Saturday, November 24 is the 9th annual Small Business Saturday. We’ll have activities for kids and raffles for adults and treats all day long. Towser, the Book Stall dog, will join the kids for our weekly story hour (every Saturday at 10:30 am) to help celebrate the day. As the owner of The Book Stall and a long time resident of Winnetka, I want to thank everyone for supporting all the wonderful small businesses in our town. I am grateful to be part of this vibrant neighborhood, but understand how challenging the brick-and-mortar retail community can be. I know how easy and convenient online shopping is, but before you hit the “buy” button, please consider whether that item isn’t available at one of your local shops.

One of the things The Book Stall can do as a store that an online retailer can’t is bring authors to our area. Although November and December are quieter months in terms of events, there are some amazing authors coming to the store or to one of our event partners. Deborah Baker will join us on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 pm to discuss her new book, The Last Englishmen, about the final years of the British Raj in India. Our great friend, Libby Hellmann will be our guest on Saturday, November 10 at 2 pm to talk about the latest installment in her crime series, High Crimes. Libby is always a delight! On Monday, November 19 at 6:30 pm, representatives from Penguin Random House, HarperCollins and Macmillan will present the latest titles of the season—fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, and more. This event is free but we do ask that you make a reservation by calling the store. Bestselling author Elizabeth Berg will be in the store on Thursday, November 29 at 6:30 pm to talk about Night of Miracles, her follow-up novel to The Story of Arthur Truluv. Elizabeth’s presentations are wonderful; I’m very excited for this evening.

Our ticketed After Hours programming continues this month as we welcome the all-female comedy troupe, The Kates, back to the store on Thursday, November 15 at 7 pm. It was actually The Kates that inspired Richard Laible to host and curate the incredibly successful After Hours program. Friends from the Music Institute of Chicago (MIC) Roots & Rock program join us for an informal evening of Americana tunes. Students and MIC faculty members will lead the live music making.

7 pm, A Family Action Network (FAN) Event
New Trier High School, Northfield, 7 Happ Rd.
ELLEN KING
Heritage Baking: An Evening with Hewn’s Master Baker
Hear the head baker and co-owner of Hewn in Evanston, and author of the new book, Heritage Baking: Recipes for Rustic Breads and Pastries Baked with Artisanal Flour from Hewn Bakery.

7 pm, Highland Park Public Library, 494 Laurel
ERIC VUILLARD
The Order of the Day
The French author discusses his book, the winner of the 2017 Prix Goncourt, France’s most prestigious literary prize. The book is a historical novel about the Nazi annexation of Austria in 1938.

TUESDAY, NOV. 6
7 pm at the store
After Hours Comedy Series
We present our November show, our sixth in association with Liable Productions, Inc. For the latest information and tickets (required), go to brownpapertickets.com.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 7
6:30 pm at the store
DEBORAH BAKER
The Last Englishmen: Love, War, and the End of Empire
A biographical saga, both intimate and epic, about the waning of the British Empire in India.

SATURDAY, NOV. 10
10:30 am, Special Storytime at the store
RUTH SPIRO, Baby Loves Science
2 pm at the store
LIBBY FISCHER HELLMANN
High Crimes
Ms. Hellmann celebrates the new book in her crime series featuring Chicago PI Georgia Davis.

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friend that he should write down some of his favorite book-related anecdotes, he decides to keep a diary for a year. Each day he makes an entry with the number of online orders, the number of customers, and the total of the day’s sales. The rest of the entry is devoted to describing some of the fascinating characters that come into the store and the books that they love. At Shaun’s side is his wacky employee, Nicky, who alternately frustrates and delights him with her advice, unpredictability, and her “Foodie Friday” finds—brought to him from the grocery store dumpster. By the end of the book, Shaun, with his droll sense of humor, has given an insightful, amusing look into the world of book buying and selling. This is a book that I find myself dipping into again and again.

MIKE WYSOCK

My Sister, The Serial Killer by Oyinkan Braithwaite ($22.95). Fans of psychological suspense will not be disappointed with this compulsively readable modern take on the noir thriller. Set in present day Lagos, Nigeria, Oyinkan Braithwaite’s debut novel explores the literal blood ties between two sisters—Korede, the fastidious, dutiful, older sister, and Ayoola, the seductive, impulsive beauty. That Ayoola’s paramours end up dead should be no surprise, given the title of this book. And in balancing dark subject matter with effervescent writing, Braithwaite gives us something quite different from a “who dunnit,” or even a “why dunnit.” Instead, we are treated with a fine-tuned, at-times hilarious, balancing act between the exposure of the sisters’ secrets and their need to distance themselves from a series of suspicious deaths. The dramatic tension quickly escalates as Ayoola begins courting her older sister’s secret crush, the charming and eligible Doctor Tade—an unsettling development to say the least. Braithwaite intersperses this action with glimpses of a sinister family history and enough detail to raise questions about self-defense, justifiable murder, and the depths of familial love and loyalty. With finely drawn characters and a dark humor reminiscent of a Coen brothers film, Braithwaite encourages us to find sides and empathize with one—if not both—of these sisters: one a murderer, the other her accomplice.

JON GRAND

The Game: Harvard, Yale, and America in 1968 by George Howe Colt ($28). The football rivalry between Harvard and Yale is one of the oldest in America. But in 1968 it was something special. Both teams went into the game undefeated—and they ended tied at 29-29. But this is not so much a story about a football game. It is about the young men who played it. The months preceding November 23, 1968, saw the assassinations of Robert F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King, riots in the inner cities, and escalating anti-war activism. The players came from every class and background and were clearly affected by the events swirling around them. Tensions on and off the field were inevitable. Some would go on to the NFL, others to social activism, and others to Vietnam. But for that moment they played as members of a complex and diverse team. The game was won in the in the final 42 seconds and stunned the crowd. No spoiler here. To find out who and how, read the book. It is a story that will remind readers of The Boys in the Boat.
other than Washington Black; I often wondered where the story and tolerate brutality in the service of understanding something essential about himself. The story asked me to suspend belief over him, until he begins to recognize and cultivate what seems plantation, and moves very improbably across the globe. And eloquently written book is the story of identity.

These Truths: A History of the United States by Jill Lepore ($39.95). For a long time, I have thought we needed a comprehensive history of the United States that explained the evolution of our institutions, values, norms. To be fair, a lot of superb history has been written in recent years, but a full history from the beginnings to the present has sorely needed. Lepore’s thesis is that the American experiment rests on three truths: political equality, natural rights, and the sovereignty of the people. These are Jefferson’s “truths” that we hold to be, in Franklin’s words, “self-evident.” Where those ideas came from, and how they came to be interpreted, is the foundation of this history. Lepore spends a good bit of time in the early discovery and colonization of America, but her real focus is on how these lofty truths clashed with the evident lack of equality, respect for human dignity, and the sovereignty of all people. The story of America is in many ways glorious and triumphant, but there are dark sides that continue to haunt us today. As Lepore notes, it is equally important that we understand both our triumphs and our defeats. Ultimately she holds “these truths” up as a bar against which we can measure the progress of this bold experiment. Eminently readable, this is a book that offers us an understanding of that which divides and that which unites us.

One of our customers, Bob Myers, is a devourer of history with a special interest in Churchill. He is enthusiastic about Churchill: Walking with Destiny by Andrew Roberts, who will discuss his new book at a University Club luncheon on November 14. Here is an excerpt from Mr. Myers review, which will run in full in our e-newsletter prior to Mr. Robert’s appearance.

Churchill: Walking with Destiny by Andrew Roberts ($40). Back when he was still alive, it was believed that an objective biography of Winston Churchill could not be written until 2010, when additional documents would be available to the public for the first time. That included private diaries (King George VI among others), War Cabinet minutes, Churchill family private papers, and more. Roberts’ access to this new material enables that “objective biography” of a man who walked with destiny. Churchill held every major cabinet post, save Foreign Office, before becoming Prime Minister. We learn scores of poor judgments by Churchill, and Roberts shares what he learned from each. Churchill wrote, “We were left sad and sorrowful in the dark, until the stars light up and remind us that there is always something beyond.” Surely that “something beyond” was the destiny with which he not only walked, but sometimes led. In the darkest of times, he saw the light and encouraged others to seek it.
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LAURA BERENGER

This memoir of growing up in a central Kansas farming family lives and disorderly childhoods for three successive genera

The rain in the summer.

Sarah Smarsh’s memoir takes the tale of situating the self in both interior and exterior landsc

Truths: A History of the United States

by Patti Smith

Just Kids Illustrated Edition

by Patti Smith

A generously illustrated full-color edition of Patti Smith’s classic coming-of-age memoir, bringing

Space Atlas, Second Edition:

Freaker

edited by Martin Holz

Sneaker Freaker:

by Peter Wohlleben

The Hidden Life of Trees: Illustrated Edition

by Peter Wohlleben

In his original bestseller The Hidden Life of Trees, Peter Wohlleben opened readers’ eyes to the amazing processes at work in forests every day. Now this new, breathtakingly illustrated edition brings those wonders to life like never before.

(Vogue the shoe

by Harriet Quick, foreword by Alexandra Shulman

More than 300 images from a century of British Vogue, with shoes ranging from the humble clog to exquisite haute couture stilettos.

(Conran, $39.99)
Vogue x Music
by the editors of American Vogue and Jonathan Van Meter
The world’s most popular musicians have always graced the pages of Vogue, and here are excerpts from interviews with rock stars, blues singers, rappers, and others, together with works by acclaimed photographers Richard Avedon and Annie Leibovitz.
(Abrams, $65)

Carolyne Roehm Design & Style, a Constant Thread
by Carolyne Roehm
Vibrant spreads of Carolyne Roehm’s work in fashion, flowers, table design, and interiors create a unique celebration of the power of life and style.
(Taschen, $75)

Woodstock: The 1969 Rock and Roll Revolution
by Ernesto Assante
Fifty years later, a return to the event in Bethel, New York, and the people that changed the history of rock music.
(becker&mayer!, $34.99)

Annie Leibovitz: The Early Years, 1970-1983
by Annie Leibovitz
A personally curated document of Annie Leibovitz’s development as an artist within a pivotal era, including her photo stories for Rolling Stone that bring political, cultural, and counter-cultural developments to life.
(Taschen, $50)

The Watch, Thoroughly Revised
by Gene Stone and Stephen Pulvirent
A complete revision of the popular 2006 book on vintage and contemporary mechanical watches, now reflecting the current state of the watch world, with the addition of new brands, new models, and focus on the traditional brand leaders.
(Abrams, $50)

Sneaker Freaker: The Ultimate Sneaker Book
edited by Martin Holz
A 15-year anthology of the cult magazine Sneaker Freaker, with 650 pages of expert sneaker content, described as “funny and serious, meaningful and pointless at the same time.”
(Taschen, $50)

Space Atlas, Second Edition: Mapping the Universe and Beyond
by James Trefil, foreward by Buzz Aldrin
A revised edition of National Geographic’s enduring guide, with updated maps, photographs, and elegant illustrations that chart the solar system and a new introduction by Buzz Aldrin.
(National Geographic, $50)

Just Kids Illustrated Edition
by Patti Smith
A generously illustrated full-color edition of Patti Smith’s classic coming-of-age memoir, bringing New York vividly to life, where she and Robert Mapplethorpe fell in love and met the extraordinary characters who passed through her life.
(Ecco $39.99)

Classic American Crime Fiction of the 1920s
foreword by Leslie S. Klinger, introduction by Otto Penzler
New American writers appeared on the scene in the 1920s, and here are five novels from the time, in original published form, with extensive historical and cultural annotations and illustrations.
(Pegasus Books, $39.95)

The Neapolitan Novels Boxed Set
by Elena Ferrante
Just as HBO launches its series this month with My Brilliant Friend, here is a handsome set of Elena Ferrante’s brilliant Neapolitan novels, telling the long, remarkable story of a 60-year friendship.
(Europa Editions, $59.99)

Author: The Portraits of Beowulf Sheehan
by Beowulf Sheehan, foreword by Salman Rushdie
A collection of works by Beowulf Sheehan, his generation’s foremost literary portrait photographer, capturing the essence of 200 prominent writers, historians, journalists, playwrights, and poets.
(Black Dog & Leventhal, $40)

Modern Baking
by Donna Hay
A modern baking bible, with more than 250 recipes, including essentials and some smart shortcuts and plenty of better-for-you treats.
(4th Estate, $40)

Whiskey America
by Dominic Roskrow
Successful lawyers, doctors, and city slickers made the life-changing decision to turn their backs on their careers and pursue the “good life” of customizing conventional whiskey styles and making new spirits never seen before.
(Mitchell Beazley, $29.99)

A Woman’s Drink: Bold Recipes for Bold Women
by Natalka Burian and Scott Schneider
The ultimate cocktail book for ladies, celebrating a new cocktail culture that is distinctly and unapologetically feminine—strong, spirited, and bold.
(Chronicle Books, $19.95)

Stranger Things: Worlds Turned Upside Down
by Gina McIntyre, foreword by Matt and Ross Dufer
A definitive behind-the-scenes companion, revealing every aspect of the series that rekindled everyone’s nostalgia for the 80s. Special packaging and inserts.
(Del Rey, $36)

Atlas of Adventures: Wonders of the World
illustrated by Lucy Letherland, written by Ben Handicott
A journey of discovery around the world, showcasing the globe’s most impressive landscapes, buildings, and antiquities from the modern and ancient worlds. Great for younger readers.
(Wide Eyed Editions, $35)

On the Origin of Species: Young Readers Edition
adapted by Rebecca Stefoff
Darwin’s cornerstone of modern science made accessible to readers of all ages, honoring his original text and providing contemporary insight, photographs, illustrations, and more.
(Antheneum Books for Young Readers, $25.99)
Greetings, children and children’s book fans,

As we rac ed toward Halloween, we had to stop and catch our breath. We had a busy month of October, hosting a variety of big names in contemporary children’s literature. In recent weeks, either in the store or in local schools or both, we’ve met Kevin Henkes, who brought us *A Parade of Elephants*, and now we are awaiting his next book, *Winter Is Here*, which is coming soon. Mr. Henkes did some fabulous drawings for us, so keep your eyes peeled for a new picture in the store. We have also met Andrea Beaty (*Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters*, the first book in her new series), Loren Long (*Hole in the Log*), Andy Rash (*Unstinky*), Jon Agee (*Wall in the Middle of the Book*), Ruth Spiro (*Made by Maxine*), and Andrew Smith, who brought *Rabbit & Robot* for our young adult audience. If you missed any of these authors, no worries! We have a wonderful collection of their books, all autographed and waiting for you. Remember, autographed books make wonderful gifts.

November promises more fun. Aaron Renier will visit schools with his book *Walker Bean and the Knights of the Waxing Moon*, Elliott Kalan and Tim Miller (*Dog Meets Horse*), and Laurie Keller (*Potato Pants*). Jason Reynolds will do an Arlington Heights Public Library visit with his new book *Lu*.

We are most excited to host well-known author and illustrator Jan Brett on Friday, November 30 at 4 pm. Her beautiful new book, *The Snowy Nap*, is already in the store, and if you are unable to meet her, just order a copy and we will have it signed for you on the day of the event.

If you are reading this, I know you love children’s literature as much as we do. With Hanukkah and Christmas coming up, you might wish to consider a gift of The Children’s Book Club for your favorite young person. After gathering information about the age of the child and some of their interests, every month or every other month, depending on your wishes, we will send a gift-wrapped book with a card from you. It is a special way to keep in touch with grandchildren or other family and friends’ children. It is also a wonderful new baby gift. You can choose to send a book a month for six months or a year. We send books far and wide and would love to have you as a participant in the club. Say hello when you stop in. There is always someone in the children’s department who will be delighted to see you and help you with choosing books.

Happy Reading.

Betsy

**Betsy’s Book Picks**

*Resistance* by Jennifer Nielson ($17.99). Chaya Linder is a teenager living in Nazi-occupied Poland. Simply being Jewish places her in danger of being killed or sent to the camps. Instead of waiting for this to happen, 16-year-old Chaya becomes a courier for the Jewish resistance. With features and coloring that belie her ethnicity, as well as fluency in Polish and a bit of German, she can pass as a Polish Catholic. Chaya’s mission for the resistance is to help the group called Akiva. Her missions become more and more dangerous, and she and her inexperienced partner, Rebecca, are sent from Krakow to Lodz to Warsaw to aid the Jews there in their gathering uprising inside the walls of the ghetto. Tension escalates as details of the street battles of the ghetto play out, and Chaya pays tribute to those who sacrificed themselves so others would live. Don’t miss the afterward that profiles real-life resistance fighters that the fictional teens encounter throughout the story. This is a compelling read. Once started, it is hard to put down. Age 12 up

*A Heart in a Body in the World* by Deb Caletti ($18.99). Haunted by the tragedy that upended her life last year, Annabelle takes off running from her hometown of Seattle. Her destination: Washington, D.C. Why? She’s not going to think about that. For now, all she can do is run. But no matter how hard she tries, she can’t outrun the tragedy from the past year, or the person—“The Taker”—that haunts her. In a powerful story of a survivor trying to regain a sense of justice and power, Caletti details a young woman’s harrowing journey across the United States. Thanks to the support of her grandfather, who trails her in his well-equipped RV, her younger brother and friends, a growing fan base that cheers her on, Annabelle’s journey evolves into a cause. What happened to Annabelle and why she feels compelled to run to Washington remain undefined until the book ends, when a series of flashbacks playing in her mind reveal clues as to what happened in the last year. This is a masterful book, full of sorrow and rage but also beauty and hope. I finished reading it several days ago but it still lingers in my mind. A must read. Age 14 up

Ps: Here are a few Thanksgiving titles we particularly like.

- **Llama Llama Gives Thanks** by Anna Dewdney
- **T Is for Turkey** by Tanya Lee Stone
- **Fangsgiving** by Ethan Long
- **Thanks for Thanksgiving** by Julie Markes
- **Molly’s Pilgrim** by Barbara Cohen
- **Otis Gives Thanks** by Loren Long
Arlington Heights Public Library visit with his new book wonderful gifts. We have a wonderful collection of their books, all autographed adult audience. If you missed any of these authors, no worries! Middle of the Book

Raucous Riveters

we've met Kevin Henkes, who brought us In recent weeks, either in the store or in local schools or both, might wish to consider a gift of order a copy and we will have it signed for you on the day of the event.

You Don't Know Everything Jilly P! by Alex Gino ($16.99). Twelve-year-old Jilly has life all figured out, or so she thinks. But a series of events show her just how much she has to learn. For starters, she has a crush on a deaf boy, Derek, she met in the chat room of her favorite fantasy series. Coincidentally, her new baby sister is deaf, and she begins to rely on Derek for information. There are some racist events that occur within Jilly's family, at her school, and in her community. Jilly's Aunt Alicia, a black woman married to Jilly's mom's sister, encourages her not to ignore racism. The author, through Jilly's character, addresses these issues with thoughtfulness and grace. As Aunt Alicia says, "Nothing changes if we don't talk." This is an insightful read for ages 9 and up.

Blended by Sharon Draper ($16.99). Eleven-year-old Isabella's parents are divorced, and she feels like her life is split in half. One week she spends with her dad, his girlfriend, and her son at their big, fancy house. The next week Izzy stays with her mom and her boyfriend in the small house where she grew up and which she loves. Her mom is white, and her dad is black, which makes life even more difficult. Izzy isn't sure what she is, or how to answer the many questions she is asked. An even more disastrous event occurs, which helps put everything in perspective and shows Jilly that being open to change can make you a better person in many ways. Great read with many possibilities for discussion. Ages 9 - 12

The creator of the raucous riveters! Andrea Beaty brought her new book, Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters, to the store in October. It's the story of fun-loving girls who built airplanes during World War II. Her audience was delighted.
**Book Discussion Groups at The Book Stall**

**Wednesday, November 7 at 9:30 am**  
*Virgil Wander* by Leif Enger  
Led by Elise Barack  

**Go Green Reads Book Discussion Group**  
**Monday, November 12 at 6:30 pm**  
*The Hidden Life of Trees: What They Feel, How They Communicate—Discoveries from a Secret World* by Peter Wohlleben  
Go Green Reads discussions are free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, November 14 at 6:30 pm**  
*Less* by Andrew Sean Greer  
Led by Alice Moody

A $5 book discussion group participation charge is fully redeemable for merchandise in the store.

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
10 am – 5 pm  
Join us for our annual Holiday Sale.  
20% all purchases in the store!