



THE BOOK STALL

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THE FRONT LINE



June is a month of celebrations; so many graduations and the family gatherings that accompany that milestone. If you shop with us on weekends, chances are that you've met some of our youngest booksellers, all now graduating high school and heading off to college. Congratulations to Emma Neumann, off to University of Colorado, Boulder; Grace Concannon, off to Boston College; and Lucy Kelly, who will be attending Providence College. We're so grateful for all the cheerful help! We will miss you, but we know that you are all going to do wonderful things.

And we celebrate all the fathers in our lives on Father's Day, June 18. Dads are notoriously difficult to shop for, so may I suggest a book? We have a list of titles in these pages. If Dad wants a Porsche, buy him a book about sports cars—so much easier to wrap!

The summer months are usually quieter here at the store, but this year June is packed with some amazing author appearances. On Monday, June 5 at 6:30 pm, we're thrilled to welcome Steven Rowley (*Guncle*) for his new book *The Celebrants*, a "Big Chill"-inspired story about those very old friendships. I'm especially excited for this event as the author will be in conversation with our very own Events Coordinator Robert McDonald! And we won't even have to put away the chairs—as the next evening (Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm), our friend Susanna Calkins will be at the store to talk about the newest installment in her mystery series, *Death Among the Ruins*, featuring the plucky Lucy Campion. On Thursday, June 8 at 6:30 pm, we're excited to host Nancy Horan (*Loving Frank*) to talk about her new novel, *The House of Lincoln*, which charts Lincoln's unlikely journey to the White House through the eyes of a young immigrant girl. On Tuesday, June 13 at 6:30 pm, best-selling author Lisa See will discuss her latest, *Lady Tan's Circle of Women*, a fictional re-telling of a 15th century female doctor in China.

On Thursday, June 22 at 6:30 pm, grab some friends and join us for wine and conversation with local author Christie Tate (*The Group*), who will discuss her book, *BFF: A Memoir of Friendship Lost and Found*. Says author Maggie Smith "BFF made me laugh, cry, and cringe with recognition, page after page. It made me want to pick up the phone and start calling my friends." And last, but certainly not least, on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 pm, we're fortunate to be hosting another friend and local author Jonathan Eig, who will be discussing his highly anticipated biography about Martin Luther King, titled simply *King: A Life*, which includes recently declassified FBI materials.

Now for summer books to pack in your beach/lake/pool bag. Two books with "summer" in the title: I really enjoyed *Bad Summer People* by Emma Rosenblum, which takes place on Fire Island and follows the misbehavior and mediocre tennis of several couples vacationing there for the summer. *Summer Stage* by Meg Mitchell Moore is set on Block Island and follows family drama surrounding the production of a play. Several authors I really love have books out this month. I just started Luis Alberto Urrea's *Good Night, Irene*, which fictionalizes the experiences of his intrepid mother, as she drove a donut truck serving the troops near the front lines during WWII. Megan Abbott never fails with her dark, suspenseful stories and this one sounds great: a Rosemary's baby-esque thriller called *Beware the Woman*.

June is also Pride Month celebrating the LGBTQ+ community and the freedom to be true to oneself. Of course, we'll be featuring books by LGBTQ+ authors, both classics and some great new books, so stop in to browse the display!

Steph

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

9 – 11 am, Winnetka Farmers' Market, 754 Elm St.
11 am – 12 noon, here at the Store

ABRA BERENS

Pulp: A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit

We start June with two occasions to meet Michigan chef, author, and former farmer **Abra Berens**. She believes *Pulp* will change readers' minds about fruit.

It's not just for eating out of hand, baking into a pie, or preserving into a jam or jelly. Roasted fruit can enhance a pork chop or add tartness and fleshy heft to grains. Here are recipes for fruits in sweet and savory preparations, each featuring the acidity, sweetness, color, and texture different fruits bring to the plate. The recipes are simple, generally quick to prepare, and use ingredients that are easy to find and often already in your pantry.



MONDAY, JUNE 5

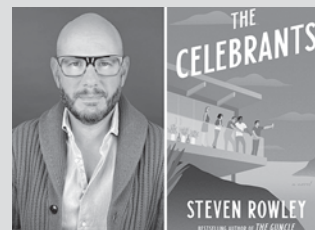
6:30 pm at the Store

STEVEN ROWLEY

The Celebrants

Steven Rowley, the bestselling author of *Lily and the Octopus* and *The Guncle*, discusses his new novel, *The Celebrants*! It's been 28 years since Jordan Vargas and his friends' adult lives officially began. Over the years, they've reunited in Big Sur to honor a decades-old pact for celebrations to remind themselves that life is worth living—and living well. But this reunion is different. Jordan is sitting on a secret that will upend their pact.

This is a ticketed program, which includes a copy of the book. See our website's "Events" page to purchase your tickets.



TUESDAY, JUNE 6

6:30 pm at the Store

SUSANNA CALKINS

Death Among the Ruins

We welcome mystery writer **Susanna Calkins** back to the store! She'll be discussing and signing copies of her seventh installment in her Lucy Campion mystery series.



In 1668 London, printer's apprentice Lucy Campion is suspicious when she meets a young ragpicker who claims to have fine clothes to sell from a lady of quality. Are the garments stolen . . . or a sign of something worse? Susanna will be in conversation with fellow author **Lori Rader-Day**. We'll have a raffle for prizes, and refreshments will be served! This program is free and open to the public.

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THE INSIDE LINE

CHRISTINE FERDINAND



Adelaide by Genevieve Wheeler (\$27.99). Adelaide has left her troubles behind in America and is enjoying life in London, focused on her graduate studies and exploring the town. One boozy Saturday, while celebrating a regatta on the River Thames, she bumps into Rory.



With his square jaw, windswept curls, and jaunty scarf he resembles a real-life Disney prince. They are reunited a few months later when matched up on Tinder. They share a love of literature (Orwell, Plath, Alcott), cozy coffee shops, and moody wine bars. It's as though their stars are aligned. However, Rory can't seem to commit to a relationship with Adelaide. The heartbreak she experiences brings back an extreme grief and depression she thought she'd outrun when leaving home. Adelaide must face her personal mental health struggles and the truth that the life and love she wants may turn out differently than she's planned.

LEAH GORDON



Commitment by Mona Simpson (\$30). A tender current runs through this character-led piece of family-based fiction, the storyline anchored by the "commitment" of matriarch Diane Aziz to a state hospital. Her three children are forced to confront a reality that they



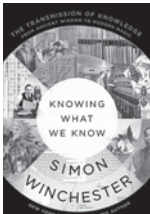
had sensed was coming in different ways, the eldest having just been dropped off at college in Berkeley, leaving his younger siblings behind in the care of a family friend. Author Mona Simpson sweeps the reader into the niches of Walter, Lina, and Donnie's lives, giving them each a clear voice as our hearts fill with empathy for them as they grow older, with each passing year hoping their mother will recover and resume her old life. With each success and failure, the siblings hold tight to the expectations their mother had for them while trying to grow into the adults they want to be. Walter embraces the passion he finds in architecture and forgoes school right before graduation to embark on opportunity he can't pass by, while his sister Lina throws her future to chance and chooses a shopgirl role before finding her way to art school in New York. The youngest of the three, Donnie, becomes the one to root for as he finds himself pulled in the wrong direction. In *Commitment*, the themes of love and patience hum through the text, not only with regard to the siblings, but also with respect to those in their community of caretakers inside and outside of the state hospital. This novel is a deep cut of emotion around family, as the trajectory of each individual becomes personal to the reader. A perfect choice of middle/heavy fiction writing, similar to Franzen's *Crossroads* and Shapiro's *Signal Fires*.

JON GRAND



Knowing What We Know: The Transmission of Knowledge from Ancient Wisdom to Modern Magic by Simon Winchester (\$35).

Winchester has a knack for making the obscure and mundane fascinating. In his latest book, he looks at how knowledge has been acquired,

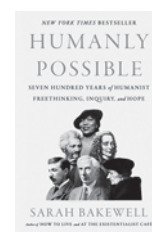


stored, and transmitted. On its face, the topic looks dull, at best, or even arcane. And, of course, it could be dull without the remarkable stories and personalities that enliven this book. From the earliest writing, through the early observations of natural philosophers and on up to the present, the acquisition of knowledge has been accompanied by the need to store it and make it available to future generations. Early diagrams and

treatises replaced word of mouth, which, in its turn, ultimately gave way to sophisticated tools like the encyclopedia, or photography, or card catalogues. The very acquisition of knowledge has also changed. From first-hand experience (e.g. the first time you touch a hot stove) to replicating the experiments of others, knowledge has been hard won: gathered through trial and error, and from following the footsteps of others. But Winchester is not simply interested in a romp through the history of how we learn...or perhaps it is more accurate to say how we have learned. Because as Winchester points out, new tools and the emerging creation of artificial intelligence will challenge us to learn in new and different ways. Or will we need to "learn" at all? With the tremendous amount of knowledge available at a few clicks of our mouse and the ability to manipulate information and data quickly and accurately, we let a machine do our thinking for us and provide the new information we seek, without the long trial and error of experience or experimentation. Add to the mix the emerging science of artificial intelligence and we must wonder what our large-encased brains will do.

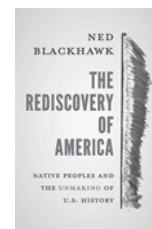
Humanly Possible: Seven Hundred Years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope by Sarah Bakewell (\$30).

Humanism stresses the potential value and basic goodness of human beings. One might be forgiven if one believed that humanists no longer exist, based on what we see and hear going on around us. But even in the darkest times, humanists have been among us. Bakewell has not simply compiled a listing of well-known humanists: Erasmus, Voltaire, and Bertrand Russell, for example. Instead, her focus is on the variety of ways in which these men and women dealt with the various aspects of humanism: promoting rational thought, moral living, or cultural and literary studies. All these diverse lenses are part of that larger structure we call the humanities. And because humanism centers on the potential of humans, rather than on the intervention of the divine, it has not been without its critics. The emphasis on freethinking and a questioning mind has not endeared it to those who demand obedience or adherence to prescribed ways of thinking or doing. It was not so long ago that conservative churches condemned what they branded "secular humanism" as a danger and threat. Still, its long survival and appeal, despite attacks by the state as well as the church, tells us much about the resonance of humanist ideas. We are, after all, simply human.



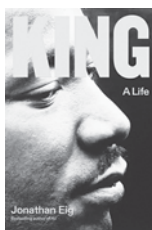
The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History by Ned Blackhawk (\$35).

Up until very recently, American history, as taught, was missing two important threads: Afro-American and Native American history. Without these two threads, the finished woven product lacked integrity and structural strength. Recently, the history of Black Americans is slowly being woven into our fabric. It is a painful history at many points, but understanding it is essential to understand our history. But it is the missing third thread that must be added. Ned Blackhawk's book, (along with that of Pekka Lamalainen, *Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America*) paints a very different picture of Native American response to European colonizers. The continent was not empty, as whites supposed. Nor were its many inhabitants savages. Rather, the numerous tribes established complex societies and strategic alliances for their own prosperity and safety. And while it is true that disease was a formidable, if silent, foe, it did not wipe out native peoples. As whites encroached on tribal lands, various strategies to delay or contain the settlers suggest not weakness but strength. Indeed, for over 200 years, native Americans kept their unique identities and remained a power to be reckoned with. Ned Blackhawk tells the story of the Native Americans with factual accuracy and respect.



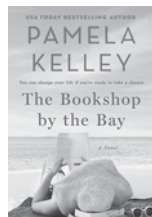
It is the third critical thread in the tapestry that is our nation's history. It is a difficult history to face. But, as with Black history, we cannot simply gloss over the unpleasant parts...because it is all of our collective history.

King: A Life by Jonathan Eig (\$35). It was not his name at birth. He was born Michael King Jr. During a 1934 trip to Germany, King Sr. became aware of the power and influence of Martin Luther. King Sr. changed his name to reflect his own determination to take strong stands on civil and moral issues. So, Michael King Sr. became Martin Luther King Sr. and his son Martin Luther King Jr. For both, the name signified an outward sign of an inner conviction. Jonathan Eig, author of the award-winning biography of Muhammad Ali, once again brings his prodigious story-telling ability to create a portrait of Dr. King that juxtaposes his public and private personae. The confident leader was also a man who doubted his abilities and questioned his own motives. In his demands for Black justice, he took the high moral ground even as his own personal life courted scandal. Probing the details of King's public and private life have led many to see him as dishonest and hypocritical. Eig argues that such assessments are not only unfair; they also fail to recognize these contradictions as critical elements of his powerful influence. King was of the people, not above them. It is, Eig argues, King's very humanity that made his message so potent. In the end, Eig's portrait of Dr. King is that of an imperfect man destined for greatness. **Mr. Eig appears at The Book Stall on June 28 at 6:30 pm.**



ELIZABETH HUBBARD

Whether you'll be lying on the shores of Lake Michigan or you get yourself out to the Cape, you'll want to take Pamela Kelley's new book **The Bookshop by the Bay** (\$31, out June 6) with you. It's a perfect beach read for bookstore-loving folks. In



this light and cheery novel, Jess and her daughter Caitlin take a break from Charleston, SC, after learning some unpleasant news. Retreating to Jess's hometown of Chatham, Massachusetts, on Cape Cod, they settle in with Jess's mother, and reconnect with old friends. When the opportunity to take over the local bookstore arises, both women see the possibility of new paths and dreams. Jess's childhood best friend, Allison, and her daughter, Julia, take the newcomers under their wings, and this leads to new relationships, connections, and friendships. This is definitely a book to throw in your beach bag, complete with a bit of romance. But it's also about reinvention, relationships between mothers and daughters, and the magic of second chances!

SHARMAN MCGURN



The Trackers by Charles Frazier (\$30) is set in 1937: the U.S. is still reeling from the Great Depression. Young and naive artist Val Welch considers himself lucky to have been awarded a WPA commission to paint a mural for the new post office in Dawes, Wyoming. To



execute the project, he is housed on the property of wealthy rancher, art collector, and political hopeful John Long. Val is brought into Long's orbit, for better or worse, and is soon asked to find Eve, Long's wife, a former nightclub singer, who has gone missing. Traveling from Wyoming to Seattle, northern Florida, and San Francisco before returning to Wyoming, Val learns much about the world and himself. While he is tracking Eve, others are tracking him. Filled with interesting characters (and a lost "minor" Renoir)—cowboys, grifters, hobos, a WWI sniper, and others displaced by the Depression—the action is fast-paced, with ample twists and turns. Frazier writes beautifully, with Val's painterly eye, often using colors to describe moods, creating a picture that is evocative of the Old West grappling

with modernity. Characters strive to find a place for themselves in a turbulent time. Where will their journeys lead them and how will they get there? *"Their memories, the horrors they had witnessed, must have echoed one another, but they reacted quite differently to them. Long seemed to move mostly in the space between now and then, while Eve craved forward motion right now, as little past as possible."* Frazier is a master storyteller of historical fiction. As I read **The Trackers**, I could imagine myself with Val in that time and place. I highly recommend it.

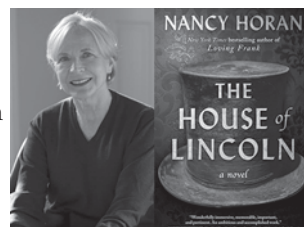
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THURSDAY, JUNE 8

6:30 pm at the Store

NANCY HORAN *The House of Lincoln*

We're so excited to host **Nancy Horan** (*Loving Frank*), joining us with her new novel, a sweeping story of Abraham Lincoln's ascendance from rumpled lawyer to U.S. president to the Great Emancipator, as seen through the eyes of a young asylum-seeker who arrives at Lincoln's home of Springfield from Madeira, Portugal. For as long as she can remember, Ana has been an outsider. Her refugee family settled in 1860s Springfield, in the enclave of Little Madeira. A bustling state capital thick with runaway slaves and the slave catchers that follow them, Springfield is also home to a rising politician named Abraham Lincoln. Ana finds employment in the Lincoln home as Saturday girl and household help, working directly for Mary Lincoln in a front-row seat to historic societal changes that will reshape not only Springfield, but an entire country. Ms. Horan will be joined by editor and author **Donna Seaman**. **This is a ticketed program, which includes a copy of the book. See our website's "Events" page to purchase your tickets.**



SATURDAY, JUNE 10

10:30 am, a Storytime

COZBI A. CABRERA

Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking, Edna Lewis

We welcome illustrator **Cozbi Cabrera**, who will be sharing the illustrations and stories from her new book. See page 6 for details.

TUESDAY, JUNE 13

6:30 pm at the store

LISA SEE

Lady Tan's Circle of Women

We are delighted to host NYT bestselling author **Lisa See** and hear about her latest historical novel, inspired by the true story of a female physician from 15th-century China—perfect for fans of See's classic *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* and *The Island of Sea Women*. According to Confucius, "an educated woman is a worthless woman," but Tan Yunxian—born into an elite family, yet haunted by death, separations, and loneliness—is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. Her grandmother is one of only a handful of female doctors in China, and she teaches Yunxian the pillars of Chinese medicine, the Four Examinations—looking, listening, touching, and asking—something a man can never do with a female patient.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14

6:30 pm, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave.

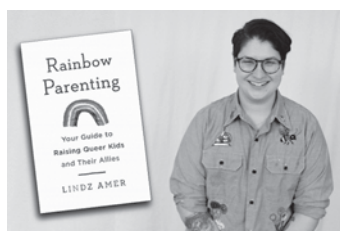
LINDZ AMER

Rainbow Parenting:

Your Guide to Raising Queer Kids and Their Allies

We partner with **Winnetka-Northfield Public Library District** and the **Wilmette Public Library** for a conversation with **Lindz**

Amer about their new book, *Rainbow Parenting: Your Guide to Raising Queer Kids and Their Allies*. Lindz is an award-winning LGBTQIA+ activist, author, and co-host of the indie web series, Queer Kid Stuff, and the Rainbow Parenting podcast. This new book is a guide for parents and caregivers to raise queer-friendly children in a gender-affirming space. A Q&A, book sales and signing will follow the moderated discussion, plus there will be a selection of LGBTQIA+ children's books available for purchase at the event. Registration is required on the Wilmette Public Library website. At the library website, you can also register children age 4 and up for a Rainbow Craft program, scheduled during this event.

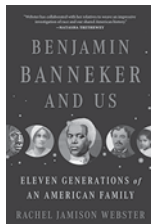


THURSDAY, JUNE 15

7 pm, Glencoe Public Library, 320 Park Ave.

RACHEL JAMISON WEBSTER
Benjamin Banneker and Us: Eleven Generations of an American Family
A family reunion gives way to a genealogical quest as relatives reconnect across lines of color, culture, and time. **Rachel Jamison Webster**, a professor of creative

writing at Northwestern University, learns that a groundbreaking Black forefather is also her distant relative. In 1791, Thomas Jefferson hired a Black man to help survey Washington, DC. That man was Benjamin Banneker, an African American mathematician, a writer of almanacs, and one of the greatest astronomers of his generation. Banneker wrote what would become a famous letter to Jefferson, imploring the new president to examine his hypocrisy, as someone who claimed to love liberty, yet was an enslaver. More than two centuries later, an ostensibly white woman—Ms. Webster—learns that this groundbreaking Black forefather is also her distant relative.



TUESDAY, JUNE 20

7 pm, a Virtual Niles-Maine, Glenview, and Park Ridge libraries event

MARY KAY ANDREWS
The Homewreckers
Niles-Maine, Glenview and Park Ridge libraries host best-selling author **Mary Kay Andrews** for a Zoom event, featuring her new book, which has just been released in paperback. Booklist calls it “a frothy combination of a hectic old-house-renovation story and a cozy mystery with a hint of romance, centered around a likable heroine who has been holding too many feelings at bay. A perfect summer escape.” This program is free, but registration is necessary at the Niles Library website.



WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

7 pm, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road

AMI POLONSKY
World Made of Glass

We partner with **Glenview Public Library** this Pride Month for an event with **Ami Polonsky**, discussing how to turn real-life experiences into best-selling books and sharing the inspiration for her newest young adult novel. See page 6 for details.

7 pm, Virtual Event, Illinois Libraries Present

ROBIN WALL KIMMERER

Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants

We partner with Illinois Libraries Present for this Zoom event with botanist **Robin Wall Kimmerer**, who has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science.

Robin Wall Kimmerer



As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. Our partner, Illinois Libraries Present, is a statewide collaboration among public libraries offering high-quality events. See the “Events” section of our website to register.

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

6:30 pm at the Store

CHRISTIE TATE

BFF: A Memoir of Friendship Lost and Found

We're hosting a **Friend's Night Out** at the store, and we invite you and your besties to join us for a fun discussion about friendship led by **Christie Tate**. She'll discuss her memoir about her lifelong struggle to sustain female friendship, and the friend who helps her find the human connection she seeks. Along with a discussion, we'll be serving wine from Good Grapes! This event is free with registration. Please go the “Events” page on our website.



SATURDAY, JUNE 24

10:30 am at the Store

JEAN REIDY

A Book About You and All the World Too

We host our good pal **Jean Reidy**, for a book about the whole world. See page 6 for details.

1 - 4 pm, Arlington Heights Memorial Library

LIT STROLL

We are proud to support Arlington Heights Memorial Library's second annual Lit Stroll, featuring authors **Renée Rosen**, **Tracy Clark**, and **Aaron Cohen**. Each author will be featured at a downtown Arlington Heights venue. Hear about the writer's newest books, grab a drink, enjoy some free appetizers, and mingle with other literary lovers as you stroll from location to location. The event will culminate in a book signing at Arlington Ale House, with books available for sale courtesy of The Book Stall. Check out the library's website for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

6:30 on at the Store

JONATHAN EIG

King: A Life

Join us for a captivating discussion featuring historian **Jonathan Eig** presenting his new biography. Named a most anticipated book of 2023 by *The Washington Post*, *The Millions*, and *Literary Hub*, this first full King biography in decades mixes new research with brisk and accessible storytelling to forge the definitive life for our times and includes eight pages of black and white photos. Mr. Eig will be in conversation with **J.A. Adande**, the director of sports journalism at Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism. This event is free with registration, to register, please to the “Events” page on our website.





It's Father's Day: Sunday, June 18

Fiction

- ***A Line in the Sand*** by Kevin Powers (\$29). One early morning on a Norfolk beach in Virginia, a dead body is discovered by a man taking his daily swim—Arman Bajalan, formerly an interpreter in Iraq. After narrowly surviving an assassination attempt that killed his wife and child, Arman has been given lonely sanctuary in the U.S. as a maintenance worker at the Sea Breeze Motel. Now, convinced that the body is connected to his past, he knows he is still not safe.
- ***Independence Square: Arkady Renko in Ukraine*** by Martin Cruz Smith (\$26.99). Arkady Renko, one of modern detective fiction's most popular characters, was introduced in 1981's international sensation *Gorky Park*. Now, Smith focuses on the fraught and frenzied days leading up to Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine.
- ***The Old Lion: A Novel of Theodore Roosevelt*** by Jeff Shaara (\$30). Shaara accomplishes what only the finest historical fiction can do: He brings to life one of the most consequential figures in U.S. history, Theodore Roosevelt, peeling back the many-layered history of the man, and the country he personified.
- ***Central Park West: A Crime Novel*** by James Comey (\$30). In the thrilling first crime novel from the former director of the FBI, a murder investigation reveals deadly connections between high-ranking politicians and the mafia.
- ***Small Mercies*** by Dennis Lehane (\$30). An all-consuming tale of revenge, family love, festering hate, and insidious power, set against one of the most tumultuous episodes in Boston's history—the hot summer months of 1974, when the city's desegregation of its public schools exploded in violence.
- ***City of Dreams*** by Don Winslow (\$30). From the shores of Rhode Island to the deserts of California, where bodies disappear; from the power corridors of Washington where the real criminals operate; to the fabled movie studios of Hollywood, where the real money is made comes the dramatic second novel in an epic crime trilogy.
- ***The Ferryman*** by Justin Cronin (\$30). A riveting standalone novel about a group of survivors on a hidden island utopia—where the truth isn't what it seems.
- ***Swamp Story*** by Dave Barry (\$27.99). Jesse Braddock is trapped in a tiny cabin deep in the Everglades with her infant daughter and her ex-boyfriend, a wannabe reality TV star who turned out to be a lot prettier on the outside than on the inside. Broke and desperate for a way out, Jesse stumbles across a long-lost treasure, which could solve all her problems—if she can figure out how to keep it. The problem is, some very bad men are also looking for the treasure, and they know Jesse has it.

- ***Chain-Gang All-Stars*** by Nana Kwame Adjei-Brenyah (\$27). A kaleidoscopic, excoriating look at the American prison system's unholy alliance of systemic racism, unchecked capitalism, and mass incarceration, and a clear-eyed reckoning with what freedom in this country really means.

Nonfiction

- ***Look for Me There: Grieving My Father, Finding Myself*** by Luke Russert (\$28.99)
- ***Washed Ashore: Family, Fatherhood, and Finding Home on Martha's Vineyard*** by Bill Eville (\$26.95)
- ***A Little History of Music*** by Robert Philip (\$26)
- ***Finding Endurance: Shackleton, My Father and a World Without End*** by Darrel Bristow-Bovey (\$26.95, out June 13)
- ***All Hands on Deck: A Modern-Day High Seas Adventure to the Far Side of the World*** by Will Sofrin (\$28)
- ***Edison's Ghosts: The Untold Weirdness of History's Greatest Geniuses*** by Katie Spalding (\$29)
- ***American Journey: On the Road with Henry Ford, Thomas Edison, and John Burroughs*** by Wes Davis (\$30, out June 6)
- ***The Coming of the Railway: A New Global History, 1750-1850*** by David Gwyn (\$35, out June 13)
- ***Classic Car: The Definitive Visual History*** by DK Publishing (\$40)
- ***The Last Ride of the Pony Express: My 2,000-mile Horseback Journey into the Old West*** by Will Grant (\$30, out June 6)
- ***The World's Greatest Golf Courses from Above: 34 Legendary Courses in High Definition Satellite Photography*** by Alex Narey, Ernie Els (\$28)
- ***Feherty: The Remarkably Funny and Tragic Journey of Golf's David Feherty*** by John Feinstein (\$30)
- ***A Damn Near Perfect Game: Reclaiming America's Pastime*** by Joe Kelly, with Rob Bradford (\$28.99)
- ***The Angler's Bucket List: 500 Great Fishing Adventures Around the World*** by John Bailey (\$35)
- ***When the Heavens Went on Sale: The Misfits and Geniuses Racing to Put Space Within Reach*** by Ashlee Vance (\$25)
- ***The Daily Dad: 366 Meditations on Parenting, Love, and Raising Great Kids*** by Ryan Holiday (\$30)



Family Action Network (FAN) Events in June

FAN We congratulate FAN as they wrap up their 40th school year of programs this month. It's been a very busy year for FAN Executive Director Lonnie Stonitsch and her staff, and we are proud to be a part of it! The last two events are both virtual. For more information and to register, go to familyactionnetwork.net.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

7 pm, a Zoom Event

BRUCE FEILER

The Search: Finding Meaningful Work in a Post-Career World
From thousands of hours of interviews with an extraordinarily diverse group of Americans, **Bruce Feiler** has distilled a powerful new vision for how to think about work. His book arrives as the world reimagines our basic assumptions about work—and shows that the answers involve not following the outdated scripts of others, but giving yourself to yourself, learning to dial into your own inner voice, and turn the volume all the way up. He appears in conversation with **Carter Cast**, a professor at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management.

MONDAY, JUNE 12

7 pm, a Zoom Event

CHRISTIAN COOPER

Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World

On May 25, 2020, a confrontation occurred between **Christian Cooper** and a white dogwalker in a section of Central Park. A video of the incident shocked the nation. Now Cooper turns us into a world of avian adventures, global excursions, and the unexpected lessons you can learn from a life spent looking up. Cooper tells the story of his extraordinary life leading up to the now-infamous incident in Central Park and shows how a life spent looking up at the birds prepared him, in the most uncanny of ways, to be a gay, Black man in America today. His story recounts his journey through the wonderful world of birds and what they can teach us about life, if only we would look and listen. He appears in conversation with **Natalie Moore** of WBEZ.

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Combating Summer Slide

We all now understand that significant learning loss takes place over the summer months, and at The Book Stall, we have some ideas on how to combat that loss. Of course, summer reading is a great place to start, and we have titles for even the most reluctant reader: graphic novels, sports, and science to name a few. We also have a wide

KARI PATCH selection of workbooks in a variety of disciplines, formatted to be fun and interactive. Finally, games and puzzles engage the mind, teach logic and math, help build focus, and can develop social skills. And we ship, so if you want to send your summer camper a book of jokes or weird facts to read aloud to her cabin, we've got you covered!

The Book Stall's Presence in Schools

The Book Stall is always busy with store events and shoppers, but what you may not know is that we have a strong presence in schools on the North Shore and all across Chicagoland. Our Events Coordinator, Robert McDonald, and Children's Book Buyer, Kari Patch, work hard to bring a wide variety of authors to elementary, middle, and even high schools. Says Stephanie: I was lucky enough to be on hand when the former Commander of the International Space Station, Astronaut Terry Virts, visited Sears School to talk about space travel. I sat in the back of the auditorium and watched dozens of excited hands up in the air as students ask probing questions, ranging from how do you shower in space to what's beyond the universe.

A very short list of some of the visiting authors this school year: Jarrett Dapier, Aaron Reynolds, Katherine Applegate, Celia Perez, Matt Cordell, Steve Sheinkin, Sherri Rinker, Salina Yoon, Kate Hannigan, Sarah Aronson, Jacob Grant, and Carolyn Crimi—but so many others! For many of these author appearances, The Book Stall provides detailed information about the author, insights into the featured book, as well as other books by that author, suggested classroom activities and specific curriculum guidelines.

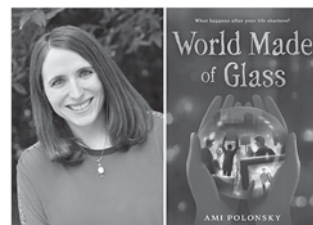
The Book Stall also brings authors to Title 1 and under-served schools, and each child receives a free, signed, personalized book. Most recently, super-star graphic novelist Jerry Craft visited Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. College Prep HS and Luuvie Ajayi Jones visited two Learn Schools in Chicago. We're grateful to all the school staff and librarians who make these visits so special, and also grateful to our amazing events team: Elizabeth Hubbard, Christine Ferdinand, and Nicole Hansen, who gamely drive all over the area with trunks full of books to support these events! If you're interested in bringing this programming to your own school (author visits are free; we just ask that order forms be made available to all the kids), give us a call at 847 446-8880 and ask for Robert or Kari, or email events@thebookstall.com.

Three Kids Events in June

On **Saturday, June 10, at 10:30 am**, we welcome illustrator **Cozbi Cabrera** for a storytime. She will be sharing the illustrations and stories from her new book, *Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking*, **Edna Lewis**, by Melvina Noel. This picture-book portrait of African American culinary legend Edna Lewis describes how she brought Southern cooking to the masses. **Ms. Cabrera** is an award-winning illustrator whose gorgeous books, including *Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn Brooks*, have garnered a Coretta Scott King Honor as well as a Caldecott Honor for illustration. **This storytime is free and open to the public, and perfect for kids ages 4-8.**



We partner with Glenview Public Library on **Wednesday, June 21**, to host **Ami Polonsky**. At 7 pm, she'll discuss her young adult novel, *World Made of Glass*. The FDA has just approved AZT as the first drug to treat AIDS. But it's too late for Iris's dad. He's dying, confined to a hospital bed in the apartment he shares with his boyfriend, J.R. (who Iris hates), four floors above Iris and her mom. Soon, all Iris has left of her dad are memories, photos, and a binder full of the poems they used to exchange. Iris resolves to speak out against the rampant fear, misinformation, and prejudice surrounding AIDS—and find the pieces of Dad that she never knew before. In the process, she discovers surprising sides to J.R., the joy of true friendship, and the power of her own voice in school and at home. This library event is free with registration. Registration on the Glenview Public Library website.

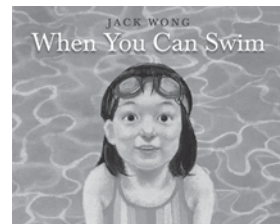


On **Saturday, June 24**, we host our good pal **Jean Reidy** here at the store at **10:30 am**. She'll talk about *A Book About You and the World Too*. The world is waiting. Just step through the door. There's much to discover—and more to explore. We'll have a reading, songs, crafts, and fun for kids ages 4 – 8. This event is free and open to the public.



AMY TROGDON

When You Can Swim by Jack Wong (\$18.99). When one learns to swim, it is a freedom like no other. The author depicts that freedom perfectly in pictures and verse. With



vibrant, colorful descriptions and illustrations, we see many venues of swimming—rivers, lakes, pools, and, of course, the ocean. A treat for the swimmer and those who have yet to learn! **Ages 4 - 8**

Oh No, The Aunts Are Here! by Adam Rex, illustrated by Liam Cho (\$16.99). When four aunts descend on a young child's home, things get interesting! There are forces to be reckoned with, reeking of lotion and sanitizer, forever asking questions, hugging too tight, and pinching cheeks! The aunts are everywhere! Humorously depicted as you would imagine, with T-shirts, sun visors, and, of course, fanny packs! The rhythm of the text make this book a joy to read aloud, and the illustrations capture the eccentricities of each aunt. A great book about the chaos of family reunions. **Ages 4 - 8**

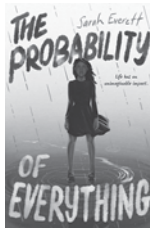


The One and Only Ruby by Katherine Applegate (\$19.99) "If anyone wants to know what elephants are like, they are like people, only more so."—Pierre Corneille. In this sequel to the *One and Only Bob*, the animals are still living at the Wild World Park and Sanctuary. Ruby is very worried about the upcoming Tuskday, which is a rite of passage for all young elephants. Ruby must give a speech in front of the whole herd, but she knows if she has questions, Uncle Ivan is right next door at Gorilla World, and Bob, the dog, lives nearby with the human friend, Julia. The anxiety of the speech is heightened by the arrival of a past caretaker from Africa, who brings back traumatic memories of



the past. Ruby's exuberant personality and playful nature add humor to this story of strength, courage, perseverance, and, most importantly, love. *Ages 10 and up*

The Probability of Everything by Sarah Everett (\$16.99, out June 27). Eleven-year-old Kemi Carter loves science and especially probability. She and her African American family have just moved to a new part of town, which is predominantly white. Although they have experienced some prejudice, Kemi feels like she is very lucky to have such a good life within a loving family. When Kemi discovers that a large asteroid is hurling directly toward earth, she realizes that there is an 84.7% chance the earth will be destroyed. Kemi decides her family is too special not to be remembered, so she begins putting together a time capsule. All the while, she feels that no one around her is taking the asteroid and the consequences seriously. The book, while being very emotional and often sad, is remarkable. It is a reading experience one is not likely to forget. *Ages 10 - 14*



BETSY BALYEAT

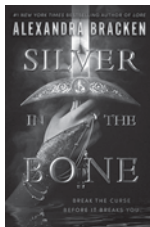
The Superteacher Project by Gordon Korman (\$17.99). Oliver Zahn, spitball champ and self-declared rule-wrecker of Brightling Middle School, is not a fan of his new homeroom teacher, Mr. Aidact. The guy is sort of stiff, never cracks a smile, and refers to them as "pupils". The worst part is he catches Oliver before he can pull any of his signature pranks! It's time for Oliver and his best friend, Nathan, to show the teacher who is boss. But as the weeks go by, they start to realize that Mr. Aidact is not what they expected. He has an uncanny ability to remember song lyrics and trivia. When the girls field hockey team needs a new coach, he suddenly turns out to be an expert. He never complains when other teachers unload work on him—even when it's lunch room duty and overseeing detention. Against all odds, Mr. Aidact starts to become the most popular teacher at Brightling. Still, Oliver and Nathan know that something is fishy. They are determined to get to the bottom of the mystery. What's the deal with Mr. Aidact? This is a perfectly written and fast-paced tale with a raucous climax, which I loved—a book all teachers ought to read! *Ages 8 - 12*



The Notorious Scarlett and Browne by Jonathan Stroud (\$17.99). A fast-paced fantasy adventure set in a broken, future England, following the further exploits of the outlaws, Scarlett and Browne. Scarlett McCain and Albert Browne have outwitted their pursuers and escaped into the wilds of Mercia and Northumbria, and it is not long before they become famous across the Seven Kingdoms for their audacious heists. No bank is safe from the pair, with their ability to read minds and make a perfect shot. But neither of them is fully able to escape the past—as they learn when a dangerous job turns sour. Soon old enemies and sinister new threats are pressing in on all sides, and Scarlett and Albert must pull off an impossible mission. Can they hope to outwit the Faith Houses and the Brothers of the Hand—and save the people they hold most dear? The vivid setting, rapid-fire dialogue, and nonstop action will propel readers through this rousing tale. *Ages 10 - 13*



Silver in the Bone by Alexandra Bracken (\$19.99). Tamsin didn't ask to be a Hollower. As a mortal with no magical talent, she was never meant to break into ancient crypts, or compete with sorceresses and cunning folk for the treasures inside. But after her thieving foster father disappeared without so much as a goodbye, it was the only way to keep herself and her brother, Cabell, alive. Ten years later, rumors are swirling that her guardian



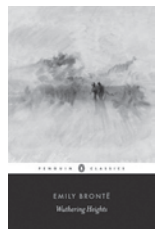
vanished with a powerful ring from an Arthurian legend. A run-in with her rival, Emrys, ignites Tamsin's hope that the ring could free Cabell from a curse that threatens both of them. But they are not the only ones who covet the ring. As word spreads, greedy Hollowers start circling, and many would kill to have it for themselves. While Emrys is the last person Tamsin would choose to partner with, she needs all the help she can get to edge out her competitors in the race for the ring. Together, they dive headfirst into a viper's nest of dark magic, exposing a deadly secret with the power to awaken ghosts of the past and shatter her last hope of saving her brother. This is a gripping, thought-provoking, and inventive dark fantasy. I don't usually read fantasy, but the idea of an Arthurian lore was intriguing, and I loved the story. *Ages 14 - 18*

A Door in the Dark by Scott Reintgen (\$19.99). Ren Monroe is a promising student wizard at Balmerick, a private school in the city of Kathor. Along with her best friend, Timmons, Ren is one of the few welfare students attending on a scholarship. Despite being one of the most accomplished students at the school, finding placement in one of the top houses is proving difficult and is a hurdle in the way of the secret mission Ren has set out to accomplish. When a portal spell goes awry and Ren, Timmons, and four other students from different walks of life are thrown together in the Dires, an uncharted land where the last dragons lived, one of them winds up dead and the rest of them need to learn to work together to make their way back home before they succumb to the harsh environment or the terrifying revenant following them. This may be the chance Ren was looking for to prove her worth. Placing elements of a locked room mystery and an original magic system within the familiar trappings of a school for magic, this is a no-holds-barred tale of revenge, atonement, and the pursuit of justice set in a diverse world. Ren is a protagonist for the ages: equal parts smart, calculating, and ruthless, forming a lethal package as an avenging angel. Excellent read! *Ages 14 - 18*

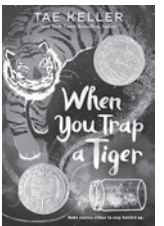


Our Young Readers Review

Wuthering Heights by Emily Brontë (\$8) is one of those famous classics you have to read. This dark, twisted, gothic piece of literature has been misconstrued into a romance, but in reality, that's not entirely what it is. It's not a Jane Austen novel; it truly is a dark tale filled with violence and betrayal. Since its publication over 150 years ago, *Wuthering Heights* has been interpreted thousands of different ways, and I believe it is best for each person to truly read the novel to come to their own conclusions. If you like morally gray characters, unreliable narrators, and twisted drama, you will truly enjoy this Emily Brontë novel. —Madeleine



When You Trap a Tiger by Tae Keller (\$8.99). This is a fantastic book about growing up and moving on. Lily and Sam move to the Halmoni's (Korean for grandmother) house. On the way there, Lily, the main character, sees a tiger in the middle of the road. But her mom's car drives right through it. Everybody tells her that she's crazy for thinking she saw a tiger, except for one boy, whom she meets at the library across from her Halmoni's house. Ricky's grandfather supposedly hunted tigers, and Ricky offers to help Lily trap the tiger. But when the tiger threatens to take her grandmother's life, it is up to Lily to save Halmoni and keep her family together. This book is fantastic and one of my favorite books by Tae Keller. You will fall in love with the characters in a heartbeat. This is a very good book if you are looking for a quick engaging read for a middle school student. Even people who don't like to read like this book! It is a crowd favorite and a must-read for book fanatics of every age.

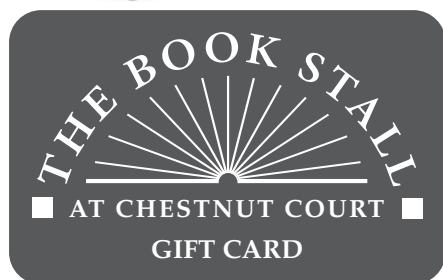


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<i>June</i>				1	2	3 9 – 11 am, Winnetka Farmers' Market, 754 Elm St. 11 am – 12 noon, here at the Store ABRA BERENS <i>Pulp: A Practical Guide to Cooking with Fruit</i>
4	5 6:30 pm at the Store STEVEN ROWLEY <i>The Celebrants</i> 7 pm, a FAN ZOOM Event BRUCE FEILER <i>The Search</i>	6 6:30 pm at the Store SUSANNA CALKINS <i>Death Among the Ruins</i>	7	8 6:30 pm at the Store NANCY HORAN <i>The House of Lincoln</i>	9	10 10:30 am, a Storytime COZBI A. CABRERA <i>Chef Edna: Queen of Southern Cooking</i>
11	12 7 pm, a FAN ZOOM Event CHRISTIAN COOPER <i>Better Living Through Birding</i>	13 6:30 pm at the store LISA SEE <i>Lady Tan's Circle of Women</i>	14 6:30 pm, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave. LINDZ AMER <i>Rainbow Parenting</i>	15 7 pm, Glencoe Public Library, 320 Park Ave. RACHEL JAMISON WEBSTER <i>Benjamin Banneker and Us</i>	16	17
18 Fathers's Day	19	20 7 pm, a Virtual Niles-Maine, Glenview, and Park Ridge libraries event MARY KAY ANDREWS <i>The Homewreckers</i>	21 7 pm, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Rd. AMI POLONSKY <i>World Made of Glass</i> 7 pm, Virtual Event ROBIN WALL KIMMERER <i>Braiding Sweetgrass</i>	22 6:30 on at the Store CHRISTIE TATE <i>BFF</i>	23	24 10:30 am at the Store JEAN REIDY <i>A Book About You and All the World Too</i> 1 - 4 pm, Arlington Heights Memorial Library LIT STROLL
25	26	27	28 6:30 on at the Store JONATHAN EIG <i>King: A Life</i>	29	30	<i>July</i>