June marks the beginning of the summer season. School is out, the days are longer and, hopefully, warmer. Of course, we also celebrate Father’s Day in June. This year, Father’s Day will occur on the same weekend as the 2nd Annual Winnetka Music Festival, which is sure to be even bigger than last year’s very successful program. We will be open and enjoying the music, but we also know that parking may be challenging—so we’re offering free shipping on all purchases on Saturday, June 15. We encourage early shopping for Dad, and as an added incentive we’re offering 10% off all titles on the Father’s Day list in this newsletter, starting on Saturday, June 9. We’ve carefully put together what we think are a great selection of books for any dad, uncle, or grandfather on your list. This month, we’re excited to feature several Book Stall “After Hours” events. These ticketed programs are helping us attract even more high-profile authors to the store, and I hope you’re as excited as we are! Gail Honeyman, author of the delightful Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine (which will be just out in paperback) will be at the store on Thursday, June 7 at 6:30 pm. New Yorker writer Ken Auletta will be at the store on Tuesday, June 26 to talk about his new book Frenemies: The Epic Disruption of the Ad Business (and Everything Else). Check out the details on our website for how to purchase tickets to both these events—and the ticket price is just the cost of the book. In addition, local funny man Richard Laible is curating comic talent for our Book Stall Comedy Series. Our first event is sold out, but tickets for his event on July 17 are available at brownpapertickets.com.

Robert Kurson, author of Rocket Men, had us riveted as he talked about the Apollo 8 space mission and the brave astronauts that made the first journey to the moon. But if you missed the event at the store last month, he’ll be at the Glencoe Public Library on Wednesday, June 6 at 7:30 pm. I urge you to attend; Mr. Kurson is an excellent storyteller! On Wednesday, June 14, we welcome David McGlynn (One Day You’ll Thank Me: Lessons from an Unexpected Fatherhood) and Chris Erskine (Daditude: The Joys & Absurdities of Modern Fatherhood) for what is sure to be an entertaining warm-up for Father’s Day. Finally, we’re very excited to have Sabaa Tahir and Veronica Roth in the house to discuss their new books, A Reaper at the Gates and The Fates Divide, respectively. See inside for details on how to sign up, and for information about other events in June and early July.

We have some great new titles for summer reading. A Place for Us by Fatima Farheen Mirza is Sarah Jessica Parker’s first title for her new imprint for Random House. A Place for Us is a touching and bittersweet story of a Muslim family’s efforts to assimilate in California, while at the same time staying true to their culture and religion. But mostly, A Place for Us is about family and the mistakes that parents make in an effort to protect their children. We’re planning a family trip to Italy, so I was eager to pick up Elizabeth Minchilli’s Eating My Way Through Italy, Heading off the Main Roads to Discover the Hidden Treasures of the Italian Table. My husband Roger was a big fan of Anthony Horowitz’ book Magpie Murders and his latest book did not disappoint. The Word Is Murder is another clever mystery, and this time Horowitz writes in himself as Watson to a modern-day Holmes. Our three kids are in the throes of exams and papers and have not done much reading, but I’m looking forward to having them around this summer.

Finally, we so enjoy seeing all the future readers for our new regular Saturday morning children’s storytime! And thrilled that some authors will be part of the program as well, such as Ruth Spiro on June 30.

Hope to see you in the store!
AIMEE ANDERSON

Varina: A Novel by Charles Frazier ($27.99). Readers may recall Frazier from his 1997 National Book Award winner Cold Mountain. He returns with another sweeping historical novel, set again during one of our nation’s darkest times, the Civil War. Varina Howell is only a teenager when she agrees to marry a significantly older man, a widower named Jefferson Davis. Davis becomes a career politician and is appointed President of the Confederate States of America in 1861. The Davis family settles in Richmond, Virginia, where Varina attempts to create a home for herself and their children. As the war rages on and things begin to look bleak for the Confederacy, Richmond becomes unsafe for Varina and the kids.

The novel begins in 1906 when a dark-skinned man comes to visit Varina where she is living in upstate New York. This man, James Blake, claims to be the mixed-race boy that Varina “adopted” during her trek southward after the war. Together they recount their journey, unearting pain, sadness, and an occasional bit of joy. Over the next six Sundays their discussions about what really happened during that horrible time in American history provides each of them a chance to understand their separate experiences. By recounting the events of their lives, they are able to put the war in perspective and gain insight into history. This superb book is a must read for fans of Frazier’s work and historical fiction readers in general.

JON GRAND

The Age of Eisenhower: America and the World in the 1950s by William I. Hitchcock ($35). The presidency of Dwight David Eisenhower is undergoing a reevaluation. The 1950s were a period of high tension as the Cold War intensified, spawning the arms race, McCarthyism, and sowing the seeds for U.S. involvement in Vietnam. To the public, President Eisenhower appeared as a relaxed, smiling, avuncular figure, perhaps too devoted to golf. William Hitchcock paints a very different picture. Newly released documents reveal a deeply engaged strategic President at the heart of the decision-making process of his administration. From the coups in Iran and Guatemala, to the development of the U-2 spy plane, the support of France in Indo-China, and the pressure to develop long-range ballistic missiles... all reflect the personal direction of the President. Though moderately conservative, Eisenhower supported key elements of the New Deal. He has been criticized for not confronting McCarthy and for failing to address the cause of civil rights. Hitchcock’s research again reveals a much more deeply engaged president. The public/private dichotomy was, itself, a calculated strategy. Eisenhower clearly understood the mood of the country; its hopes and fear, its yearning for peace and prosperity. But he also understood the threats, present and future, that could not be ignored. This is a much-needed re-examination of Eisenhower’s presidency but it is certainly not the last word.

The Moralist: Woodrow Wilson and the World He Made by Patricia O’Toole ($35). The numerous biographies of Woodrow Wilson seem to agree on at least one point: Wilson believed deeply that high moral standards must infuse the political sphere. He was a highly principled, some might say elitist, man who believed that leadership and intellectual curiosity were natural allies. Wilson’s belief in his own “rightness” led to important successes in the pursuit of world peace and domestic economic growth. But that same belief, that vanitas, blinded him to moral issues that he ignored: race, and women’s rights, for example, found little support. The result is that Wilson is found wanting by his own lofty, but selective, moral standards. O’Toole is not the first to note the shakiness of Wilson’s claim of the political moral high ground. But she is one of the first to examine it as the critical underpinning of his success and failure. The result is a portrait of a highly idealistic and deeply flawed man.

Tyrant: Shakespeare on Politics by Stephen Greenblatt ($21.95). Shakespeare doubtless has much to teach us about a great many things—including the rise and fall of tyrants. Richard III, Macbeth, Lear, and Saturninus created personae that let him examine how they rose to and lost power. In particular, he examined the complicity of the populace in enabling them. Shakespeare lived in a world very different from our own. His genius lies in his ability to depict characters whose strengths, flaws, talents, and foibles are universal and timeless. Tyrant is an interesting book that certainly illuminates Shakespeare’s plays in the context of their time. And there are certainly lessons to be learned about how institutions become corrupted and fall. But as with so many recent books, it is easy to assume that the parallels between the past and present are a direct line.

The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham ($30). The basic instincts for good—and evil—reside in the soul, whether of an individual or a nation. The instinct for good, what Lincoln called “the better angels of our nature,” Meacham argues is what has brought America through crises and desperate times when discord and division threatened to rend the delicate fabric of the social compact that binds us together. Meacham delves into the dark side of American history in search of the men and women who illuminated the gloom and bridged the divides. In that process, we confront the evil of McCarthyism and the Jim Crow laws, the violence of the Klan, and other uncomfortable places in our history. Our ideals as a nation are lofty. In our common history we share not only the good, but the bad and the ugly as well. Meacham uses our diverse and difficult history to reinforce both how fragile and how robust our system is. And it is that system which “by common agreement” is the object of our love. A fascinating look at the continuing American journey.
**ANN KEIL**

*The Electric Woman: A Memoir in Death-Defying Acts* by Tessa Fontaine ($27). What possesses a post-graduate student in literature to abandon her studies for five months and join a traveling sideshow? In this riveting book, Tessa Fontaine decides that challenging herself is the best way to cope with her mother’s devastating illness, and she embarks on a path few people would dare to take. When her parents take a much-anticipated trip to Italy, Tessa crisscrosses the country performing with the World of Wonders, America’s last existing sideshow. She will learn escape artistry, snake-charming and will ultimately perform as Electra, The Electric Woman. This luminous memoir is about how heartbreak can sometimes lead us in unexpected directions. And, not only can Tessa Fontaine write beautifully, she also eats fire!

**ROBERT McDONALD**

*The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World* by Steve Brusatte ($29.99). If you were the kid who couldn’t get enough of dinosaur movies and dinosaur books, this is a great read for the grown-up you. In lively, accessible prose, Brusatte gives us the fascinating history of the dinosaurs, from their unexpected rise to the climactic day of their demise. His excitement at the ever-expanding breadth of our knowledge of these fascinating beasts is infectious, and he honors the paleontologists whose doggedness and discoveries steadily add to the historical record. A dinosaur book would not be complete without a focus on the most terrible lizard of all, Tyrannosaurus, and Brusatte’s chapter focusing on T. Rex and his relatives is worth the price of admission all on its own. Highly recommended for readers of *National Geographic* and *Scientific American*.

*How to Write An Autobiographical Novel* by Alexander Chee ($15.99 in paperback). In this captivating book of autobiographical essays, Chee, author of the novels *Edinburgh* and *The Queen of the Night*, not only details his evolution from young would-be writer into artist and activist, he also gives us a coming-of-age story of a bi-racial, gay kid from a broken family, and shows us what a slow transformation into a mature adult-self can look like. With his specificity, Chee makes his journey relatable no matter what the reader’s background, and whether he’s writing about writing, first love, friendship, or an obsession with roses, these essays feel as up-to-date as today’s headlines, and as necessary as air.

**LIZ ROGATZ**

*The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai ($27, out June 19). This novel is set in 1980s Chicago at the dawn of the AIDS crisis and also in contemporary Paris. The heartbreaking loss of scores of lovers, brothers, and sons along with the cruel randomness and swiftness of the disease reverberates throughout the city and across the world. Makkai creates flawed characters that you truly root for. Yale, a handsome young man who is about to pull off the coup of his career as a gallery director; Charlie, his insecure and often sullen boyfriend; Nico, who has just died from the disease and leaves them all with bottomless grief; Fiona, his sister, who is more dedicated to her brother’s friends than she is to her own family; and Richard, the photographer who unknowingly documents it all. Every character is rendered so vividly, the dialog crackles, and I just knew I would have been friends with this assorted bunch, had I met them. Bonus: A shout-out to former Book Stall staffer, Owen Keehnen, who provided the author with extensive information on 1980s Chicago, which really made the book come alive.

**JACOB ZAWA**

Kevin Young—the heavily decorated poet, essayist, editor, professor, and Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture in New York—is out with a brand-new, brilliantly crafted collection of poems, *Brown* ($27). With riffs upon youth, music, athletics, and historical personages, *Brown* presents us with a delectable and deeply touching set of poems, each rife with musicality. For example, in Young’s title poem, he writes:

God’s eyes must be
like these – aimed
at the back row
where boys pass jokes
& glances, where Great Aunts keep watch,
their hair shiny
as our shoes
& as of yesterday,
just as new

chemical curls & lop-sided wigs – humming
during offering

Oh my Lord
Oh my Lordy
What can I do.
THURSDAY, JUNE 7 (continued)

“Book of the Year” and “Fiction Debut Book.” We’ll serve refreshments and make it a party—Gail is coming to us all the way from Scotland! Each ticket includes a paperback copy of Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine. Already own the hardcover? You’ll still receive a paperback book when you check in to the event. Get it signed, and give it to a reader you love. Absolutely don’t need another copy? The Book Stall will be happy to donate your copy to a library in need! To sign up, go to eventbrite.com, come by the store, or call us at 847 446-8880.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14

6:30 pm, a pre-Father’s Day event at the store

DAVID McGLYNN
One Day You’ll Thank Me: Lessons from an Unexpected Fatherhood

CHRIS ERSKINE
Daditude: The Joys & Absurdities of Modern Fatherhood

Mr. McGlynn, who teaches at Lawrence University in Wisconsin, says fatherhood caught him by surprise. His sons arrived in quick succession—the first when he was a dirt-poor student and the second not long after he’d moved his family across the country to start a new job in bucolic Wisconsin. Mr. Erskine is a longtime humor columnist who mines the rich worlds of fatherhood, marriage, and suburbia; his columns are featured weekly in the Los Angeles Times and Chicago Tribune. Life is never peaceful in his house—with the four kids, a 300-pound beagle, chronically leaky roof, and long-suffering wife. And that’s exactly the way he likes it, except when he doesn’t.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12

7 pm at the store – a New Book Stall program!

“AFTER HOURS” COMEDY SERIES

We’re excited to begin our new “After Hours” Comedy Series! Curated and hosted by Second City alum Richard Laible, these evening events will bring nationally recognized comedic talent to Winnetka. Our opening evening will feature Tim Walkoe, Blake Burkhardt and Amy Sumpter. On Tuesday, July 17 at 7 pm, we welcome comics Mike Maxwell, Denise Medina, Peter Lipsy, and Vik Pandya. A $20 ticket guarantees a seat and includes a $5 gift card to the store. Log on to brownpapertickets.com and reserve your spot today.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

6:30 pm at the store

SABA TAHIR
in conversation with VERONICA ROTH

We are delighted to welcome Sabaa Tahir back to the store for the third installment in her Ember quartet, A Reaper at the Gates. Sabaa will be in conversation with our great friend Veronica Roth who’s latest, The Fates Divide, is the second in the Carve the Mark series, just out in April. The event is free, but space is limited. Register by calling us at 847-446-8880. See page 6 for more details.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16

10:30 am, Storytime at the store

LUCIA LUCKETT-KELLY

We continue our popular Storytime for kids age 3-6, with special storyteller Lucia Luckett-Kelly. See page 6.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20

7 pm, a Family Action Network event

Evanston Township High School, 1600 Dodge Ave.

ZACHARY WOOD

Uncensored: My Life and Uncomfortable Conversations at the Intersection of Black and White America

Rooted in his own powerful personal story, 21-year-old Wood shares his dynamic perspective on free speech, race, and dissenting opinions—in a world that sorely needs to learn to listen. As the president of the student group Uncomfortable Learning at Williams College, he knows all about intellectual controversy. Writes Harvard University professor Henry Louis Gates: “This work provides a timely view of both political life on elite college campuses and the struggles of the working poor against the backdrop of institutional racism. It also explores, with bracing candor, Wood’s growth as a young writer and intellectual, whose mistakes are as formative as his successes. Wood’s memoir is a must-read for anyone concerned about the American promise of social mobility.”
TUESDAY, JUNE 26
• 12 noon, Luncheon, University Club, 76 E. Monroe, Chicago
• 7 pm, a ticketed “After Hours” program at the store

KEN AULETTA
Frenemies: The Epic Disruption of the Ad Business (and Everything Else)
New Yorker writer Ken Auletta reckons with the changes buffeting the $2 trillion global advertising and marketing business from the perspective of its most powerful players. It’s essential reading, not simply because of what it says about this world, but because of the potential consequences: the survival of media as we know it depends on the money generated by advertising and marketing—revenue that is in peril in the face of technological changes and the fraying trust between the industry’s key players. For luncheon reservations, call us at 847 446-8880.
To sign up for the evening program at the store, go to eventbrite.com, come by the store, or call us at 847 446-8880.

SATURDAY, JUNE 30
10:30 am, Storytime at the store
RUTH SPIRO
Baby Loves Gravity! Baby Loves Coding!
Come back to hear Ruth Spiro, author of the Baby Loves Science series, describe her two latest books for littlest listeners. See page 6.

SUNDAY, JULY 1
2 pm, Book Release Party!
Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave.
LISA JENN BIGELOW
Drum Roll, Please: Find Your Own Beat
Celebrate the release of WPL Youth Services librarian Lisa Bigelow’s newest book! Enjoy refreshments and a reading from the middle-grade novel. See more on page 6.

WINNETKA SIDEWALK SALE
Book Discussion Groups at The Book Stall
Wednesday, June 13 at 9:30 am
Circe by Madeline Miller, Led by Elise Barack

“Go Green Reads”
Monday, July 9 at 6:30 pm
Midwestern Native Shrubs and Trees by Charlotte Adelman and Bernard Schwartz
(with a joint tour of Centennial Park Prairie in Wilmette)
Note: No discussion charge for this group.

Wednesday, July 11 at 6:30 pm
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover, Led by Alice Moody
A $5 book discussion group participation charge is fully redeemable for merchandise in the store.

Father’s Day Books—Great Ideas for Dads

Fiction
Macbeth by Jo Nesbo ($27)
The Disappeared by C.J. Box ($27)
A Long Way From Home by Peter Carey ($26.95)
Adjustment Day by Chuck Palahniuk ($26.95)
A Shout in the Ruins by Kevin Powers ($26)
Red Sky at Noon by Simon Sebag Montefiore ($25.95)
The Overstory by Richard Powers ($27.95)
The Sandman by Lars Kepler ($27.95)
Chicago by David Mamet ($26.99, signed)
Anatomy of a Miracle by Jonathon Miles ($27)

Nonfiction
I’ll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman’s Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer by Michelle McNamara ($27.99)
Robin by Dave Itzkoff ($30, new biography about comic genius Robin Williams)
The Order of Time by Carlo Rovelli ($20, a concise and elegant history of time)
Fascism: A Warning by Madeleine Albright ($27.99)
The Perfectionists: How Precision Engineers Created the Modern World by Simon Winchester ($29.99)
Americans Values: Lessons I Learned from My Family by Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. ($29.99)
Rocket Men: The Daring Odyssey of Apollo 8 and the Astronauts Who Made Man’s First Journey to the Moon by Robert Kurson ($28)

The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels by Jon Meacham ($30)
God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State by Lawrence Wright ($27.95)
A Short History of Drunkenness: How, Why, Where, and When Humankind Has Gotten Merry from the Stone Age to the Present by Mark Forsyth ($18)
The Rise and Fall of the Dinosaurs: A New History of a Lost World by Steve Brusatte ($29.99)
Tip of the Iceberg: My 3,000 Mile Journey Around Wild Alaska, the Last Great American Frontier by Mark Adams ($28)

Sports
Why Baseball Matters by Susan Jacoby ($26)
Tiger Woods by Jeff Benedict and Armen Keteyian ($30)
Tinker to Evers to Chance: The Chicago Cubs and the Dawn of Modern America by David Rapp ($27.50)

Gift
A Man and His Watch: Iconic Watches and Stories from the Men Who Wore Them by Matt Hranek ($35)
Feast from the Fire: 65 Summer Recipes to Cook and Share Outdoors by Valiire Aikman-Smith ($21.95)
The Story of Food: An Illustrated History of Everything We Eat ($35)
Good Housekeeping Ultimate Grilling Cookbook ($29.95)
Drive: The Definitive History of Driving by Smithsonian ($40)
The Anatomy of Treehouses: Stylish Hideaways and Retreats by Jane Field-Lewis ($30)
the children’s line...

Hello, Children and Children’s Book Fans,

Happy summer! We have some fun events for you this June!

KARI PATCH

We’re continuing our lively **storytime every Saturday morning at 10:30 am**. We’ll be reading some of our favorite books for 3-6 year-olds, and we’ll be hosting special guest readers for the last three **Saturdays of June**.

- **On June 16**, local storyteller Lucia Luckett-Kelly will be reading several stories on a theme. With enthusiasm and energetic style, Ms. Luckett-Kelly is sure to have the whole audience up and moving!

- **On June 23**, local Chicago author Jacob Grant will visit to celebrate and read his new picture book *Bear’s Scare*. We’ll also be reading some of his other wonderful books, like *Through with the Zoo*.

- **Finally, on June 30**, Ruth Spiro, another wonderful local author, will be at the store for a storytime with her board book series, *Baby Loves Science*. The two newest books in the series are *Baby Loves Gravity!* and *Baby Loves Coding*.

On Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 pm, YA author Sabaa Tahir (*An Ember in the Ashes*) will be joined by fellow writer Veronica Roth (*Divergent* and *The Fates Divide*) as they discuss *A Reaper at The Gates*, the highly anticipated third book in Sabaa’s young adult fantasy series. (See Betsy’s review on the next page!) This event will be in the store. Customers can reserve their copy of *A Reaper at The Gates* with us and be guaranteed a seat. Space is limited; we ask that you reserve your book/ticket by calling us at 847 446-8880, or emailing events@thebookstall.com.

On Saturday, June 23 at 3 pm, we host author Liesl Shurtliff for a writing workshop for ages 9-12. Liesl’s new book, *Grump: The (Fairly) True Tale of Snow White and the Seven Dwarves*, is the latest book in her quartet of fractured fairy tales that began with *Rump*. We in the Children’s Department agree with the *New York Times Book Review* which stated, “Liesl Shurtliff writes the perfect middle-grade page-turner that fourth graders can gobble down on the plane, train, and automobile trips ahead this summer. . . . [she] excels at turning familiar worlds on their heads.” Join Liesl as she talks about her work, fairy tales, and leads us in writing exercises. The cost of our writing workshops is a $5 gift card, which can be used toward Ms. Shurtliff’s new book or other merchandise in the store. We ask participants to register, as space is limited. Payment is not required until the day of the event. Register in the store, or by calling us at 847 446-8880.

Looking ahead into next month, on **Sunday, July 1 at 2 pm**, our friends at the Wilmette Public Library will be hosting their very own Youth Services librarian, Lisa Jenn Bigelow and the launch party for her new middle-grade novel *Drum Roll, Please*. We were lucky enough to host Lisa on Independent Book Store Day to sign advanced reader copies of this book, and we’re excited to see the finished book out in the world!

Enjoy summer reading, and do come by to see us! Kari P.

AMY TROGDON

If *The S In Moose Comes Loose* by Peter Hermann, illustrated by Mathew Cordell ($17.99). In this hilarious spelling adventure, the “S” in moose comes loose and the “E” breaks off—and only MOO is left. What can cow do to get her friend moose back? Great for spelling practice and reading aloud! *Ages 4-7*

*The Detective Dog* by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Sara Ogilvie ($17.99). Peter’s dog Nell has a keen sense of smell. She is always sniff-sniff-sniffing. Nell spends most of her days sniffing out Peter’s lost belongings or solving other mysteries. But on Mondays she goes to school with Peter to do what she loves best—listening to the children reading books! One Monday, her nose tells her something is wrong and, indeed, all the books have been stolen! Nell is on the case and sniffs out the culprit. Delightful rhyming text and whimsical illustrations make this a perfect book to share out loud! *Ages 3-6*

*The Miscalculations of Lightning Girl* by Stacy McAnulty ($16.99). When 12-year-old Lucy was 8, she was struck by lightning, resulting in acquired savant syndrome. She is a mathematical genius and has also developed obsessive-compulsive disorder. She lives with her Nana and her uncle, where she is home-schooled since the accident. Her Nana wants her to become more social, so she enrolls Lucy in the 7th grade. Even though she tries to hide her math abilities, Lucy is still bullied, and finds making friends difficult. When she meets Wendy and Levi while working on a community project, Lucy finally finds friendship. Lucy loves math in part because of its predictability—she can always find the answer. Life, especially in middle school, is full of ups and downs and there is no equation or formula to help, so Lucy must learn to navigate her world on her own. A unique debut novel that realistically deals with life in middle school. *Ages 9-13*
Secret Sisters of the Salty Sea by Lynne Rae Perkins ($16.99). Adventurous Alix and her cautious older sister Jools are on their way to their very first beach vacation. Imagining blue water and palm trees, they are somewhat disconcerted to find green-gray water and large, crashing waves. Even though the vacation is different than they had expected, the girls make memories they will never forget, while discovering the sights and sounds of the ocean. Alix and Jools discover that experiences do not have to be extraordinary to be life-changing. Award-winning author Lynne Rae Perkins has written an engaging novel celebrating family, sisters, and adventure. Great vacation read! Ages 8-12

BETSY BALYEAT

Al Capone Throws Me a Curve: A Tale from Alcatraz by Gennifer Choldenko ($17.99). Moose is facing a busy summer. While Alcatraz is in the midst of a Bureau of Prison Inspection, Moose is struggling to keep Piper out of trouble and also vying to be on the high school baseball team. Moose is growing up, and after a scene with Al Capone, he tells his father the truth about events he has never admitted to. He also gathers his courage and stands up to the captain of the baseball team. This is a powerful story of love and family that will please old fans and also newcomers to the series. Be sure and check the end of the book and see the photos and historical content that the author included. Grades 5 - 7

Ghost Boys by Jewell Parker Rhodes ($16.99). In Chicago, Jerome, a 12-year-old black boy is shot by a white policeman who mistakes a toy gun for a real one. As a ghost, Jerome witnesses the aftermath gripping his family and that of the policeman. Jerome also meets the ghost of Emmett Till, a black boy murdered in 1965. Through Till’s story, Jerome learns about hundreds of ghost boys left to roam and stop history from continuing to repeat itself. Rhodes captures the all-too-real pain of racial injustice and provides a window for those just beginning to explore these issues. Ages 8 - 12

War Storm: Rise with the Dawn by Victoria Aveyard ($19.99). In this epic conclusion to the series, Mare must accept her fate and summon all her power—for all will be tested but not all will survive. Now determined to protect her heart and secure freedom for Reds and New Bloods like her—Mare resolves to overthrow the Kingdom of Norté once and for all. In order to do this, Mare must side with Cal and his powerful Silver allies and the Scarlet Guard. But the enemy, Maven, who wears the crown, is so obsessed he is willing to demolish everything and everyone in his path just to capture Mare. A breathtaking ending to an exciting and well-written series. I am not a huge fantasy reader, but I have loved these books. Ages 12 up

A Reaper at the Gates by Sabaa Tahir ($19.95). Helene Aquilla, the Blood Shrike, is desperate to protect her sister’s life and the lives of everyone in the Empire. But she knows that danger lurks on all sides. Emperor Marcus, haunted by his past, grows increasingly unstable and violent while Keris Veturia, the ruthless commandant, capitalizes on the Emperor’s volatility to grow her own power—regardless of the carnage she leaves in her path. Far to the East, Laia of Serra knows she must stop the dangerous Nightbringer, and in the land of the living and death, Elias has given up his freedom to serve as soul catcher—even if he must give up the woman he loves. This is book three in the series and it will be available on June 12. Sabaa Tahir and Veronica Roth will be visiting the store on Thursday, June 21 at 6:30 pm for conversation with each other and all those who attend. I don’t plan to miss it! Ages 14 up

Good Reads for Summer at Home, on the Road, at Camp

Series for first and second grade

Daisy Dreamer series by Holly Anna
Wish List series by Sarah Aronson
The Bad Guys series by Aaron Blabey
Ada on the Case series by Emily Calandrelli
The Dragonsitter series by Josh Lacey
MVP series by David A. Kelly
The Friendship Garden series by Jenny Meyerhoff
The Dragonmasters series by Tracey West
Forever Friends series by American Girl

Middle grade readers

Two Dogs in a Trench Coat Go to School by Julie Falatko
Mrs. Smith’s Spy School for Girls by Beth McMullen
House with a Clock in Its Walls by John Bellairs
The Bodyguard series by Chris Bradford
The Fairy Tale Reform School series by Jen Calonita
The Acadia Files: Book One Summer Science by Katie Coppens
Survivor Diaries series by Terry Lynn Johnson
Rump, Jack, Red, and Grump series by Liesl Shurtliff
Posted by John David Anderson
Crenshaw by Katherine Applegate
The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin
Cyclone by Doreen Cronin
The Warden’s Daughter by Jerry Spinelli
Pie by Sarah Weeks
Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks
What Could Go Wrong? by Willo Davis Roberts
Time Twisters series by Steve Sheinkin

Graphic novels

Be Prepared by Vera Brosgol
All Summer Long by Hope Larson
Cardboard Kingdom by Chad Sell
5 Worlds series by Siegel, Siegel, Bouma, Rockefeller, and Sun
Sparks! by Ian Boothby
CatStronauts series by Drew Brockington
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<td>Happy Father's Day!</td>
<td>7 pm, a Family Action Network event Evanston Township High School</td>
<td>6:30 pm at the store SABAA TAHIR, in conversation with VERONICA ROTH <em>A Reaper at the Gates</em></td>
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### Early July Highlights

| Sunday, July 1 | Friday and Saturday, July 3 & 14 | 12 noon, Larchmont, University Club | 7 pm, ticketed "After Hours" program at the store KEN AUDELTA *Frenemies* |        |        |        |
| 2 pm, Book Release Party! | | | | | | |