



THE BOOK STALL

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THE FRONT LINE



Saturday, November 26 is the 13th annual Small Business Saturday, and it feels like a particularly appropriate time to support all the businesses working hard during this time of inflation, supply chain disruptions, and hiring challenges! I feel lucky that The Book Stall is in such a warm and supportive community, surrounded by other wonderful businesses. Despite all, Winnetka and the North Shore are thriving! And mark your calendar as we'll be having our annual 20% off sale on **Sunday, December 5**. It's a great time to stock up for yourself and for everyone on your holiday gift list. Staffers have worked to compile our annual "List of Lists" on the inside of this newsletter, and there is something for everyone, no matter what their interest. Please note that not all the books are out yet, and that due to supply chain issues, we may have trouble getting some of these books later in the season—so shop early. But if we don't have exactly what you're looking for, we can help you find a great substitute!

November is a bit quieter for us event-wise, as we get ready for holiday shopping, but we still have some truly excellent programs planned. On Tuesday, November 1, we're thrilled to welcome Cody Keenan to talk about his new book, *Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the Battle for America*, about his career writing speeches for President Obama. He'll be in conversation with Josh Earnest, who was White House Press Secretary in 2014. I have always been fascinated by speechwriting and *Grace* really brings you into the process. (See Leah Gordon's review inside.)

We're also really excited to welcome back our publisher's reps for **Rep Night** on Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30 pm. Join us to hear about fall's hottest titles, both fiction and non-fiction from Random House, HarperCollins and some other smaller presses, such as Workman and Sourcebooks. Great selections for you, your book group, or anyone on your gift list. This event is always popular, so register early! I am particularly excited for Patrick Radden Keefe's event at the store on Friday, November 18 at 6:30 pm. Keefe is an incredible investigative journalist (*Say Nothing* about the troubles in Northern Ireland was a bestseller). He's turned his keen eye on the Sackler family and their role in the opioid crisis through their company, Purdue Pharma. The result, *Empire of Pain*, is a riveting story of greed and ruthlessness. For this and most of our other events, we are asking for registration on our website, even when the event is free. This gives us some idea of how many are planning to attend, and also a way of keeping registrants apprised of any new details. Some events will be at capacity, and in those cases the event will be closed to further registrants. So please register early either on our website, eblast, or in the store by QR code.

And, of course, there are always new books! I really enjoyed *Flight* by Lynn Steger Strong; I cannot resist a good family drama set over the holidays! *We All Want Impossible Things* (November 8) by Catherine Newman seemed, at first, to be too impossibly sad to read, but I highly recommend this warm and surprisingly funny novel, which follows two close friends, one of whom is dying in hospice. And there are still so many books that I'm eager to read: *Number One Is Walking: My Life in the Movies and Other Diversions* by Steve Martin (November 15) for the first time, writing about his career in movies, shares anecdotes; the new Cormac McCarthy novel, *The Passenger*, and *American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis* by Adam Hochschild. (See Jon Grand's review inside.) There are lots others, but I've run out of space, so please stop in some time and check out all the new titles!

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CALENDAR

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

6:30 pm, Live event at the Store

CODY KEENAN in conversation with **Josh Earnest**
Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the Battle for America

Obama's chief speechwriter **Cody Keenan** begins his book on June 17, 2015, when a white supremacist murdered nine Black worshippers in a Charleston, South Carolina, church. In the days that followed, America—and its first Black president—went through a profound reckoning with guns, race, and the legacy of the Confederate flag. At the same time, two consequential Supreme Court decisions loomed that would decide the fate of millions: the right to health care and the right to marriage equality. Mr. Keenan will be interviewed at the store by **Josh Earnest**, who was White House Press Secretary at that time. **Registration is free; sign up on the "Events" page of our website.**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

10:30 – 11:30 am, Storytime at the Store
SUZANNE SLADE

Dazzlin' Dolly: The Songwriting, Hit-Singing, Guitar-Picking Dolly Parton

This inspirational and dazzlin' story of Dolly Parton—noted singer, songwriter, and humanitarian—follows her rise to fame, from her beginnings in East Tennessee to performing to thousands at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. For ages 7 – 10.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

3 pm, Live event at the Store
KEITH GAVE, TIM RAPPLEYE

A Miracle of Their Own: A Team, A Stunning Gold Medal, and Newfound Dreams for American Girls

We welcome **Keith Gave** and **Tim Rappleye** to discuss their new book. Few gave the Team USA ice hockey women much of a chance to beat the Canadians in the inaugural women's tournament in Nagano, Japan in 1998. When the Gold Medal game had ended, Team USA was standing atop of the podium after a shocking upset that ignited what many consider to be the greatest rivalry in all of sports.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:30 pm, Live event at the Store
REP NIGHT!

Recommendations from Our Publisher Partners

Please join us for an in-store night of fun with our publishing representatives as they share their favorite titles from the new fall season! They recommend books for gift giving, and books you yourself are going to want to put on your bedside-to-be-read pile! We'll also be hosting a raffle to win Advanced Reader Copies (ARCs) and gift cards! **This program is free, but if you hear about a book here, please buy it from The Book Stall! Registration is required as space is limited. Go to "Events" on our website.**

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THE INSIDE LINE

ELIZABETH HUBBARD



Gilded Mountain by Kate Manning (\$28) is a novel set in early 1900s Colorado. It is historical fiction—using some real heroes and villains, who were labor organizers and financiers. It is also the coming-of-age story of Sylvie Pelletier. Sylvie is the only daughter

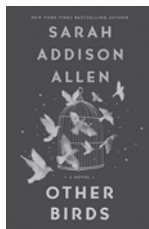


in a French-Canadian family, who follow the patriarch from Vermont to Moonstone Colorado, where he toils under horrific conditions in a marble quarry. Life is rough on the mountain, but Sylvie hopes for a better future, especially after winning an essay contest and taking a job at the local newspaper. She is also introduced to finer things, like orange juice, elephant-hide wallpaper, and waltzing, when she accepts a summer position as secretary to the wife of the quarry owner. Though slavery has been outlawed by this time, there are racial issues that permeate and humanize this story, as well as class issues and the inequities between the owners and managers and the families who rely on the "company" for everything. Great fiction for the American history lovers among us.

LEAH GORDON



Other Birds by Sarah Addison Allen (\$27.99) transports us to the Dellawisp apartments in Mallow Island, South Carolina, where 19-year-old Zoey Hennessey is moving into her deceased mother's unit. While settling into her new surroundings, one of the other



residents suddenly dies, thereby providing Zoey with an unexpected job and connection to both the woman's son, Oliver, and beloved local author, Roscoe Avanger. While wary at first, two of the other residents befriend Zoey and subsequently each other, in turn then finding something in each other they didn't know they were missing. Throughout the book, Allen builds and weaves a gorgeous story about the characters' pasts, and the weight they carry while trying to move forward. There's no singular peak to the story, but instead a steady build in plot, leading to numerous moments of exclamation and then joy, as each character breaks open in the final chapters. An unexpected find amongst all the new fiction this fall, *Other Birds* provides a balance of lightness with character depth that fills a niche on our bookshelves.

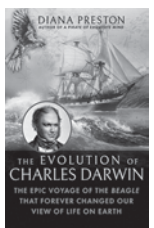
Grace: President Obama and Ten Days into the Battle for America by Cody Keenan (\$29.99). In June of 2015, Chief Speechwriter Keenan found himself at the mercy of 10 days that would come to fill the pages of his book. Keenan gives us a glimpse at the infrastructure of the Obama White House, along with the campaign trail that led him there. His account of finding the words that could capture pivotal moments in American culture takes the reader through the daunting process of draft writing multiple scenarios and surviving the fact-checking process. The relationship between Keenan and his mentors, writing team, the White House staff, and Obama himself is woven throughout the book, making the reader feel like part of the inner circle. Not to be overlooked, Keenan also shares how he met his now-wife during their time in the White House. The politics, Supreme Court decisions, and national events highlighted in the speeches are still highly relevant in 2022. And looking back at them as a voter, parent, and woman, I am admittedly overwhelmed by how far we have come, yet saddened by how much has gone unchanged since they were written. *Grace* hits all the marks for the non-fiction, biography, political junkie-seeking reader. Consider reading it while following Obama's advice to Keenan of pouring a drink, listening to Miles Davis, and "finding the silences."



JON GRAND



The Evolution of Charles Darwin: The Epic Voyage of The Beagle That Forever Changed Our View of Life on Earth by Diana Preston (\$30). The year is 1831. Charles Darwin, 22, sets sail aboard the HMS *Beagle*. The young Englishman has been hired to be the ship's naturalist. He would

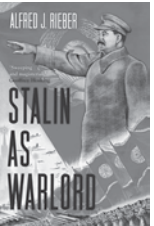


spend five years aboard, much of it spent cruising the coasts of South and Central America. Studying specimens from the Galapagos Islands, he noticed that finches from the mainland and those from the Islands were almost identical, except that the Island specimens had shorter beaks that allowed them to better obtain food in that different island environment. The observations got him to thinking about the differences and how/why they occurred. Usually, at this point, we would fast forward to his theory of evolution and origin of the species. Not so fast. His five years aboard the *Beagle* were filled with observations of native peoples, local geology, as well as the flora and fauna. As Preston follows the voyage, we see Darwin become more sophisticated and mature in his analyses. It would not be until 1859 that the *On the Origin of the Species* would be published. It would light a firestorm that continues to flare up today.

American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis by Adam Hochschild (\$29.99). As we fret about nativism, anti-immigration sentiment, and mob action, we forget that America has been through these same troubled times before...and survived. Perhaps there is a modicum of comfort in that. With America's entry into World War I into the 1920s, America was a violent place. Patriotic fervor showed no tolerance for objection to the war. Lynching in the South continued, while assaults on dissidents occurred throughout the country. The gap between the wealthy and the poor increased dramatically, while workers suffered painful retribution as they sought better wages and working conditions. "Real" Americans were those who came from western Europe, preferably England. The new immigrants, from Ireland, Poland, Italy, and other parts of Eastern Europe would compete for jobs and, worse, dilute the pure strains of English blood. Jews and Catholics alike were feared and denigrated. Censorship too raised its ugly head. After the Great War and into the '20s, America was an ugly and frightening place. The seeds of intolerance and mob action were planted in that earlier time. Today, the evil of that earlier time will feel all too familiar. History reminds us that these things have happened before. More importantly, history tells us that America survived these threats to its core democratic ideals. The lessons of the past may yet help us weather the present storm.



Stalin as Warlord by Alfred J. Rieber (\$38). Joseph Stalin was a man of many contradictions...or perhaps *quixotic* is a better word. With the approach of war with Germany, Stalin asserted his personal power and destroyed the officer corps. The German invasion in 1941 was disastrous, with over 4 million soldiers lost. Yet Stalin was able to rebuild and ultimately triumph. After purging the military, the intelligentsia, the economists—indeed all the experts he would need to mobilize and fight Germany—he turned about to encourage and rebuild those groups. He had to destroy and rebuild from the ashes. After the war, he went through the same process of tearing down and then rebuilding—again reasserting his personal power and eliminating any challenges to those who brought home victory. Alfred Rieber has given us a different perspective on Stalin that both enlightens and contradicts the general views we have had of him.



Worse Than Nothing: The Dangerous Fallacy of Originalism by Erwin Chemerinsky (\$28). In the wake of recent Supreme Court decisions, and particularly the opinion written by Justice Thomas, much attention has been given to originalism. Originalism is a view that the meaning of a constitutional provision is fixed when it is adopted. Initially, originalists sought to apply the law based on the intent of the constitutional framers. That proved difficult. Of the 55 delegates to the Convention, 39 signed. How they understood the document they created no doubt varied to a greater or lesser degree from individual to individual. So there is a fundamental problem of just whose intent one is looking at. As a result, originalism has shifted to look at the “original meaning” of constitutional provisions. Even assuming that there was clear intent, context becomes important. The context in 1787 was clearly different from the present. The late Justice Scalia argued that the Constitution should be held to the “public meaning” it had when it was adopted. Under that interpretation, flogging or cutting off hands of thieves would not be unconstitutional, though Scalia was quick to object to that on moral grounds. However, what remains unclear is why “it is desirable to follow the views and understand-



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

6:30 pm, Live event at the Store

ELISA A. SCHMITZ

Become the Fire: Transform Life's Chaos into Business and Personal Success

Trailblazing Latina entrepreneur **Eliza Schmitz** offers new actionable lessons for putting your personal power to work. She emphasizes using your differences to your advantage and seeing life's chaos as fuel to prepare your success.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

12 noon, Live event at the store

STEVE FIFFER

The Moment: Changemakers on Why and How They Joined the Fight for Social Justice

Evanston writer **Steve Fiffer**'s new book consists of 35 chapters profiling changemakers of all ages with their own accounts about the moment they were moved to get off the sidelines and act, what they did and continue to do, and the advice they have for future changemakers. Some of the changemakers are well known—for example, Bryan Stevenson and Edwidge Danticat—but most are not—intentionally so.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

1 pm, a Virtual Event

ANTHONY HOROWITZ, *The Twist of a Knife*

We partner with an *amazing* consortium of indie bookstores across the country to present *New York Times* bestseller **Anthony Horowitz**. In his new novel, Horowitz once again inserts himself into the story. When a theater critic is murdered the day after panning Horowitz's new play, Horowitz is arrested for the crime. The author be talking about this new release with fellow writer **Shari Lapena**. **This is a ticketed event. Tickets include a free option, as well as tickets that include a book with a signed bookplate.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7 pm, a Virtual Illinois Libraries Present program

CAITLIN DOUGHTY

Caitlin Doughty is a mortician and best-selling author of *Smoke Gets in Your Eyes, From Here to Eternity*, and *Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?* She lives in Los Angeles, where she owns a funeral home. Visit our website for a registration link.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18

6:30 pm, Live event at the store

PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE

Empire of Pain

Investigative journalist **Patrick Radden Keefe** has turned his eye on the Sackler family and their role in the opioid crisis through their company, Purdue Pharmacy, a story of greed and ruthlessness.

ings from centuries ago.” Originalists also claim that a strict constructionist approach takes the personal biases, values, and beliefs of individual judges out of the equation—an argument that is hardly supportable. Interestingly, when self-proclaimed originalists find that approach conflicts with their own desires for a specific outcome, strict originalism gets short shrift. Chemerinsky makes the point that, while it is critical to understand and honor the Constitution as a product of its own time, it is also important to recognize that it has survived with relatively few changes because it is not mired in the 18th century. This is a thoughtful and compelling book that cuts through the arguments for originalism to reveal the dangers it poses to rights we currently take for granted—rights which originalist Justice Thomas argues are not rights under the Constitution at all.

Family Action Network (FAN) Events in November

- For **live** events, attendees do not need to register and proof of vaccination is not required.
- **Virtual** events are held via Zoom and do require registration. All events are free.

FAN

For more information, go to familyactionnetwork.net.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7 pm, a virtual event

JOSHUA BENNETT, *The Study of Human Life*

Joshua Bennett, Ph.D., a professor of English at Dartmouth College, speaks about his new book, which opens with a set of autobiographical poems that deal with themes of family, life, death, vulnerability, and the joys and dreams of youth. Bennett appears in conversation with **Jesse McCarthy, Ph.D.**, a professor in Harvard's English and African and African American Studies departments.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

7 pm, an in-person event, North Shore Country Day School
310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka

REBECCA ROLLAND, Ed.D.

The Art of Talking with Children: The Simple Keys to Nurturing Kindness, Creativity, and Confidence in Kids

When **Dr. Rolland** approached FAN in spring, she said, “My focus is on the daily conversations we have with kids, and how these conversations are the most powerful tools we have to support their deeper learning, reduce conflict, and build their empathy, confidence, and creativity.” She is an oral and written language specialist at Children's Hospital Boston and a lecturer at Harvard University.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7 pm, a virtual event

LAURENCE HELLER, Ph.D., and **BRAD KAMMER, LMFT**
The Practical Guide for Healing Developmental Trauma:

Using the NeuroAffective Relational Model to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resolve Complex Trauma
Dr. Heller is the creator of the NeuroAffective Relational Model (NARM), an advanced clinical training for mental health professionals who work with complex trauma. Kammer has studied under and taught with Heller for many years.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

7 pm, an in-person event

Francis W. Parker School, 330 W. Webster Ave, Chicago

RON LIEBER

The Price You Pay for College: An Entirely New Road Map for the Biggest Financial Decision Your Family Will Ever Make

JEFF SELINGO

Who Gets in and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions
FAN says they've been dreaming of putting these two authors together; they've hosted both several times, separately. “Individually they are awesome; together it will be sublime!”

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7 pm, an in-person event

Stevenson High School, 1 Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire

JEFF SELINGO

Who Gets in and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions

The Book Stall's Holiday 2021 List of Lists

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



...Novels

Foster by Claire Keegan (\$20)
Demon Copperhead: A Novel by Barbara Kingsolver (\$32.50)
Shrines of Gaiety by Kate Atkinson (\$29)
Lessons by Ian McEwan (\$30)
The Marriage Portrait by Maggie O'Farrell (\$28)
Dinosaurs by Lydia Millet (\$26.95)
The Last Chairlift by John Irving (\$38)
Perish by LaToya Watkins (\$27)
Liberation Day: Stories by George Saunders (\$28)
The Passenger by Cormac McCarthy (\$30)
Stella Maris by Cormac McCarthy (the second volume of *The Passenger* series, \$26, December 6)
Suspect by Scott Turow (\$29)

...Mysteries

The Twist of a Knife by Anthony Horowitz (\$29.99)
The Bullet That Missed by Richard Osman (\$27)
A World of Curiosities by Louise Penny (\$29.99)
The Enigma of Room 622 by Joël Dicker, translated by Robert Bononno (\$26.99)
The Furies by John Connolly (\$28)

...Science Fiction/Fantasy

The Witch and the Tsar by Olesya Salnikova Gilmore (\$27)
The Golden Enclaves by Naomi Novik (\$28)
Sea of Tranquility by Emily St. John Mandel (\$25)
Upgrade by Blake Crouch (\$28)
Babel: Or the Necessity of Violence: An Arcane History of the Oxford Translators' Revolution by R.F. Kuang (\$27.99)
House of Sky and Breath by Sarah J. Maas \$28

...Romance

Angelika Frankenstein Makes Her Match by Sally Thorne (\$17.99)
Book Lovers by Emily Henry (\$17)
Something Wilder by Christina Lauren (\$26.99)
Hook, Line, and Sinker by Tessa Bailey (\$15.99)
Husband Material by Alexis Hall (\$15.99)
By the Book by Jasmine Guillory (\$15.99)

...True Crime

Deliberate Cruelty: Truman Capote, The Millionaire's Wife, and the Murder of the Century by Roseanne Montillo (\$28.99)
Rogues: True Stories of Grifters, Killers, Rebels and Crooks by Patrick Radden Keefe (\$30)
Tracers in the Dark: The Global Hunt for the Crime Lords of Cryptocurrency by Andy Greenberg (\$32.50, November 15)
American Demon: Eliot Ness and the Hunt for America's Jack the Ripper by Daniel Stashower (\$29.99)

...American History

Brave Hearted: The Women of the American West by Katie Hickman (\$32)
American Midnight: The Great War, a Violent Peace, and Democracy's Forgotten Crisis by Adam Hochschild (\$29.99)
The Last Campaign: Sherman, Geronimo and the War for America by H. W. Brands, \$32.50
The Ruin of All Witches: Life and Death in the New World

by Malcolm Gaskill (\$30)

The Great Air Race: Death, Glory, Tragedy, and the Dawn of American Aviation by John Lancaster (\$28.95, November 15)
Undelivered: The Never-Hard Speeches that Would Have Rewritten History by Jeff Nussbaum (\$29.99)

...History

The Evolution of Charles Darwin: The Epic Voyage of the Beagle That Forever Changed Our View of Life on Earth by Diana Preston (\$30)
Scotland: The Global History—1603 to the Present by Murray Pittock (\$40)
The Mosquito Bowl: A Game of Life and Death in World War II by Buzz Bissinger (\$32.50)
The Story of Russia by Orlando Figes (\$29.99)
How to Stand Up to a Dictator: The Fight for Our Future by Maria Ressa (\$29.99, November 29)

...Biography

The Greatest Spy: The True Story of the Secret Agent that Inspired James Bond 007 by John Harte (\$25, November 8)
And There Was Light: Abraham Lincoln and the American Struggle by Jon Meacham (\$40)
The Revolutionary: Samuel Adams by Stacy Schiff (\$35)
Cleopatra: Her History, Her Myth by Francine Prose (\$26)
I'll Build a Stairway to Paradise: A Life of Bunny Mellon by Mac Griswold (\$40, November 15)
An American Martyr in Persia: The Epic Life and Tragic Death of Howard Baskerville by Reza Aslan (\$30)
Dinners with Ruth: A Memoir on the Power of Friendships by Nina Totenberg (\$27.99)
The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times by Michelle Obama (\$32.50, November 15)
Solito: A Memoir by Javier Zamora (\$28)

...Science

A Traveler's Guide to the Stars by Les Johnson (\$27.95)
Starry Messenger: Cosmic Perspectives on Civilization by Neil deGrasse Tyson (\$28.99)
The Space Shuttle: A Mission-by-Mission Celebration of NASA's Extraordinary Spaceflight Program by Roland Miller (\$50, November 8)
Too Big for a Single Mind: How the Greatest Generation of Physicists Uncovered the Quantum World by Tobias Hürter, translated by David Shaw (\$30)
The Song of the Cell: The Transformation of Medicine and the New Human by Siddhartha Mukherjee (\$32.50)
What if? 2: Additional Serious Scientific Answers to Absurd Hypothetical Questions by Randall Munroe (\$30)

... The Natural World

Fen, Bog and Swamp: A Short History of Peatland Destruction and Its Role in the Climate Crisis by Annie Proulx (\$26.99)
An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us by Ed Yong (\$30)
The Modern Bestiary: A Curated Collection of Wondrous Wildlife by Joanna Bagniewska (\$29.95)
Forest Walking: Discovering the Trees and Woodlands of

North America by Peter Wohlleben and Jane Billinghamurst

(\$18.95 in paperback)

Octopus, Seahorse, Jellyfish by David Liittschwager (\$35)

...Music

Anatomy of 55 More Songs: The Oral History of Top Hits

That Changed Rock, Pop and Soul

by Marc Myers (\$27, December 6)

Faith, Hope and Carnage by Nick Cave, Sean O'Hagan (\$28)

The Beloved Vision: A History of Nineteenth Century Music

by Stephen Walsh (\$29.95)

Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story by Bono (\$34)

The Number Ones: Twenty Chart-Topping Hits That Reveal

the History of Pop Music by Tom Breihan

(\$29, November 15)

The McCartney Legacy: Volume 1: 1969 - 73 by Allan Kozinn

and Adrian Sinclair (\$35, December 13)

...Sports

Early Golf: Royal Myths and Ancient Histories

by Neil S. Millar (\$29.95)

The History of the NBA in Twelve Games: From 24 Seconds

to 30,000 3-Pointers by Sean Deveney (\$27.95)

The Grandest Stage: A History of the World Series

by Tyler Kepner (\$30)

Path Lit by Lightning: The Life of Jim Thorpe

by David Maraniss (\$32.50)

Pride of a Nation: A Celebration of the U.S. Women's

National Soccer Team (An Official U.S. Soccer Book)

by Gwendolyn Oxenham, Foreword by Julie Foudy (\$35, November 22)

Barkley: A Biography by Timothy Bella, \$29.99

The Book of Joe: Trying Not to Suck at Baseball and Life

by Joe Maddon and Tom Verducci (\$30)

...Business

When McKinsey Comes to Town: The Hidden Influence of

the World's Most Powerful Consulting Firm

by Walt Bogdanich and Michael Forsythe (\$32.50)

The Bond King: How One Man Made a Market, Built an

Empire and Lost It All by Mary Childs (\$29.99)

Slaying the Dragon: A Secret History of Dungeons &

Dragons by Ben Riggs (\$29.99)

How to Invest: Masters on the Craft by David Rubenstein (\$30)

Power of Regret: How Looking Backward Moves Us Forward

by Daniel Pink (\$28)

...Cooking

The King Arthur Baking School: Lessons and Recipes for

Every Baker by King Arthur Baking Company (\$45)

The Complete America's Test Kitchen TV Show Cookbook

2001-2023 by America's Test Kitchen (\$50)

How To Cook Everything Fast Revised Edition

by Mark Bittman (\$40)

Ottolenghi Test Kitchen: Extra Good Things

by Noor Murad and Yotam Ottolenghi (\$32)

Smitten Kitchen Keepers: New Classics for Your Forever

Files: A Cookbook by Deb Perelman (\$35)

Go-To Dinners: A Barefoot Contessa Cookbook

by Ina Garten (\$35)

Dinner in One: Exceptional & Easy One-Pan Meals

by Melissa Clark (\$29.99)

Preppy Kitchen: Recipes for Seasonal Dishes and Simple

Pleasures by John Kanell (\$32.50)

Jacques Pépin Art of the Chicken: A Master Chef's Paintings,

Stories, and Recipes of the Humble Bird

by Jacques Pépin (\$30)

...Humor

Number One Is Walking: My Life in the Movies and Other

Diversions by Steve Martin, illustrated by Harry Bliss

(\$30, November 15)

Excuse Me While I Disappear: Tales of Midlife Mayhem

by Laurie Notaro (\$24.95)

Happy-Go-Lucky by David Sedaris (\$29)

Hello, Molly!: A Memoir by Molly Shannon \$27.99

I'll Show Myself Out: Essays on Midlife & Motherhood

by Jessi Klein (\$26.99)

...Literary Arts/Poetry

The Waste Land: A Facsimile & Transcript of the Original

Drafts Including the Annotations of Ezra Pound

by T. S. Eliot, edited by Valerie Eliot (\$40, November 8)

Weaving Sundown in a Scarlet Light: Fifty Poems for Fifty

Years by Joy Harjo, Foreword by Sandra Cisneros (\$25)

Spine Poems: An Eclectic Collection of Found Verse for Book

Lovers by Annette Dauphin Simon, \$27.99

Inciting Joy: Essays by Ross Gay, \$27

Alive at the End of the World by Saeed Jones (\$16.95)

Portable Magic: A History of Books and Their Readers

by Emma Smith (\$28, November 15)

...Entertainment

Diaghilev's Empire: How the Ballets Russes Enthralled the

World by Rupert Christiansen (\$35)

Playing Under the Piano: From Downton to Darkest Peru

by Hugh Bonneville (\$28.99, November 8)

The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse: The Animated Story

by Charlie Mackesy (\$32.99, November 22)

Elizabeth Taylor: The Grit & Glamour of an Icon

by Kate Andersen Brower (\$32.50, December 6)

Our Fair Lady: Audrey Hepburn's Life in Pictures

by Chiara Pasqualetti Johnson (\$45, November 23)

Entertainment Nation: How Music, Television, Film, Sports,

and Theater Shaped the United States Edited by

Kenneth Cohen and John W. Troutman (\$34.95)

The Extraordinary Life of an Ordinary Man: A Memoir

by Paul Newman, Edited by David Rosenthal, Foreword

by Melissa Newman (\$32)

...Art

Storytelling: David Yarrow by David Yarrow, Foreword

by Cindy Crawford (\$115)

Con/Artist: The Life and Crimes of the World's Greatest

Art Forger by Tony Tetro and Giampiero Ambrosi

(\$29, November 22)

John Constable: A Portrait by James Hamilton (\$32)

A Book of Days by Patti Smith (\$22.95, November 15)

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

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Happy November, Children's Book Fans—of all ages!

It's a pleasure this month to feature books for the young and the young-at-heart. These books have been our favorites in 2022. We feature new Christmas titles and some of our favorite Hannukah titles we've had over the years. If you have questions, please come by, or call the store at 847 446-8880 and ask to speak with Kari Patch, Betsy Balyeat, or Amy Trogon, our children's book experts. They're happy to help you find just the right books for the kids on your list!

Holiday Books



Have A Mercy Christmas by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Chris Van Dusen (\$17.99). Stella, Mercy Watson's next-door neighbor, decides to spread the Christmas spirit by caroling in the neighborhood. Unfortunately, no one wants to join her, except Mercy. But as they begin singing to the neighbors, everyone joins in the fun. This celebration of community that begins by only one joyful child is a warm and magical Christmas story



Murray Christmas by E.G. Keller (\$17.99). Murray is a very good dog...and loyal to his humans. But all the Christmas decorations are confusing him. There's even a tree in the living room!



And who is that guy in the red suit? A very funny Christmas tale.



Season of Light by Jess Red (\$17.99). "Under star-filled winter skies, with homes and trees aglow, with candles lit and hearts so full, our love will shine and grow." A beautiful book celebrating the Christmas season that is sure to become a Christmas classic.



Christmas Pine by Julia Donaldson, illustrated by Victoria Sandoy (\$18.99). This is the story of London's Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square and its journey from the snow-filled woods of Norway to the U.K. Norway gives the tree in remembrance of the U.K.'s support during WWII. A symbol of peace and friendship that lights joy in the hearts of all England.



And some of our favorite Hanukkah books:



The Ninth Night of Hanukkah by Erica Perl. Illustrated by Shahar Kober

The Eight Knights of Hanukkah by Leslie Kimmelman. Illustrated by Galia Bernstein

Hanukkah Bear by Eric Kimmel illustrated by Mike Wohnoutka

Picture Books and Early Readers



Violet and Jobie in the Wild by Lynne Ray Perkins (\$16.99). Violet and Jobie are indoor mice, living in a warm human house, where their biggest threats are two house cats. Violet and Jobie are captured one day and left in a state park. Life in the wild is scary and the unknown even scarier. Frightening, often funny adventures await them. This is a story of family bonds, friendship, and exploring new places.



Oh, Sal by Kevin Henkes (\$16.99). Billy's 4-year-old sister, Sal, has cried every day since Christmas, and it's almost New Year's Day! Find out why in this

funny, engaging story of family transition and family love.



Cornbread & Poppy series by Matthew Cordell (\$6.99 in paperback). An early-reader series by Caldecott winner Mathew Cordell about two mice who are best friends and as different as two friends could be.



Marisol Rainey series by Erin Entrada Kelly (\$16.99). Small-but-mighty Marisol Rainey explores the joys of friendship, and the triumph of overcoming fears in this enthralling new early reader.



Farmhouse by Sophie Blackall (\$17.99). In rhyming verse, and textured-layered collages, two-time Caldecott medalist Blackall, tells the story of a white clapboard farmhouse, "where twelve children/were born and raised/where they learned to crawl/in the short hall." This book is a beautiful tribute to the stories that build up over generations and the special place our home becomes.



Every Dog in the Neighborhood by Phillip Stead, illustrated by Matthew Cordell (\$18.99). Grandma and grandson Louie make a good team. They are both inquisitive and concerned about doing their civic duty. One day, on their walk around the neighborhood, Grandma spies a vacant lot. Louis asks, "How many dogs are in the neighborhood?" The detailed illustrations are hilarious and full of detail. A great read-aloud.



Meanwhile Back On Earth...Finding Our Place

Through Time and Space by Oliver Jeffers (\$17.99). This spectacular book gives us a unique look at earth from space. The message is whatever binds us together matters more than what sets us apart. A special read for all ages.

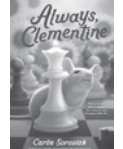


Three Billy Goats Gruff by Mac Barnett, illustrated by Jon Klassen (\$17.99). This is the first in a collection of fractured fairy tales being written by this dynamic duo! Clever, humorous, and unique!



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. 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 ingenuity and cooperation.

Middle Fiction Ages 8-12



Always, Clementine by Carlie Sorosiak (\$17.99). A genius mouse escapes from a science lab and lives with a sweet old man and his clumsy grandson.



Odder by Katherine Applegate, illustrated by Charles Santoso (\$16.99). Odder, the sea otter, lives off the coast of central California. Always precocious, curious, fearless...Odder loves to play. But when she comes up against a great white shark, her life changes, and she feels differently about herself and the family around her. This heart-warming story is told in free verse and based on a true story.



Breda's Island by Jessie Ann Foley (\$16.99). Breda is sent to live in Ireland with her grandfather she has never met. She uncovers family secrets and discovers many qualities about herself.



Northwind by Gary Paulsen (\$17.99). The story centers on a level-headed child, abandoned at a fish camp. The 12-year-old boy is sent away from the camp because of cholera. He finds himself in a canoe with few supplies and struggles to survive. On the way, he carves his experiences in pieces of

wood; he realizes that the vast world is his to explore.



Shot Clock by Carson Butler and Justin Reynolds (\$18). Tony loves basketball and tries out for a team that his best friend took to two national championships. It is important to Tony that the team succeed again, because his friend and the champion player has been killed by a police officer. Tony does not make the team, but coach James likes what he sees of Tony and offers him the job of team statistician which gives him a chance to find a path to healing while supporting the team.



Wildoak by C.C. Harrington (\$17.99). Maggie Stephen's stutter makes school especially hard. Her mother decides that some time away might help and sends her to visit a grandfather she hardly knows. It is there, in an extraordinary twist of fate, that in the Wildoak forest she encounters an abandoned snow leopard cub. But once the cub's presence is discovered by others, danger follows. Perfect for fans of *Pax* and *The One and Only Ivan*.



The Fort by Gordon Korman (\$17.99). The morning after hurricane Leo rips through the town of Canaan, residents awaken to widespread destruction. Evan, Mitchell, Jason, and C.J. are a tight group, not willing to include anyone else. They are dismayed that Evan has brought someone new with him. Ricky is new to the school and doesn't have any friends yet. Ricky is the one to discover a strange trapdoor in the middle of the woods unearthed by the storm. The door opens to an old bomb shelter that is complete with electricity and food. They agree to keep the find a secret and eventually it becomes a shelter for a boy with an abusive parent at home.



The Ogress and the Orphans by Kelly Barnhill (\$19.95). Stone-in-the-Glen, once a lovely town, has fallen on hard times. Fires, floods, and general calamities have caused the loss of the library, park, school, and even how neighbors treat each other. The self-interested mayor sews a campaign of suspicion and fear. One day a child goes missing from the orphan house, and the mayor suggests the ogress is at fault. The orphans know that is not true. But how can they make the neighbors see who the real villain is in their midst?



The Forgotten Five: Map of Flames by Lisa McMann (\$19.99). Birdie and Blix once lived with their parents in the city of Estra. They are all super-naturals, like their parents, with powers taken from the animal kingdom, such as night vision and camouflage. When the city condemned the use of superpowers, they fled to an island far away from civilization. Birdie finds a note telling her where to find a secret map, and she is to deliver it to her mother in Estro, but they are worried about how the city might have changed. This story is a new twist on science fiction and superpower heroism.



The Stars Did Wander Darkling by Colin Meloy (\$17.99). Maybe Archer Coomes has been watching too many horror movies. All of a sudden, the most ordinary things have taken on a sinister edge. A man in a brown suit under a streetlamp. The persistent sound of an axe chopping in the middle of the night. He keeps telling himself this is Seaham, where nothing ever happens. But a construction company has opened up the cliff beneath an old—some say cursed—Langdon place. It seems a long-buried evil has been unleashed upon the community, and it is up to the kids to stop it before it is too late.

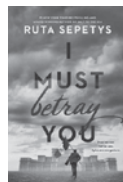
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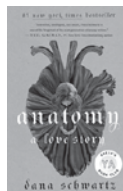
Crash from Outer Space: Unraveling the Mystery of Flying Saucers, Alien Beings, and Roswell by Candace Fleming (\$19.99). Crash from outer space is an electrifying story of one of the most interesting explorations in modern history. In the early years of the Cold War, a field in Roswell, New Mexico was disturbed by a strange crash and some wreckage. But what was it that crashed?



The Upper World by Femi Fadugba (\$18.99). After a near-death experience, Esso finds himself caught in the Upper World, a metaphysical realm where he can catch a glimpse of the future. The dialogue dazzles, the London slang flows with ease, adding to the sense of place. Themes of code-switching, found families, and loss resonate as well. The novel includes diagrams and scientific explanations for the physics that drive the story.



I Must Betray You by Ruta Sepetys (\$18.99). Smart, aspiring writer Cristian Florescu, 17, keeps his true observations secret as he studies English and jots down illegal thoughts in his notebook. When an agent of the secret police blackmails him and promises much-needed medicine for his grandfather, he is forced to inform on his loved ones. All this as Romania hurtles toward political changes. The novel snaps with energy. Cristian and his friends join with the groundswell of young Romanians with hope and daring.



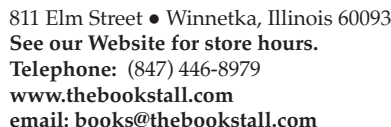
Anatomy: A Love Story by Dana Schwartz (\$18.99). Edinburgh 1817. Hazel Sinnett is a lady who wants to be a surgeon. Jack Currier is a resurrection man, who is just trying to survive in a city where it is easy to die. When the two meet by chance inside the Edinburgh Anatomist's Society, Hazel thinks nothing of their meeting at first. But after she gets kicked out of a renowned surgeon's lectures for being a woman, she realizes that her new acquaintance might more helpful than she first thought. Without official lessons in class, Hazel will need to find bodies to dissect on her own. Luckily, Jack is a gravedigger. A fascinating tale about of mystery and romance about a willful female surgeon.



The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander (\$17.99). The story centers around 11-year-old Kofi Offin, a child deeply connected to water. He lives with his family in Upper Kwanta, where he swims in the river and plays with friends and listens to the tales of the Village storyteller. All attention turns to the King's festival which features a highly anticipated wrestling match. This year Kofi's older brother has been chosen to compete. During the contest, Kwasi accidentally kills his opponent, a nephew of the King. This event changes the direction of Kofi's life and that of his family when the King retaliates.



All My Rage by Sabaa Tahir (\$19.99). The novel follows two best friends, Salahudin and Noor. The kids meet when they are 6 years old. They become best friends and family. They understand each other like no one else does as they grow older. Until the fight, which destroys their bond with the swift fury of a star exploding. Now Sal scrambles to run the motel they own, as his mother's health fails and his father turns to alcohol. Noor meantime is working in her uncle's liquor store, while hiding the fact she is applying to colleges. As both their futures spiral out of control, the two must ask themselves what friendship is worth and what it will take to destroy the monsters in their midst.



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**Monday, November 7, an in-store
Evening Discussion at 6:30 pm**
Jackie & Me by Louis Bayard
Led by Alice Moody

**Wednesday, November 9, an in-store
Morning Discussion at 9:30 am**
Trust by Herman Diaz
Led by Ann Walters

**Wednesday, December 7, a virtual
Morning Discussion at 9:30 am**
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
Led by Nancy Buehler

The Book Stall closes on Wednesday, November 23 at 3 pm.

We are closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 24.


Happy Thanksgiving!

A Go Green Reads Virtual Book Discussion Group

Monday, November 14 at 7 pm

***Fen, Bog and Swamp: A Short History of Peatland Destruction
and Its Role in the Climate Crisis*** by Annie Proulx
Led by Alice Moody

Copies are available at The Book Stall! This free event will be held via Zoom. To register, go to **gogreenwinnetka.org**. You will receive a link and log-in information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
November 		1 6:30 pm, Live event at the Store CODY KEENAN in conversation with Josh Earnest <i>Grace</i> 7 pm, a virtual event JOSHUA BENNETT <i>The Study of Human Life</i>	2	3	4 7 pm, an in-person FAN event North Shore Country Day School REBECCA ROLLAND, Ed.D. <i>The Art of Talking with Children</i>	5 10:30 – 11:30 am, Storytime at the Store SUZANNE SLADE <i>Dazzlin' Dolly</i>
6 3 pm, Live event at the Store KEITH GAVE, TIM RAPPLEYE <i>A Miracle of Their Own</i>	7	8	9 6:30 pm, Live event at the Store REP NIGHT! Recommendations from Our Publisher Partners	10 6:30 pm, Live event at the Store ELISA A. SCHMITZ <i>Become the Fire</i>	11	12
13 12 noon, Live event at the store STEVE FIFFER <i>The Moment</i>	14	15	16 7 pm, a Virtual Illinois Libraries Present program CAITLIN DOUGHTY <i>Will My Cat Eat My Eyeballs?</i> <i>From Here to Eternity</i>	17 7 pm, a virtual FAN event LAURENCE HELLER, Ph.D, and BRAD KAMMER, LMFT <i>The Practical Guide for Healing Developmental Trauma</i>	18 6:30 pm, Live event at the Store PATRICK RADDEN KEEFE <i>Empire of Pain</i>	19
20 10 am, Temple Beth Israel ANNABELLE GURWITCH <i>You're Leaving When?</i>	21	22	23 The Book Stall closes at 3 pm.	24 Happy Thanksgiving!	25	26 Small Business Saturday Shop local today!
27	28	29 7 pm, an in-person FAN event Francis W. Parker School RON LIEBER <i>The Price You Pay for College</i> JEFF SELINGO <i>Who Gets in and Why</i>	30 7 pm, an in-person FAN event Stevenson High School 1 Stevenson Drive, Lincolnshire JEFF SELINGO <i>Who Gets in and Why</i>	December 