in the housing projects of Chicago during one life-changing summer. Toya, who grew up in the Robert Taylor

Homes in Chicago's South Side, has received starred reviews in both *Booklist* and *Publishers Weekly*. "Toya Wolfe is a storyteller of the highest order. *Last Summer on State Street* is a stunning debut."—Rebecca Makkai, author of *The Great Believers*



SATURDAY, JUNE 25

10 am – 12 noon, Open House at the store

MATTHEW CORDELL

*Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival
and Every Dog in the Neighborhood*

It's always our pleasure to welcome local Caldecott Medalist **Matthew Cordell**, here to meet his many fans and celebrate two new books. See page 6.

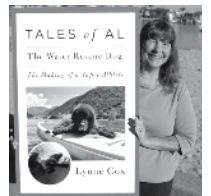
MONDAY, JUNE 27

6:30 pm, Author Event at the store

LYNNE COX

Tales of Al: The Water Rescue Dog

Bestselling author **Lynne Cox**—internationally famous for swimming the world's most difficult waterways without a wet suit—talks about her new book, the story of Al, the Newfoundland puppy who grows up to become a daring rescue dog and super athlete. Al is part of Italy's highly specialized corps of water rescue dogs who swoop out of helicopters and save lives. **This is a ticketed event; see our website for info.**



TUESDAY, JUNE 28

6:30 pm, Author Event at the store



LOUIS BAYARD

Jackie & Me

In the spring of 1951, debutante Jacqueline Bouvier meets Jack Kennedy at a party in Washington, DC. Jackie is drawn to the young politician, and soon she and Jack are bantering over secret dinner dates and short work phone calls. Jack convinces his best friend and fixer, Lem Billings, to court Jackie on his behalf. Only gradually does Jackie begin to realize that she is being groomed to be the perfect political wife. Writes *Library Journal* in a starred review: "*Bayard is a master of historical fiction; this exquisite book is no exception.*"



THURSDAY, JUNE 30

7 pm, a Virtual event

MICHELLE ZAUNER

Crying in H Mart

We support **Illinois Libraries Present** as they host musician and author **Michelle Zauner**. She'll discuss her musical career and her beloved bestselling memoir, *Crying in H Mart* with journalist and writer **Jessica Hopper**. The book is about growing up Korean American, losing her mother, and forging her own identity.

MONDAY, JULY 11

6:30 pm, an in-person Go Green Reads Event at the store

DAN LAMBE

Now Is the Time for Trees

Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation—the largest non-profit membership organization dedicated to planting trees—talks about his book, an inspiration that shows you everything you need to know to plant trees at home or in your community.

FRIDAY and SATURDAY, JULY 15 and 16

Sidewalk Sales in East Elm, West Elm, Indian Hill and Hubbard Woods Business Districts

Check our website and see our weekly e-news for details about this event. The Book Stall will have our own special sales.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

6:30 pm, Book Release Party at the store

JESSIE ANN FOLEY,

In conversation with **JARRETT DAPIER**

Breda's Island

Jessie Ann Foley speaks with **Jarrett Dapier** about her new middle grade novel. It's the story of Breda Moriarity, who gets caught stealing one too many times, and is sent by her mom to Ireland, a place she has never been, to live with the grandfather she has never met. See page 6.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

6:30 pm at the store

ROCHELLE WEINSTEIN, *When We Let Go*

MARILYN ROTHSTEIN, *Crazy to Leave You*

In conversation with **LAUREN MARGOLIN**

Lauren Margolin, the Good Book Fairy, interviews **Rochelle Weinstein** and **Marilyn Rothstein** about their new novels. *Rochelle's* is the story of a woman who returns to her former home in the North Carolina mountains to be confronted with her widowed fiancé's grieving daughter. **Marilyn Rothstein's** book is about a 41-year-old woman who is about to tie the knot. There's just one thing missing: the groom. With one blindsiding text, Lauren is unceremoniously dumped at the altar.

SUNDAY, JULY 24

4 pm at the store



BEN RIGGS

In conversation with
ROGER HOCHSCHILD

Slaying the Dragon: A Secret History of Dungeons and Dragons
Role-playing game historian **Ben Riggs** discusses the secret history

of how TSR (Tactical Studies Rules)—the company that unleashed imaginations with *Dungeons & Dragons*—was driven into ruin by disastrous management decisions, and then saved by their bitterest rival.



SATURDAY, JULY 30

8 am – 12 noon

GREEN BAY TRAIL DAY

Join us at Shelton Park in Glencoe as we celebrate this iconic North Shore path with the Friends of the Green Bay Trail.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

6:30 pm at Good Grapes, 821 Chestnut in Winnetka

JARRETT DAPIER

The Most Haunted House in America

We are delighted to partner with Good Grapes, with wine as well as kid-friendly fare, to welcome this rollicking, spooky-fun trip through the most haunted home in America: the White House! For ages 4 – 8.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

6:30 pm

An Evening with Talking Books

Alice & Ann: Discover the Series Everyone Is Talking About!

A year ago, professional book facilitators **Alice Moody** and **Ann Walters** launched a first-of-its-kind literary subscription series in partnership with The Book Stall. Currently, over 100 subscribers enjoy the series—readers who can't commit to a book club or were just looking for something extra. Join us for this special evening to learn more about the series, the "surprise" books subscribers get in the mail, the "Siskel & Ebert"-style talks, and the carefully curated selection of titles from year one. In addition, there will be a raffle for a six-month subscription (\$150 value — entitling the winner to three books and three talks).

Book Discussion Groups

We're hosting book groups in the store once again!

We charge \$5 for in-store book groups, for which attendees will receive a gift card to be used on any merchandise in the store. This charge helps us pay our wonderful book group leaders. **To monitor numbers, we ask for registration for both in-person and virtual book groups. Register on our website for all book groups.**

Wednesday, June 1

A Morning Book Discussion at 9:30 am

Oh William! by Elizabeth Strout. Led by Amy Barrow

Wednesday, June 15

A Morning Book Discussion at the store at 9:30 am

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams. Led by Ann Walters

Wednesday, June 22

A Morning Book Discussion at 9:30 am

Three Girls from Bronzeville:

A Uniquely American Memoir of Race, Fate, and Sisterhood by Dawn Turner. Led by Amy Barrow

Go Green Reads Book Discussion

Monday, July 11 at 6:30 pm

Now Is the Time for Trees by Dan Lambe

An in-person book discussion with the author at the store
Free and open to the public.

the children's line...



KARI PATCH

Hello, Children's Book Fans,

School is out and the kids are looking for things to do! Some will be off to camp, and we love sending care packages to your homesick campers! We have classics—MadLibs, sticker and activity books, colored pencil/markers and coloring books, to name just a few. And as enthusiasm for graphic novels grows, so does our section!

Browse our collection and keep your kids reading this summer.

Here are some of our favorites:

Agents of S.L.A.M. by Dave Schiedt and Scoot McMahon (\$12.99)

Apple Crush by Lucy Knisley (\$12.99)

Swim Team by Johnnie Christmas (\$12.99)

Miss Quinces by Kat Fajardo (\$12.99)

The Inflatables in Bad Air Day by Beth Garrod, Jess Hitchman, and Chris Danger (\$6.99)

Secrets of Camp Whatever Vol. 2: The Doors to Nowhere by Chris Grine (\$17.99)



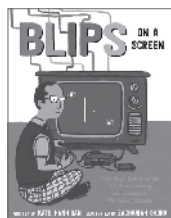
We also have a section of educational materials to keep the kids on track for school in the fall. Materials from the educational bookseller Brain Quest provide a great review and are fun for kids. Of course, just reading for pleasure is the most wonderful way to spend time whatever your age. Our booksellers are happy to help choose titles, and we have some great reviews right here, on these pages.

And if your teen is looking for something to do, we invite them to apply to our Teen Reviewer Program. If accepted, kids get access to advance reading copies of books, have their reviews published in our newsletter and eblast, and get access to special events. Stop in for more information.

As our town quiets these warm months, we are delighted to welcome to the store:



Kate Hannigan on Saturday, June 11 from 10 am to 12 noon to sign copies of her new book **Blips on a Screen: How Ralph Baer Invented TV Video Gaming and Launched a Worldwide Obsession** for ages 4-8.



Matt Cordell will be at the store for an author open house, where he'll sign copies of his new books, **Cornbread & Poppy at the Carnival** and **Every Dog in the Neighborhood** on Saturday, June 25 from 10 am -12 noon.



Jessie Ann Foley for a book release party for her middle grade novel, **Breda's Island**, on Tuesday, July 19, at 6:30 pm.



Jarrett Dapier, celebrating his new book, **The Most Haunted House in America** (hint: it's the White House!) on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm. We're planning an event with Good Grapes for a family-friendly party!



Kari P.

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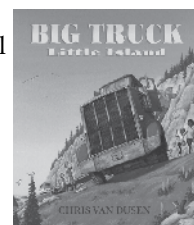
Lizzy and the Cloud by The Fan Brothers (\$18.99). On Saturdays, Lizzy and her parents take a weekly walk to the park. There are always many activities—like the puppet shows or the carousel. But Lizzy heads straight for the cloud seller. She wants only a simple, everyday cloud, nothing fancy. Lizzy names her cloud Milo and takes him home. After reading the instructions carefully, she waters and walks Milo every day. Eventually, Milo outgrows Lizzy's room. What is she to do? This is a well-told story of change and letting go. The Fan Brothers consistently write books that are artistically beautiful and cover important life lessons in a creative manner. The best!

Ages 4 - 8



Big Truck Little Island by Chris Van Dusen (\$17.99). When a big truck gets stuck on a small island road, cars from either direction are at an impasse. People who have to be somewhere are unable to continue to their destinations, with no solution in sight. It takes the ingenuity of the children to solve the problem! Based on a true incident on Maine's Vinalhaven Island, this is a wonderful example of creativity and cooperation. With Chris Van Dusen's signature colorful illustrations and rhyming text, this is a tale to read again and again.

Ages 4 - 8



Glitch by Laura Martin (\$17.99). Reagan and Elliot are training to become Glitches—people who time-travel to prevent others from changing history, in order to change the future. They are also arch-enemies. When they find a letter Reagan has written in the future, warning them about a terrible disaster that could happen, they will have to learn to work together to save their world. This new sci-fi book, which is on the 2023 Monarch list, is fast-paced and full of suspense. A page-turner!



Ages 9 - 12

My Own Lightning by Lauren Wolk (\$17.99).

Annabelle McBride is walking home one afternoon when a thunderstorm suddenly strikes. Unable to reach protection, she is struck by lightning. She does survive, but she develops a heightened sense of awareness and sounds, hearing things with much more clarity than before her accident. Annabelle's introspective nature plays a large part in her personal growth and helps to give her the ability to reexamine beliefs she has always had and see that change is possible. Wolk's historical fiction is lyrical and often poetic. This is a thought-provoking novel that raises issues about relationships and forgiveness. I loved it!

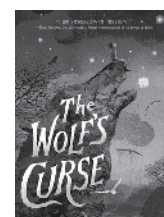


Ages 9 - 12

BETSY BALLYEAT



The Wolf's Curse by Jessica Vitalis (\$16.99). Twelve-year-old Gauge's life has been cursed since the day he witnessed an invisible great white wolf steal his Grandpapa's soul, preventing it from reaching the sea-in-the-sky and sailing to eternity. When the superstitious



residents of Bouge-by-the-Sea accuse the boy of crying wolf, he joins forces with another orphan to prove his innocence. A young feather collector, named Roux, offers Gauge assistance, and Gauge is eager for the help. But soon the two orphans are questioning everything they have ever believed about their village, about the wolf, and about death itself. They navigate their shared grief in a journey that ultimately reveals

life-changing truths about the wolf and death. Narrated in a voice reminiscent of *The Book Thief*, this fast-paced adventure is perfect for fans of fantasy, such as *The Girl Who Drank the Moon*. A vivid tale about family, friendship, belonging, and grief.

Ages 8 - 12

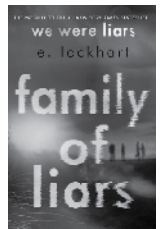
The Best Liars in Riverview by Lin Thompson (\$16.99). It's the summer before 7th grade, and Aubry's best friend is missing. No one in their small town of Riverview, Kentucky can figure out why. Aubry has a pretty good idea, but she is not telling the full truth of what she thinks happened: "Grown-ups are supposed to fix things. They are not supposed to pretend everything is okay... Maybe I'm not the only one telling lies". Joel, who is biracial, and Aubry, who is white, both struggle with self-identity. Added to the stress middle school can cause, it has turned the class clown into the class bully, one who targets Joel for being gay—even though Joel's not even sure he is. Aubry, with her friend Mari's support, sets out into the woods to find Joel. Told in first person, Thompson's tale will have readers guessing up until the very end. From beautiful outdoor descriptions of forested Kentucky and Mammoth State Park, readers get a sense of the trails, camping, and nature. Each chapter is titled, giving a small hint of what is to come. This is a heartfelt coming-of-age journey.

Ages 8 - 12



Family of Liars by E. Lockhart (\$19.99).

A wind-swept private island off the coast of Massachusetts: It's 27 years before the events of Lockhart's great novel *We Were Liars*, and here comes another summer, another generation, and the secrets that will haunt them for decades. This is a story that is scandalous, tragic, and layered with mystery. This prequel takes us back to Beechwood, but decades before Cady was born, focusing on her Aunt Carrie. Carrie grows up in Boston with three sisters; one sister drowns at Beechwood. After a serious jaw surgery, Carrie becomes addicted to the pain killer, Codeine. It is in this state that Carrie sets out for Beechwood. Grieving and hooked on narcotics, Carrie arrives at Beechwood, where she discovers her cousin has invited three non-Sinclair boys to stay, including the flirty, irresistible Pfeff. As the summer develops, Carrie's relationships with her family intensify, not always for the better. But as her father reminds her, "the Sinclairs take care of things when they need to be taken care of..." As I read on, I expected that at some point a shocking twist would come—and I was not disappointed.



Ages 13 up

More Father's Day Books!

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