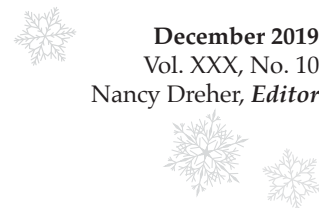




# THE BOOK STALL

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## THE FRONT LINE



The holiday season is in full swing here at The Book Stall, and it is our favorite time of year! We will have our **annual 20% off sale on Sunday, December 8** as part of Winnetka's "Red Invitation" holiday event. Our hours that day are extended (10 am -5 pm) to accommodate everyone's busy schedule. It's a great chance to get all your holiday shopping done early!

Winnetka's annual tree lighting will occur on **Friday, December 6** at Dwyer Park, and we'll add to the fun with a special holiday storytime at 4 pm with our own Jon Grand reading classics of the season. We're hoping that the Grinch makes an appearance too! The following Saturday, **December 14 at 3 pm**, the ever-popular Sherri Rinker will be in the house for another special holiday storytime as part of our regular Saturday Storytime Program.

Staffers have worked to compile our annual "List of Lists" on the inside of this newsletter, and we think that there is something for everyone, no matter what their interest. Of course, we're always happy to help you find just the right book for friends and family. I may be biased, but I truly believe that books are the perfect present: they are easy to wrap, easy to pack, re-gift-able but most important, they can teach, comfort, entertain, and connect.

For the gift that keeps on giving, subscriptions to our Children and Adult Book Clubs let loved ones—young or old—know that you're always thinking of them. Both of these clubs can be customized for frequency and type of book.

And finally, here are some books I've loved! Robert Harris is one of my favorite writers of historical fiction because of how well he blends fact with story, and his latest, *The Second Sleep*, did not disappoint. Set in 1468 in the English countryside, a young priest is summoned to officiate at the funeral of his predecessor and discovers a cache of ancient artifacts which lead to questions about the cause of death. And for some interesting history, I recommend *The Cartiers* by Francesca Cartier Brickell, about the family that started the jewelry business. Who knew that the modern wristwatch was designed for a Brazilian pilot who didn't want to take his hands off the controls when he was flying his plane to check the time? And for a great mystery set in turn of the century Chicago, pick up Elizabeth Hand's *Curious Toys*. My husband, Roger, loved John Le Carre's latest spy novel set in contemporary London, *Agent Running in the Field*. My newly employed daughter (yay!) Katie (22), really loved Jia Tolentino's book of essays on current topics, *Trick Mirror*. And as a fan of comedian Jenny Slate, she was delighted by her book, *Little Weirds*. Even as a busy freshman at UCSB, my daughter Lexy (18) finds time to read. She really enjoyed the fantasy *The Ten Thousand Doors of January* by Alix Harrow. And as an aspiring doctor, she eagerly read *This Is Going to Hurt* by Adam Kay, who spent many years as a junior doctor in the U.K. His stories are both hilarious and heartbreaking, and his book was a bestseller in England.

Like so many, I will be hosting a full house during the holidays and will be looking for ways to keep everyone entertained. Happily, Kathleen Crawford, our Sidelines Buyer, has assembled a number of family games that will keep guests talking and, hopefully, off their devices. See inside for details.

We're looking forward to 2020 but look back fondly on 2019, grateful for the community's continued support of The Book Stall. We love what we do at the store and at the many events in and around Chicago, and every day I feel very lucky to be part of this incredible store.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!

### SUNDAY, DEC. 8

10 am – 5 pm

#### WINNETKA SALE DAY

You'll want to shop in Winnetka and Northfield today for the **Annual Red Invitation Sale**. **Everything at The Book Stall will be 20% off**, so this is a great day to buy books, cards, and gifts for holiday giving or a treat for yourself. **Note:** this is the only day of the year we do not provide gift wrapping. We don't want to mix up your packages with someone else's on this busy day!

### MONDAY, DEC. 2

7 pm, a Family Action Network (FAN) program  
Central School, Misner Auditorium  
620 Greenwood Ave., Glencoe

MICHELE BORBA, EdD

*UnSelfie: Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*

Michele Borba speaks on the topic "Raising UnSelfies: How to Raise Compassionate, Courageous Kids." In her new book, she explains what parents and educators must do to combat the growing empathy crisis among children today. Empathy is a trait that can be taught and nurtured to yield successful, happy children who are able to shift their focus from "I, me, and mine" to "we, us, and ours."

### WEDNESDAY, DEC. 4

7 pm, a FAN program  
New Trier High School, Gaffney Auditorium  
385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka

JAMIL ZAKI, PhD

*The War for Kindness: Building Empathy in a Fractured World*

Jamil Zaki shares cutting-edge research, including experiments from his own lab as a professor of psychology at Stanford University, showing that empathy is not a fixed trait. He'll talk about how we can work together and thrive as a society.

### THURSDAY, DEC. 5

6:30 pm at the store



PAUL KAHAN  
*Cooking for Good Times: Super Delicious, Super Simple*

Paul Kahan, executive chef of 12 acclaimed Chicago restaurants, presents his cookbook,



with his secrets for low-stress cooking for friends and family, using a program of 12 basic actions to mix and match. In every chapter, Kahan gives six to eight customizations for each core recipe.

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# THE INSIDE LINE

JON GRAND



**Crisis of Conscience: Whistleblowing in an Age of Fraud** by Tom Mueller (\$30). Most of us don't like paying taxes. But we don't expect that money to be wasted or to enrich others. Mueller looks at a range of sectors from health care to defense, to banking, to nuclear



regulation, to national security, and reveals a level of fraud, waste, and abuse that is astounding. While it's easy to feel indignant about paying \$10,000 for a toilet seat, that is miniscule compared to the millions and millions paid for a nuclear waste handling facility that does not and cannot work. As Mueller shows, privatization is not the panacea we were told it was. Cost overruns, incentive payments, and minimal oversight cost the American taxpayer billions of dollars. And the revolving door fosters a too-cozy relationship between the regulated community and the regulators. Somewhere in this mix, the interests of the public are not well served.

Often, the only way this comes to light is through whistleblowers. But revealing fraud, waste, or abuse, they generally suffer retaliation that includes loss of their jobs and threats of prosecution. Meanwhile, the perpetrators of these activities are rarely prosecuted. Fines may give us the sense that these issues are being addressed. But, in fact, for many industries, these fines are simply a cost of doing business. As Mueller shows, the same entities that call for deregulation and privatization also rely on a steady flow of federal dollars to maximize profits. When one considers the very real fiscal problems that we face—a huge deficit, an ageing population, a deteriorating infrastructure, the list goes on and on—we generally look to reduce goods and services or to increase taxes. But as Mueller suggests, strict oversight and accountability might allow billions of dollars to be used for other things. This book should also promote a discussion of how tax monies are spent, how waste, fraud, and abuse should be prevented, and how to regain the transparency that is vital to a democracy.

**America's Game: The NFL at 100** by Jerry Rice (\$27.99). This is the perfect gift for the football fan on your list. Jerry Rice, a Hall of Fame wide receiver, traces the growth of the NFL from its humble beginnings to the multibillion-dollar industry of today. Last year, an average of 17.9 million people watched each game broadcast on TV. That's a season total of 1.63 billion people. TV rights bring about \$7 billion. Football is America's game. All the familiar, and many lesser known figures, are here: Jim Thorpe, Johnny Unitas, Bart Starr, Vince Lombardi—the list is endless. Along with the names is the classic rivalry: Green Bay versus Chicago—and the unforgettable moments like the 1967 Ice Bowl. As time passed, the actual football itself changed, becoming less rounded. This, in turn, allowed the passing game to develop and eventually dominate. New and better equipment, along with increasingly protective rules, were introduced in the hopes of reducing short- and long-term injuries. At the same time, the players themselves got bigger and faster, the hits got harder, and the potential for injury increased. Repeated contact has led to brain damage called chronic traumatic encephalopathy (or CTE) in a growing number of players. The early pioneers like George Halas, could never have imagined what the NFL would become. But, at 100, the NFL is at a crossroads. The health risks to players and the violent nature of the game itself have critics demanding ever-more stringent rules and protective measures that may change the game altogether. But for now, Rice's history is a celebration of what indeed has become America's game.



**Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators** by Ronan Farrow (\$30). Experiencing outrage after reading this book would be a mild reaction. While at NBC News, Farrow began his investigation into Harvey Weinstein's abuse of women. But as the seriousness of the allegations mounted, Farrow suddenly found his support at NBC changed and the investigation ordered stopped. When Farrow sent the story to a magazine, NBC News claimed that they had refused to run the story because the reporting wasn't up to their standards. The close friendship between Weinstein and the president of NBC News was never mentioned. Meanwhile, Weinstein hired an Israeli firm called Black Cube to follow Farrow, tap his phone, and find any "dirt" they could to discredit him. While Weinstein remained Farrow's prime target, Farrow learned of many other cases of abuse by wealthy and powerful men. Their palpable fear at talking with him circled him back to his own sister, who had endured abuse by her father, Woody Allen. Farrow doesn't spare our sensibilities as he recounts the stories of these victims. In one case, a woman asks her abuser "Why do you do this?" His response? "Because it's fun." Why don't the victims speak out? The answer is simple: fear. The wealthy and powerful will often go to extraordinary lengths to silence or discredit their accusers. The practice of "Catch and Kill," from which the book takes its title, is illustrative. Tabloids will buy a story from a victim (the catch) with no intention of ever publishing it (the kill). But in many cases, the ability to abuse women is flaunted: "When you're a star, they let you do it...you can do anything. Grab them by the p--- You can do anything," Donald Trump once famously said. This is an important book that should be read by men and women. It should be discussed openly. As Jennifer Szalai, writing in the *New York Times* noted, sexual misconduct is, sadly, one thing that is still shared across the political divide.



MELANIE HAUCK



**Blowout: Corrupted Democracy, Rogue State Russia, and the Richest, Most Destructive Industry on Earth** by Rachel Maddow (\$30) refers to the uncontrolled release of oil and/or gas from a well after pressure control systems have failed. Her book's title signals Maddow's



concern about the oil and gas industry if it remains unchecked. It is, she says, "the most consequential, the most lucrative, the most powerful, and the least well-governed major industry in the history of mankind." Maddow is concerned about the industry's impact on the environment, but her story focuses on the harm it has done to democracies worldwide.

She examines Equatorial Guinea and Russia as examples of the "Resource Curse." Countries with rich energy resources often develop into corrupt authoritarian governments with poor economic diversity and environmental destruction. In 14 years, Equatorial Guinea's oil revenues grew from \$2.1 million in 1993 to \$3.9 billion in 2007, yet "77 percent of the population lives in poverty." The consequences of the "Resource Curse" on Russia are more dire worldwide. Putin's efforts to focus Russia's economy on oil/gas led him to usurp his competitors' businesses, effectively thwarting technological innovation and ending Russia's pretense of becoming a democracy. Russia has vast energy fields but not the technological knowledge to access their riches, so western energy companies with their technological expertise are happy to help. To accommodate Putin and other authoritarian leaders, these companies effectively create their own "corporate shadow foreign policy."

Closer to home, Maddow examines the impact of the oil/gas industry on Oklahoma. Hydraulic fracturing ('fracking') and



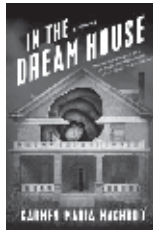
horizontal drilling revolutionized shale gas extraction, helping the U.S. become more energy independent. The state's legislature gave the industry tax breaks, resulting in record industry profits, but state tax revenues plunged, and spending per student fell 24% over 8 years.

In this compelling and well-researched book, Maddow advocates for more rules on Western companies that contribute to foreign corruption and argues to end the industry's federal and state tax breaks, calling these subsidies the "longest running welfare program in the nation's history." She admits we all consume oil and gas, but we must figure a way to get along without them. Fossil fuels will die like "whale oil and kerosene, and every other fuel source we once believed we couldn't live without." And if we don't do something, democracy could die with them.

**ROBERT McDONALD**



*In the Dream House: A Memoir* by Carmen Maria Machado (\$26). I have not yet read Machado's much-acclaimed book of short fiction, *Her Body and Other Stories*, but I can't wait to start it now that I've read her stunning and inventive memoir of an all-consuming



and abusive relationship. With *In the Dream House* she has discovered a new way to create and use memoir, as she reveals, layer upon layer, the brilliant fever of an abusive relationship—from the gorgeous and sexy beginning all the way to the depths of psychological and physical pain and the awful end to things. You don't need to be in a bad relationship to appreciate the acute insights and beautiful prose as Machado's short chapters propel you along. You also don't need to be in a same-sex relationship to appreciate her inventive ways of showing the complexities of human interactions. Machado will make you appreciate your own relationships that have gone well. She gives you insights into the underpinnings and hidden currents all of our connections have—between friends, lovers, and strangers on the street. Don't let the book's reputation as "experimental" scare you away. With this book you are in the hands of a master stylist, and she will take your hand and guide you through the entire experience. Perfect for fans of Mary Karr, Cheryl Strayed, and Maggie O'Farrell.

**SHARMAN MCGURN**



*Night Boat to Tangier* by Kevin Barry (\$25.95). "The past is uncertain, mobile. It shifts and rearranges back there. All might turn and change back there yet." So explains the narrator toward the end of this tight, minimalist novel. Two aging Irish criminals, former partners, meet in



the terminal in Algeciras, Spain waiting for the night ferry from Tangier, which may or may not have on board the estranged daughter of one of the men. These are not nice people; the seedy terminal is a perfect place for them and other unsavory characters to inhabit. As the novel progresses, the two men, Maurice Hearne and Charlie Redmond, ruminate on their sordid histories. Their lives unfold to us in alternating chapters of past and present. Things have changed since earlier years when they became rich transporting drugs from Morocco through Spain to Ireland. Now there is "money in the movement of people," and Maurice and Charlie have literally missed the boat. Early on described as a "vaudeville pair," who finish each other's sentences and know what the other is thinking, the dialogue is both humorous and troubling. Barry is a master at creating evocative, descriptive prose transporting the reader to a specific time and place. We feel the pair's regret, their loss, their fondness for one another, and for the daughter whom they hope to find. While not a morality tale, by the end of the book we can't help but feel sympathy for Charlie and Maurice and the other main characters in this fine novel.

**MIKE WYSOCK**



Brian Allen Carr's *Opioid, Indiana* (\$16 in paperback) comes at the reader like an updated *Catcher in the Rye* for the Trump years. The novel chronicles a week in the life of 17-year-old Riggie, a Southern Texas boy transplanted to rural Indiana.



Orphaned and living under the radar of family services with his aunt and uncle, Riggie finds himself with a week of free time on his hands after receiving a week-long suspension from school for allegedly dropping a vape pen during class. Though Riggie doesn't share Holden Caulfield's rich-kid ennui, he is disaffected with many of the adults around him. Tasked with hunting down his absentee uncle and securing money to make rent, he otherwise fills his days wandering around the small town he now calls home, encountering a landscape of blight. The insidious influences of addiction and racism render the fictional town of Opioid into a symbol for the lost Midwest of our present day. And yet, this novel does not criticize or politicize its subjects too much, and it isn't without kindness. Carr draws out his characters with compassion and love. When I finished *Opioid, Indiana* I felt much the same way I did when I finished *Catcher in the Rye* for the first time, that for the length of novel I was immersed in the point of view of a completely relatable but unique and complicated voice.

**FRIDAY, DEC. 6**

**4 pm at the store, HOLIDAY STORYTIME**

Start the Winnetka tree-lighting ceremony with us at a special holiday storytime here in the store. See page 6.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7**

**10:30 am, Special Storytime at the store**

**MATTHEW CORDELL, *Explorers***

Come meet author and illustrator **Matthew Cordell**. He'll draw for us, too. See page 6.

**TUESDAY, DEC. 10**

**7 pm, a FAN program**

**North Shore Country Day School, 310 Green Bay Road, Winnetka**

**JENNIFER MILLER, *Confident Parents, Confident Kids: Raising Emotional Intelligence in Ourselves and Our Kids***

**Jennifer Miller**, founder of Confident Parents, Confident Kids ([confidentparentsconfidentkids.org](http://confidentparentsconfidentkids.org)), lays out an approach for helping parents and kids hone their emotional intelligence.

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11**

**7 pm, a FAN program**

**New Trier High School Winnetka, Gaffney Auditorium  
385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka**

**BJ MILLER and SHOSHANA BERGER**

***A Beginner's Guide to the End: Practical Advice for Living Life and Facing Death***

Hospice physician **BJ Miller** and journalist and caregiver **Shoshana Berger** write an action plan for approaching the end of life, written to help readers feel more in control of an experience that so often seems anything but controllable.

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14**

**10 am, Meet and Greet at the store**

**JIM EDWARDS, *Chicago's Lollapalooza Days: 1893-1934***

The book's title tracks back to a 1908 boisterous Democratic Party fundraiser for the city's 1st Ward political machine. Chicago, from 1893 to 1934, was indeed alive with raucous people, as well as reformers, and this book tells fascinating stories. A great gift book for Chicago-lovers!

**3 pm, Special Holiday Storytime at the store**

**SHERRI DUSKEY RINKER, *The 12 Sleights of Christmas* and *Construction Site on Christmas Night***

See page 6 for store details. **Note:** Ms. Rinker will also appear the same day, on **Saturday, Dec. 14, at 10 am at the Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave.**

**...a good novel**

- The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead (\$24.95)
- Olive, Again* by Elizabeth Strout (\$27)
- The Reckless Oath We Made* by Bryn Greenwood (\$26)
- The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett (\$27.99)
- Boy Swallows Universe* by Trent Dalton (\$26.99)
- The Testaments* by Margaret Atwood (\$28.95)
- Red at the Bone* by Jacqueline Woodson (\$26)
- The Other Americans* by Laila Lalami (\$25.95)
- Disappearing Earth* by Julia Phillips (\$26.95)
- On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong (\$26)
- This Tender Land* by William Kent Krueger (\$27)
- Ask Again, Yes* by Mary Beth Keane (\$27)

**...a masterful mystery**

- The Chestnut Man* by Soren Sveistrup (\$28.99)
- The Body in the Castle Well* by Martin Walker (\$25.95)
- Blue Moon* by Lee Child (\$28.99)
- 36 Righteous Men* by Steven Pressfield (\$26.95)
- Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman (\$26.99)
- The New Girl* by Daniel Silva (\$28.99)
- A Better Man* by Louise Penny (\$28.99)
- The Vanishing Man* by Charles Finch (\$26.99)
- The Lost Man* by Jane Harper (\$27.99)
- The Current* by Tim Johnston (\$16.95 in paperback)

**...romance novels**

- The Flatshare* by Beth O'Leary (\$26.99)
- The Bookish Life of Nina Hill*  
by Abbi Waxman (\$16 in paperback)
- Red, White & Royal Blue*  
by Casey McQuiston (\$16.99 in paperback)
- Bringing Down the Duke* by Evie Dunmore (\$15 in paperback)
- Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes (\$26)
- Get a Life, Chloe Brown* by Talia Hibbert (\$15.99 in paperback)

**...true crime**

- Say Nothing: A True Story of Murder and Memory in Northern Ireland* by Patrick Radden Keefe (\$28.95)
- Furious Hours: Murder, Fraud, and the Last Trial of Harper Lee*  
by Casey Cep (\$26.95)
- Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators* by Ronan Farrow (\$30)
- The Killer Across the Table: Unlocking the Secrets of Serial Killers and Predators with the FBI's Original Mindhunter*  
by John E. Douglas and Mark Olshaker (\$26.99)
- Kingdom of Lies: Unnerving Adventures in the World of Cybercrime* by Kate Fazzini (\$28.99)
- Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered: The Definitive How-To Guide* by Karen Kilgariff and Georgia Hardstark (\$24.99)

**...American history**

- The Fire Is Upon Us: James Baldwin, William F. Buckley Jr., and the Debate Over Race in America* by Nicholas Buccola (\$29.95)
- Whistleblowers: Honesty in America from Washington to Trump*  
by Allison Stanger (\$27.50)
- Dreams of El Dorado: A History of the American West*  
by H.W. Brands (\$32)
- The Impeachers: The Trial of Andrew Jackson and the Dream of a Just Nation* by Brenda Wineapple (\$32)

- Hymns of the Republic: The Story of the Final Year of the American Civil War* by S.C. Gwynne (\$32)
- Black Death at the Golden Gate: The Race to Save America from the Bubonic Plague* by David K. Randall (\$26.95)
- All the Powers of Earth: The Political Life of Abraham Lincoln Vol. III, 1856-1860* by Sidney Blumenthal (\$35)
- The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treuer (\$17 in paperback)

**...world history**

- Midnight in Chernobyl: The Untold Story of the World's Greatest Nuclear Disaster* by Adam Higginbotham (\$29.95)
- Arabs: A 3,000 Year History of Peoples, Tribes and Empires*  
by Tim Mackintosh-Smith (\$35)
- Leadership in War: Essential Lessons from Those Who Made History* by Andrew Roberts (\$27)
- The Europeans: Three Lives and the Making of a Cosmopolitan Culture* by Orlando Figes (\$35)

**...a good biography**

- Plagued by Fire: The Dreams and Furies of Frank Lloyd Wright* by Paul Hendrickson (\$35)
- Sontag: Her Life and Work* by Benjamin Moser (\$39.99)
- Oliver Wendell Holmes: A Life in War, Law, and Ideas*  
by Stephen Budiansky (\$29.95)
- Madame Fourcade's Secret War: The Daring Young Woman Who Led France's Spy Network Against Hitler*  
by Lynne Olson (\$30)
- A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II*  
by Sonia Purnell (\$28)
- George Marshall: Defender of the Republic* by David L. Roll (\$34)
- Mobituaries: Great Lives Worth Reliving*  
by Mo Rocca (\$29.99)
- Call Sign Chaos: Learning to Lead*  
by Jim Mattis and Bing West (\$28)
- The Lost Prince: A Search for Pat Conroy*  
by Michael Mewshaw (\$26)
- Edison* by Edmund Morris (\$38)
- In the Dream House* by Carmen Maria Machado (\$26)
- Renia's Diary: A Holocaust Journal* by Renia Spiegel (\$27.99)

**...women's studies**

- The Book of Gutsy Women: Favorite Stories of Courage and Resilience* by Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton (\$35)
- The Moment of Lift: How Empowering Women Changes the World* by Melinda Gates (\$26.99)
- Vanity Fair's Women on Women* edited by Radhika Jones (\$30)
- No Stopping Us Now: The Adventures of Older Women in American History* by Gail Collins (\$30)
- The Witches are Coming* by Lindy West (\$27)

**...things scientific**

- Lifespan: Why We Age—and Why We Don't Have To*  
by David A. Sinclair and Matthew D. LaPlante (\$28)
- Fire, Ice, and Physics: The Science of Game of Thrones*  
by Rebecca C. Thompson (\$24.95)
- Letters from an Astrophysicist* by Neil deGrasse Tyson (\$19.95)



**How To: Absurd Scientific Advice for Common Real-World**

**Problems** by Randall Munroe (\$28)

**The Body: A Guide for Occupants** by Bill Bryson (\$30)

**The Math Book: Big Ideas Simply Explained** by DK (\$25)

**How Things Work: The Inner Life of Everyday Machines**

by Theodore Gray (\$29.99)

**...the natural world**

**The Dreamt Land: Chasing Water and Dust Across California**

by Mark Arax (\$30)

**Underland: A Deep Time Journey** by Robert MacFarlane (\$27.95)

**In Oceans Deep: Courage, Innovation, and Adventure Beneath the Waves** by Bill Streever (\$28)

**On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal**

by Naomi Klein (\$27)

**Grinnell: America's Environmental Pioneer and His Restless**

**Drive to Save the West** by John Taliaferro (\$35)

**Close to Birds: An Intimate Look at Our Feathered Friends**

by Roine Magnusson and Mats and Asa Ottosson (\$39.95)

**The Horse: A Natural History**

by Debbie Busby and Catrin Rutland (\$29.95)

**My Penguin Year: Life Among the Emperors**

by Lindsay McCrae (\$27.99)

**Dog Is Love: Why and How Your Dog Loves You**

by Clive D.L. Wynne (\$28)

**The Lives of Bees: The Untold Story of the Honey Bee in the**

**Wild** by Thomas D. Seeley (\$29.95)

**Late Migrations: A Natural History of Love and Loss**

by Margaret Renkl (\$24)

**...photography**

**Foursome: Alfred Stieglitz, Georgia O'Keeffe, Paul Strand, Rebecca Salsbury** by Carolyn Burke (\$30)

**Skrebneski Documented: 1948-2018** by Victor Skrebneski (\$150)

**Bill Cunningham on the Street** by the New York Times (\$65)

**Ansel Adams' Yosemite: The Special Edition Prints**

by Ansel Adams (\$40)

**A World History of Photography: 5th Edition**

by Naomi Rosenblum (\$85)

**...fashion/interiors**

**In Pursuit of Beauty: The Interiors of Timothy Whealon**

by Timothy Whealon (\$50)

**Tonne Goodman: Point of View** by Tonne Goodman (\$75)

**Love Affairs with Houses** by Bunny Williams (\$60)

**Tom Scheerer: More Decorating** by Tom Scheerer (\$60)

**For the Love of White: The White and Neutral Home**

by Chrissie Rucker (\$40)

**International Best Dressed List: The Official Story**

by Amy Fine Collins (\$75)

**...music**

**The Beautiful Ones** by Prince (\$30)

**Home Work: A Memoir of My Hollywood Years**

by Julie Andrews (\$30)

**Face It: A Memoir** by Debbie Harry (\$32.50)

**Country Music: An Illustrated History**

by Dayton Duncan, Ken Burns (\$55)

**Morning Glory on the Vine: Early Songs and Drawings**

by Joni Mitchell (\$40)

**Me: Elton John Official Biography** by Elton John (\$30)

**High School** by Sara Quin and Tegan Quin (\$27)

**Guitar: The World's Most Seductive Instrument**

by David Schiller (\$35)

**...sports**

**Ballpark: Baseball in the America City**

by Paul Goldberger (\$35)

**Open Water: The History and Technique of Swimming**

by Mikael Rosén (\$35)

**Running to the Edge: A Band of Misfits and the Guru Who Unlocked the Secrets of Speed**

by Matthew Futterman (\$28.95)

**The Lucky Thirteen: The Winners of America's Triple Crown of Horse Racing** by Edward Bowen (\$26.95)

**A Course Called Scotland: Searching the Home of Golf for the Secret to Its Game** by Tom Coyne (\$17 in paperback)

**If These Walls Could Talk: Stories from the Chicago Cubs Dugout, Locker Room, and Press Box**

by Jon Greenberg (\$17.95 in paperback)

**...to cook**

**Sababa: Fresh Sunny Flavors from My Israeli Kitchen**

by Adeena Sussman (\$35)

**American Sfogolino: A Master Class in Handmade Pasta**

by Evan Funke, Katie Parla, and Eric Wolfinger (\$35)

**American Cuisine: And How It Got This Way**

by Paul Freedman (\$39.95)

**From the Oven to the Table** by Diana Henry (\$29.99)

**The Art of the Host: Recipes and Rules for Flawless Entertaining** by Alex Hitz (\$45)

**The Milk Street Cookbook** by Christopher Kimball (\$40)

**Canal House: Cook Something—Recipes to Rely On**

by Christopher Hirsheimer and Melissa Hamilton (\$35)

**...a good sense of humor**

**Medallion Status: True Stories from Secret Rooms**

by John Hodgman (\$25)

**Wild and Crazy Guys: How the Comedy Mavericks of the '80s Changed Hollywood Forever** by Nick de Semlyen (\$27)

**Fifty Things That Aren't My Fault: Essays from the Grown-up Years** by Cathy Guisewite (\$27)

**Do You Mind If I Cancel? (Things That Still Annoy Me)**

by Gary Janetti (\$27.99)

**Why Don't You Write my Eulogy Now So I Can Correct It?:**

**A Mother's Suggestions** by Roz Chast (\$20)

**Little Weirds** by Jenny Slate (\$27)

**...essays**

**The Ministry of Truth: The Biography of George Orwell's 1984** by Dorian Lynskey (\$28.95)

**The Source of Self-Regard: Selected Essays, Speeches, and Meditations** by Toni Morrison (\$28.95)

**Trick Mirror: Reflections on Self-Delusion**

by Jia Tolentino (\$27)

**The Book of Delights** by Ross Gay (\$23.95)

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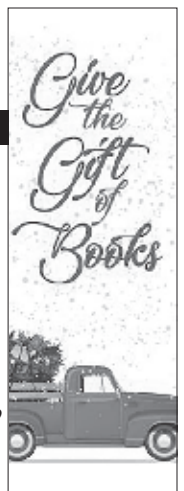
**Chicago 1968: The Whole World Is Watching** by Nile Southern and Adam Cooper (\$60)

**Trope Chicago** by Sam Landers and Tom Maday (\$40)

**Southern Exposure: The Overlooked Architecture of Chicago's South Side** by Lee Bey (\$30)

**The Chicago Neighborhood Guidebook** by Martha Bayne (\$20 in paperback)

**An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago** by Alex Kotlowitz (\$27.95)





# the children's line...



Happy Holidays, Children's Book Fans!

**KARI PATCH**

This edition of the newsletter is overflowing with gift ideas for the young and young-at-heart in your life. We hope you find titles that speak to you, but please come in and visit with us as well.

Amy, Betsy, and I are always happy to help you find just the right book for all the special kids on your list!

This holiday month is also overflowing with delightful story-time events. We kick off the month with a visit from beloved bookseller **Jon Grand** (and special guest) on **Friday, December 6 at 4 pm**. Join Jon for some of our favorite classic holiday tales, and then head over to Dwyer Park for the Village of Winnetka Tree Lighting ceremony at **6 pm**.

The next morning, **Saturday, December 7**, join store favorite and Caldecott Medal-winner **Matthew Cordell** as he presents his newest book, *Explorers*, about a family visit to a museum. *School Library Journal* says, "This wordless picture book from Caldecott winner Cordell brilliantly tells the story of a regular outing. The family dynamics, as displayed through the body language and facial expressions of the characters, are touching and authentic. The scenario is engrossing and the interactions between characters evoke emotion." We love this book, and know you will, too!



The following **Saturday, December 14**, we have our regular storytime at **10:30 am**, and also an extra special afternoon Holiday Storytime at **3 pm** with special guest star **Sherri Duskey Rinker!** We are so happy to welcome our friend Sherri back to the store as we celebrate her newest delightful picture book, *Three Cheers for Kid McGear!* as well as her previous titles, including the new holiday classic, *Construction Site on Christmas Night!* Sherri will read her books, and she's bringing along cookies!



The last round of holiday storytime will be on **Saturday, December 21**, when **Jon Grand** will visit us again to read staff favorite holiday stories at **10:30 am**. Be prepared for your heart to grow three sizes that day with all the good cheer.

Now, on to our holiday recommendations! *Kari P.*

## Holiday Picture Books



*The Crayons' Christmas* by Drew Daywalt (\$19.99). A brand-new crayons book has arrived, just in time for the holidays. This special book has letters, games, a poster, and even a pop-up Christmas tree.



*The Great Santa Stakeout* by Betsy Bird (\$17.99). Freddy Melcher is Santa's #1 fan. He has Santa posters, Santa action figures, and even Santa underwear. But the one prize Freddy really wants is a selfie taken with Santa, fresh out of the chimney.



*Santa Mouse* by Michael Brown (\$17.99). A kind-hearted mouse becomes Santa's littlest helper in this joyful story that is a true Christmas classic. Sometimes giving is the best gift of all.

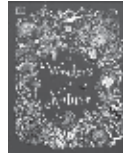


*The Tree That's Meant to Be* by Yuval Zommer (\$17.99). A small crooked fir tree is left all alone after the others near it are chosen by families to bring home. But when the forest animals gather around the lonely little tree to cheer it up, it finds the warmth of the holidays in the heart of a cold, snowy forest.



*Nutcracker Night* by Mireille Messier, illustrated by Gabrielle Grimard (\$19.95). This is a celebration of a Christmas classic that is often a child's first experience of the ballet. Each beautiful scene is infused with warm holiday colors and a richness that makes young readers feel they are really there. An author's note enriches the text with a brief summary of the famous ballet.

## Gift Books



*The Wonders of Nature* by Ben Hoare (\$19.99). This collection of amazing animals, plants, rocks, and minerals will wow children and adults alike. With 100 remarkable items from the natural world, from orchids to opals and lichens to lizards, everyone will find something to be captivated by.



*The Double Dangerous Book for Boys* by Conn Iggulden (\$22.99). From the best-selling British author of *The Dangerous Book for Boys* comes the long-awaited sequel—another action-packed adventure guide featuring full-color illustrations, perfect for dads, grads, and boys of all ages. There are more than 70 new chapters with important skills, fascinating historical information, and captivating stories.



*Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: The Illustrated Edition* by J.K. Rowling (\$47.99). The fourth book in the beloved Harry Potter series, is now illustrated in glorious full color by award-winning artist Jim Kay. Harry wants to get away from the pernicious Dursleys and go to the international Quidditch Cup with Hermione, Ron, and the Weasleys. Harry longs to be a normal 14-year-old wizard. Unfortunately for Harry, he's not normal—even by wizarding standards.

## Early Readers, Ages 4 - 7



*Hi, Jack!* and *Jack Blasts Off!* by Mac Barnett and Craig Pizzoli (\$9.99 each). A new early reader series about a mischievous rabbit and a grumpy old lady and a sweet dog. Jack is a troublemaker, always getting Rex, the dog, in trouble with him.



In the first book, Jack gets into the lady's lipstick. Disaster! In the second book, the old lady gets upset with Jack and Rex and sends them to the moon. But they also misbehave there and are sent home.



*A Is for Elizabeth* and *Big Mouth Elizabeth* by Rachel Vail, illustrated by Paige Keiser (\$13.99 each). For fans of the Justin Case series or anyone who likes spunky girls, this is a super new series for early readers. The chapters are short and with lively illustrations, and Elizabeth is very funny. She does have obstacles to overcome, and her older brother, Justin, is there to help.



*Ada Twist and the Perilous Pants* by Andrea Beatty, illustrated by David Roberts (\$12.99). Ada Twist must rely on her curious mind, her brave spirit, and her best pals Rosie Revere and Iggy Peck to help solve a mystery in her own backyard. When Rosie's Uncle Ned gets a little carried away wearing his famous helium pants, it is up to Ada and her friends to chase him down. As Uncle Ned floats farther and farther away, Ada starts asking how high can a balloon go, and is it possible for Uncle Ned to wind up in outer space?



*The Princess in Black and the Bathtime Battle* by Shannon Hale and Dean Hale, illustrated by LeUyen Pham (\$14.99). Something smells like trouble. Can five princess heroes and one goat Avenger pool their talents to vanquish a monstrous stink? How do you



battle a stench when your ninja moves fail and other masked heroes are no help?



**Who Is the Mystery Reader?** by Mo Willems (\$12.99). Zoom squirrel tries out a new superpower with help from a mysterious Reader. But will the squirrel pals even find out who the real mystery Reader is? Do you know more about reading than the squirrels do? You will by the end of this book!

### Middle Fiction, Ages 8-12



**The Day the World Stopped Turning** by Michael Morpurgo (\$16.99). The setting for this tale is the Camargue area of France, with vast salt flats and home to thousands of beautiful flamingos. It begins with a story within a story in the 1980s. Vincent, an 18-year-old Englishman, falls ill in the marshlands of the Camargue and is rescued by Lorenzo, an autistic man who is looking for injured flamingos. Lorenzo takes Vincent back to his house, where he hears the story of the 1940s, when the Germans occupied France and found their way to the Camargue and the beautiful flamingos.



**Cog** by Greg van Eekhout (\$16.99). Cog is a seven-month-old android who looks like a 12-year-old boy and is eager to learn more about the world. When an accident leaves him damaged, Cog wakes up in a strange lab and needs to escape, and with the help of four robots he recruits, they go on a mission to find the scientist who created him. This is a fun read and it reminded me a bit of the old movie *Wall•E*.



**Look Both Ways: A Tale Told in Ten Blocks** by Jason Reynolds (\$17.99). This new book by Jason Reynolds contains 10 stories about kids re-entering their neighborhood after their school day. Although these characters do have much in common—their school, friends, and neighborhood—their home life presents many different problems. The author captures all his characters with empathy, humor, and a focus on the struggle into adulthood.



**Midsummer's Mayhem** by Rajani LaRocca (\$16.99). Eleven-year-old Mimi is the youngest child in a large Indian American family, all of whom are successful in their own right. When she discovers a new bakery in town is having a baking contest, this could be her chance to gain fame. In this retelling of a *Midsummer Night's Dream*, anything can and will happen.



**Pages & Co: The Bookwanderers** by Anna James, illustrated by Paola Escobar (\$16.99). Eleven-year-old Tilly has lived with her grandparents in their London Bookshop, Pages and Co., since her mother disappeared shortly after her birth. While reading her mother's favorite books, Tilly realizes she is a "book-wanderer," who can be transported into books.



**The Boy in the Back of the Class** by Onjali Q. Rauf (\$16.99). The kids in Mrs. Khan's classroom are curious about a new kid—Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. Once they learn he fled a very real war and was separated from his family, a group concocts a plan for reuniting Ahmet and his family. The novel clearly portrays the plight of refugees from Syria as well as

other parts of the world.



**Beverly, Right Here** by Kate DiCamillo (\$16.99). When 14-year-old Beverly's dog Buddy dies, she hitch-hikes to Tamaray Beach, Florida. She is befriended by an elderly woman, Lola, and finds a job clearing tables in a restaurant. It is 1979, four years after the events that bonded Beverly together with Louisiana and Raymie in earlier Kate DiCamillo's books. Through unlikely friendships, Beverly transitions into a young person who can appreciate life on life's terms and begins to see herself through the eyes of others.

### Young Adult



**The Fountains of Silence** by Ruta Sepetys (\$18.99). Madrid 1957. Daniel Matheson, the son of an oil tycoon, arrives in Madrid with his parents, hoping to connect with the country of his mother's birth. Photography—and fate—introduce him to the Spanish Civil War, and Daniel's photographs leave him with uncomfortable questions amidst shadows of danger. Sepetys once again shines light into one of history's darkest corners in this epic, heart-wrenching novel.



**Frankly in Love** by David Yoon (\$18.99). Frank Li has two names. There is Frank Li, his American name with seven characters for luck, Sung Min Li, his Korean name with nine characters, also for luck. Frank speaks barely any Korean, but his parents want him to end up with a nice Korean girl, which is a problem because Frank is dating the girl of his dreams, who is not Korean. A fellow Korean friend is in a similar predicament, so they pretend to date each other to gain their freedom. This book is told in the exuberant voice of Frank, a very likable young protagonist.



**The Lady Rogue** by Jenn Bennett (\$18.99). Traveling with her treasure-hunting father has always been a dream for Theodora. She has an impressive knowledge of the world's most sought-after relics, but what she doesn't have is her father's permission to accompany him. She is left in a hotel in Istanbul, while her father's 19-year-old protege Huck explores with her father. But Huck arrives from an expedition without her father and wants Theo's help in finding him. Journeying into Romania, Theo and Huck embark on an adventure through Gothic villages and dark castles in the misty Carpathian Mountains.

### Graphic Novels



**Dog Man: For Whom the Ball Rolls** (\$12.99), the seventh book in the series from Captain Underpants creator Dav Pilkey is out now. And fans should mark their calendars, book eight, **Dog Man: Fetch-22**, comes out **Tuesday, December 10!** Pre-order your copy by December 9 to make sure to have it for the holidays and get an extra 10% discount!



Raina Telgemeier's newest book, **Guts** (\$12.99), is out now, and sure to be beloved by her fans. Raina Telgemeier once again brings us a thoughtful, charming, and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face—and conquer—her fears.



**Pumpkinheads** by Rainbow Rowell, illustrated by Faith Erin Hicks (\$17.99), is the story of seasonal best friends, Deja and Josiah. Every autumn, all through high school, they've worked together at the pumpkin patch. They say good-bye every Halloween. But this Halloween is different—Josiah and Deja are finally seniors, and this is their last season at the pumpkin patch. It is their last shift together, and their last good-bye. What if their last shift is an adventure?



**Stargazing** by Jen Wang (\$12.99) is a beautiful story of friendship, perfect for fans of Shannon Hale and Cece Bell. *Publishers Weekly* says, "This contemporary graphic novel from Wang thrums with the quiet dramas of friendship and family and showcases the diversity of the Chinese-American experience.... Plumbing the depths of Wang's childhood for inspiration, this rich, heart-filled narrative will resonate with any reader who has ever felt different within their community."





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**Book Discussion Groups at The Book Stall**

**Wednesday, January 22, at 9:30 am**

*The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, Led by Nancy Buehler

**Wednesday, January 29, at 9:30 am**

*Edison* by Edmund Morris, Led by Jon Grand

**Monday, February 10, Evening Discussion at 6:30 pm**

Another chance to discuss *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett,  
 Led by Alice Moody

**Wednesday, February 12, at 9:30 am**

*Save Me the Plums: My Gourmet Memoir* by Ruth Reichl, Led by Judy Levin

**Wednesday, February 19, at 9:30 am**

*Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators* by Ronan  
 Farrow, Led by Jon Grand

**Wednesday, February 26, at 9:30 am**

*The World That We Knew* by Alice Hoffman, Led by Roberta Rubin  
 A \$5 book discussion group participation charge  
 is fully redeemable for merchandise in the store.

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