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 characterie 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 1 at 6 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!
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 frequent ed 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 coincidently 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, Gabri ele 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.
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 unrelenting 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 Szymott ($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 Szymott set out to find Irvine’s body. But it was a different Everest, crowded with climbers paying huge fees to guiding companies. As Szymott 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. Liang 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.
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<td><strong>DAX-DEVLO ROSS</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Letters to My White Male Friends</em>&lt;br&gt;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.</td>
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<td><strong>HELEN WECKER</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>The Hidden Palace: A Novel of the Golem and the Jinni</em>&lt;br&gt;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 <em>The Golem and the Jinni</em>. 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.</td>
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<td><strong>LEOTA ESTER</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Crossing: A Caregiver’s Journal</em>&lt;br&gt;Roberta Rubin presents local poet Leota Ester, reading from both published and new work. Ms. Ester is the author of <em>Crossing</em>, 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.</td>
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<td><strong>ROBERTA RUBIN</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>Morningside Heights</em>&lt;br&gt;Mr. Henkin speaks with Judy Levine about his new book. Writes <em>Kirkus</em>: “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.”</td>
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<td><strong>TUESDAY, JULY 13</strong>&lt;br&gt;6:30 pm</td>
<td><strong>DEAN JOBB</strong>&lt;br&gt;<em>The Case of the Murderous Dr. Cream: The Hunt for a Victorian Era Serial Killer</em>&lt;br&gt;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.”</td>
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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 Giannrico 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 Sanction ($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)


**A Worse Place Than Hell: How the Civil War Battle of Fredericksburg Changed a Nation** by Mattes ($35)

**The Daughters of Yalta: The Churchillys, 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)


**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)

**Money for Nothing: The Scientists, Fraudsters, and Corrupt Politicians Who Reinvented Money, Panicked a Nation, and Made the World Rich** by Thomas Levenson ($30)

**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 Perlroth ($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)


**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)
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 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 townspople 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’s worth 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!

Kari P.
**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 had just begun in Europe, and their home in London is in danger. The solution? The father 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 BALYEAT**

**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 step-sisters 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. But one misadventure, involving an abandoned boat, 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. 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 students in grades 6-12. If you are interested in reviewing books for The Book Stall, please email us at bookrecs@thebookstall.com. Provide your name and grade level, and we will provide you with instructions.

**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.

—Lilly G., at NTHS
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

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

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| Mon. 7  | 7 pm  | *MARTHA HALL KELLY*  
|         |       | *Sunflower Sisters* |
| Thurs. 10 | 6:30 pm | *ED ACHORN*  
|          |       | *Every Drop of Blood* |
| Sat. 12 | 10:30 am | *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 | *DAX-DEVLYON ROSS*  
|         |       | *Letters to My White Male Friends* |
| Sun. 20 | 7 pm  | *HELEN WECKER*  
|         |       | *The Hidden Palace* |
| Tues. 22 | 7 pm | *VERONICA ROTH, ALEXANDRA BRACKEN,* and *MARIE LU*  
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| Tues. 29 | 6:30 pm | *BOOK RELEASE PARTY*  
|         |       | *COURTNEY COOK*  
|         |       | *The Way She Feels* |
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|         |       | *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* |
| Thurs. 15 | 6:30 pm | *ALICE MOODY and ANN WALTERS*  
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