



THE BOOK STALL

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THE FRONT LINE



November marks the start of the holiday season, and Thanksgiving is one of my favorites. It is the day we gather with family and reflect on all the things we have to be grateful for. I am grateful for many things, including the support the community shows The Book Stall, and the amazing staff I work with every day. And **Saturday, November 25, is Small Business Saturday.** We join with our fellow North Shore businesses to encourage everyone to shop local on this day. We know pushing that “buy button” may seem easy—but please know your support is what lets us keep a vibrant downtown, as well as contribute to many local charities and organizations.

Our calendar is not quite as packed as it was in October, but we are excited to welcome some incredible authors to the store. One of our partners—the Family Action Network (FAN) is very busy this month and has some truly excellent speakers, including David Leonhardt on November 2 (*Ours Was the Shining Future: The Rise and Fall of the American Dream*), Stephanie Land on November 13 (*Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education*) and essayist Margaret Renkl on November 14 (*The Comfort of Crows*).

On Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm, we welcome Beverly Patt to the store to talk about her new young adult novel, *More Than a Thief*, about a young girl and her friend, the infamous Lizzie Borden. We’re also delighted to welcome back Tim Johnston for his new mystery, *Distant Sons*, set in a small town in Wisconsin and focusing on an unsolved disappearance of two young boys. Tim is expert at penning a page turner – I loved his earlier books, *Descent* and *The Current*.

Our shelves are sagging under the weight of all the new fall titles (they are sagging a bit less now as my husband, Roger, has been working to reinforce them—he is so handy!). As the days are getting shorter, settling into a good book in front of the fire is especially appealing. I’ve always been fascinated by the iconic “California writer” Joan Didion and am excited to read Evelyn McDonald’s biography of her, *The World According to Joan Didion*. And on a much different note, Madonna’s music provided much of the soundtrack to my younger days, so I am curious to read Mary Gabriel’s biography (880 pages!), *Madonna: A Life*. Emily Wilson made a splash last year translating Homer’s *Odyssey*. Her attention-grabbing first sentence: “Tell me about a complicated man,” has everyone excited for her recent translation of *The Iliad*. Anne Enright’s *The Wren, the Wren* is a great read for anyone who enjoys Sally Rooney, and *The Glutton*, by A.K. Blakemore, tells the little-known story about Tarrare, a young boy who lived during the Middle Ages and was famous for his voracious appetite. He ate anything and everything as a traveling side show. And last, but certainly not least, Michael Cunningham’s (*The Hours*) luminous new novel, *Day* is a beautiful meditation on love and loss set before, during, and after the pandemic.

Finally, in anticipation of the gift-giving season, we’ve culled some of our favorite titles with gift suggestions for everyone on your list. See our “List of Lists” in these pages.

See you in the store!

*Many events require registration.
Go to “Events” on our website to sign up.*

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7 pm, Highland Park Library, 494 Laurel Ave.

JEFFREY MELVOIN

Running the Show: Television from the Inside

Jeffrey Melvin takes readers inside building a show from the ground up and what a showrunner’s life looks like in Hollywood. This unique job covers aspects from the creative to the managerial and everything in between.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

10:30 am, Saturday Morning Storytime at the store

North Shore Country Day School teacher **DAVID GREEN** will introduce last year’s third graders as they talk about their project to create an audio book for *The Girl with the Robot Leg: Being Brave*. See page 6.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

5:45 pm, Arlington Heights Memorial Library, 500 N. Dunton Ave.

JASMINE WARGA

A Rover’s Story

Jasmine Warga reads from her unique and deeply moving middle grade novel about the journey of a fictional Mars rover. See page 6.

7 pm, Wilmette Public Library, 1242 Wilmette Ave.

GRACE LIN

Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods

Newbery and Caldecott honoree **Grace Lin** presents an engaging conversation about her journey to become an award-winning author and illustrator. See page 6.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

6:30 pm at the store

BEVERLY PATT

More Than a Thief

Beverly Patt shares her new book, a historical mystery based on the Lizzie Borden murders. This YA mystery takes readers on a dark journey. Recommended for readers ages 13 and up. See page 6.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

4:30 – 5:30 pm, an after-school event at the store

MATT TAVARES

Dasher Can’t Wait for Christmas

Bestselling author and illustrator Matt Tavares presents his sequel to *Dasher*, a joyful ode to helping others and another holiday classic in the making. This book is perfect for kids ages 4 to 8. See page 6.

7 pm, a virtual Go Green Reads event

TATIANA SCHLOSSBERG

Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don’t Know You Have

From a former *New York Times* science writer, this urgent call to action—updated for paperback with a new preface and afterword—will empower you to confront climate change and environmental pollution by making simple but impactful everyday choices. To register, go to go.greenwinnetka.org.

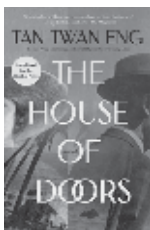
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THE INSIDE LINE

KATHLEEN CRAWFORD



The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng (\$28.99). Eng's third novel, longlisted for the Booker Prize, is set in 1921 Penang at Cassowary House. Somerset Maugham, a world-famous writer, thanks to *Of Human Bondage*, has arrived seeking a restful visit with his British friend



Robert Hamlyn and his wife, Lesley. The Hamlyn's are lovely hosts, Cassowary house is beautiful, and Penang enchanting, but the couple seem to have a chilly relationship and "Willie," as Somerset is known to his closest friends, is determined to get to the bottom of the frostiness. This gives Willie the distraction he desperately needs from ill-health, a bad marriage, and heavy financial losses. Willie and Lesley develop a friendship, and both become aware that each of them has their own secrets to keep. As Willie becomes ready to face his own demons, Lesley confides her secrets to him and divulges that she once was deeply enamored with Dr. Sun Yat Sen, a revolutionary, fighting to overthrow the imperial dynasty of China. Even more shocking, she reveals her friendship with Ethel Proudlock, a married woman, who was accused of killing her lover in Kuala Lumpur (a story based on fact). Willie has finally regained his writing voice in Lesley's stories and in 1926 publishes *The Casuarina Tree*, a collection of stories based on what he learned in Malaysia. Written in an unhurried style, this beautifully detailed and gracefully mannered story, contains themes of love, betrayal, sexuality, gender, and race and is one of 2023's best novels.

LEAH GORDON



Land of Milk and Honey by C Pam Zhang (\$28). In what begins as an almost dystopian climate change-driven story about a smog-induced famine, *Land of Milk and Honey* then whisks us up an Italian mountain to clean air and overflowing pantries. Aware of the risk in



embellishing her resume and abandoning her chef role in England, the protagonist finds herself cooking at the direction of her new employer for his daughter, Aida. Upon securing approval and employment, she then finds herself in a whirlwind of menu preparation and dinner service for his revolving guest list of potential investors. The new kitchen and its bountiful stock heighten all her senses in cooking, yet her palate struggles to accept the freshest of ingredients after years of being dulled by mung bean flour and unseasoned food. The story accelerates as her role shifts from chef to actress, chef to lover, and chef to victim, all while enticing us with gorgeous words creating a hunger for the reader. As the story evolves further, the employer's business plans are put at risk by the Italian government and citizens, as they demand the land be returned to them, thereby driving timelines, decisions, and departures. A novel for the senses and mind, *Land of Milk and Honey* creates a sensory experience for the reader, as moral questions around food security, capitalism, and climate change all layer into the abundance of questionable opportunities on the mountain.

JON GRAND



Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson (\$35). He has launched over 30 rockets into space, sold millions of cars, and purchased a major social media platform. He is probably the richest man on the planet. He appears to run over the objections of virtually anyone who gets in his way, as



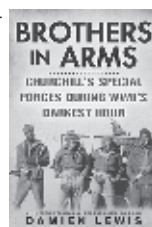
demonstrated by his cavalier approach to property owners, who complained about noise or damage. His methods were showcased as he took over Twitter, demanding excessive work time for

some, while summarily dismissing others. He is impulsive, abusive, and lacking any remorse for the pain he causes, especially as he enters what some call his "demon mode." As Isaacson notes "Simply put, he can be an asshole." But he is also brilliant, daring, and transformative. Like many geniuses, Musk has harnessed his demons and is, in turn, driven by them. Isaacson has written a deeply psychological biography that neither excuses Musk's behaviors nor fawns over Musk's brilliance. However, a critical review in *The Atlantic* noted that, unlike in his earlier biographies (e.g. Steve Jobs or Jennifer Doudna), Isaacson doesn't help us "understand how [Musk] amassed so much power and the broad societal impacts of his choices."

Purified: How Recycled Sewage Is Transforming Our Water by Peter Annin (\$28 in paperback, out 11/9). For years, major breweries have advertised the purity of the water used in making their beer. For example, Hamm's came from the "land of sky-blue waters," while Coors noted that its water flowed underground "some say, all the way from Canada." Fat California is an American oatmeal-based porter "brewed with water that is cleaner than the most pristine drinking water supplies." The water is recycled wastewater...purified sewage...and thereby hangs a tale. Seen from space, our planet's oceans shimmer blue. We are a water world. Yet potable water, water we can drink, is becoming scarce in many parts of the globe, including the United States. Even large rainfall and snow events are insufficient to restore large reservoirs or aquifers. As demand exceeds availability, new sources of water need to be developed. Desalinization is one approach. Recycling sewage is another. Not surprisingly, this second approach is a bit hard to embrace. But, as Annin explains, the technology is sound and already working in the U.S. and other parts of the world. Common practice is to mix the recycled water with groundwater, thus stretching the resource. Done on a large scale, such recycling can provide water for cities in the west for decades. As scarcity increases, what seems unpalatable now will be a godsend.



Brothers in Arms: Churchill's Special Forces During WWII's Darkest Hour by Damien Lewis (\$28). May 1940, British Expeditionary Forces are trapped at Dunkirk. Churchill orders any available vessel to help evacuate the beaches. Some 900 boats work to evacuate 338,000 British and French troops. But with a British military presence no longer on the continent, Churchill decides, in June 1940, to form the elite group known as the British Commandos. The members were drawn from existing units and given special, unconventional training that included intense physical conditioning and simulated incursions under live ammunition. The Commandos worked, initially, in small units conducting hit-and-run attacks on German forces along the coastline of the Continent. Using small boats like fishing trawlers or parachuting in, the units relied on stealth and surprise to disrupt occupying forces. Late in the war, brigade-sized units were used to disrupt or create diversions prior to D-Day. As Lewis catalogues the various raids and incursions, he introduces us to the men who comprised this elite group...men who volunteered, trained hard, and lived or died serving their country in its darkest hour.



Foreign Bodies: Pandemics, Vaccines, and the Health of Nations by Simon Schama (\$32.99). We are vulnerable. Human history is punctuated with episode after episode of devastating outbreaks of disease—outbreaks that wiped out entire civilizations. Long before carriers and disease vectors were understood, such calamities were viewed as divine punishment that demanded human and other sacrifice. As knowledge evolved, new theories of transmission and prevention also emerged. Even without the

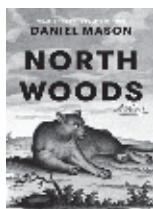


sophisticated understanding of germs and infection, pioneers like Lister understood that washing hands and surgical instruments saved his patients' lives. As science evolved, we increasingly relied on it to provide the cure or preventative solution. But trust in the science has not always been a given and, as we saw in the recent pandemic, that trust is still not universal. Early pioneers faced scorn and outright ostracism. Fear that vaccination was a way to give you a disease rather than prevent it, was difficult to overcome. Schama tells the stories of these scientists: the obstacles they faced, the perils that they faced, their triumphs and failures. Waldemar Haffkine was hailed as the "savior of mankind" for his mass vaccination programs. But pedestals are precarious places and he soon found himself relieved of his position and salary. We live in an age that reveres science and depends on it to save us. But it was not always so.

KATHY RILEY



North Woods by Daniel Mason (\$28). In the north woods of western Massachusetts, a yellow house is built by young lovers escaping from their Puritan village. What follows, in this fascinating novel, is the life cycles of this yellow house over the next 300 hundred+ years. Like a



collection of short stories, the lives of its inhabitants are included in prose, letters, song lyrics, and poetry. Their existences are ordinary, stressful, murderous, artistic, mentally unstable, and sometimes haunted by ghosts. The house is expanded, falls into disrepair and changes frequently over the years, as do the woods in which it exists. The lyrical descriptions of the woods and the varying personalities of the owners are testament to Mason's elegant writing. Through the story of this yellow house and the woods in which it resides, a history of America and its natural history are told using the everyday and unique experiences of its residents.

CHARLOTTE ROBINSON



Alfie & Me: What Owls Know, What Humans Believe by Carl Safina (\$32.50). This is a charming chronicle of a pandemic-times rescue of a tiny screech owl who grew up to be a competent mother, hunter, and wild-living owl, even though she had been raised by



humans and was uncommonly comfortable with her "people." The author describes Alfie and himself as having a wing in the human world and a foot in the world of owls. As the pandemic descended, Safina, a well-known ecologist, lecturer, and author, cancelled his travel plans and was able to remain at home and observe the owlet, Alfie, grow up in his back yard, living in a nesting box and being hand-fed by the author and his wife. His detailed observations of Alfie's babyhood, young life, and eventual role as a capable and nurturing owl mother are interspersed with his examination of humanity's relationship with the natural world, as seen through philosophy, technology, and religion through the ages. The story of Alfie, her human protectors, and her owl family is a reminder of our complex, numerous, and valuable connections with the natural world.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

6:30 pm at the store

TIM JOHNSTON

Distant Sons: A Novel

Tim Johnston's bone-chilling mystery vividly brings to life the story of a small Wisconsin town reckoning with unsolved crimes of its past—the disappearances of three young boys in the 1970s—and the two newcomers who upset its fragile peace.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The Book Stall closes at 3 pm.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Happy Thanksgiving!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Small Business Saturday

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6:30 pm at the store

SARA HOAGLAND HUNTER

Stories from Home: Married Days

In this comic, comforting sequel to the essays in *Stories from Home: Dover Days*, the author tackles the challenges and triumphs of courtship and marriage. It's a relationship roller coaster ride through a near-disastrous blind date, a horrifying "meet the parents" moment, a string of domestic disasters, and the white-knuckle twists and turns of family life.

Family Action Network (FAN) Events In November

FAN The Family Action Network (FAN) continues its busy fall season. This month's events are virtual via Zoom and do require registration. All are free. See familyactionnetwork.net for more information on these events.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

7 pm, a virtual event

LISA M.P. MUNOZ

Women in Science Now: Stories and Strategies for Achieving Equity

This book examines solutions to the persistent gender gap, offering new perspectives on how to make science more equitable and inclusive for all. It shares stories and insights of women from a range of backgrounds working in various disciplines, illustrating the journeys that brought them to the sciences, the challenges they faced along the way, and the important contributions they have made to their fields. She will be interviewed by Vanessa Bohns, PhD.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

7 pm, a virtual event

DAVID LEONHARDT

Ours Was the Shining Future: The Rise and Fall of the American Dream

Pulitzer Prize-winning *New York Times* writer David Leonhardt tells the story of the past century of the American economy. Its central argument is that three forces, above all, have dictated the economy's rise and fall: political power through grass-roots movement, culture, and investment in making life better for the future. He will be interviewed by Matthew Desmond.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

7 pm, a virtual event

DEVORAH HEITNER

Growing Up in Public: Coming of Age in a Digital World

Drawing on her extensive work with parents and schools as well as hundreds of interviews with kids, parents, educators, clinicians, and scholars, Devorah Heitner offers strategies for parenting our kids in an always-connected world. She will be interviewed by Heidi Stevens.

The Book Stall's Holiday 2023 List of Lists

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



...Novels

North Woods by Daniel Mason (\$28)
Wellness by Nathan Hill (\$30)
The Vaster Wilds by Lauren Groff (\$28)
The House of Doors by Tan Twan Eng (\$28.99)
Maniac by Benjamin Labatut (\$28)
Shark Heart: A Love Story by Emily Habeck (\$28)
The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride (\$28)
The Postcard by Anne Berest (\$28)
The Fraud by Zadie Smith (\$29)

...Crime, Mysteries, and Thrillers

The Edge by David Baldacci (\$30, November 14)
Murder Most Royal by SJ Bennett (\$30)
The Last Devil to Die by Richard Osman (\$29)
The River We Remember by William Kent Krueger (\$28.99)
All the Sinners Bleed by S.A. Cosby (\$27.99)
Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll (\$27.99)

...True Crime

The Lost Tomb: And Other Real-Life Stories of Bones, Burials and Murder by Douglas Preston, Foreword by David Grann (\$30, December 5)
Murderabilia: A History of Crime in 100 Objects by Harold Schechter (\$30)
The Hank Show: How a House-Painting, Drug Running DEA Informant Built the Machine That Rules our Lives by McKenzie Funk (\$30)
The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder by David Grann (\$30)

...Interesting Lives

Being Henry: The Fonzy...and Beyond by Henry Winkler (\$30)
Moral Courage: 19 Profiles of Investigative Journalists by Anthony Feinstein (\$50)
Einstein in Time and Space: A Life in 99 Particles by Samuel Graydon (\$30)
The Secret Life of John le Carré by Adam Sisman (\$27.99)
Astor: The Rise and Fall of an American Fortune by Anderson Cooper, Katherine Howe (\$32.99)
Julian: Rome's Last Pagan Emperor by Philip Freeman (\$26)
Elon Musk by Walter Isaacson (\$35)
My Name is Barbra by Barbra Streisand (\$47, November 7)

...History

The Globemakers: The Curious Story of an Ancient Craft by Peter Bellerby (\$30)
Founding Partisans: Hamilton, Madison, Jefferson, Adams, and the Brawling Birth of American Politics by H.W. Brands (\$32.50, November 7)
Pax: War and Peace in Rome's Golden Age by Tom Holland (\$32.50)
To the Ends of the Earth: How the Greatest Maps Were Made by Philip Parker (\$35)
Rome and Persia: The Seven Hundred Year Rivalry by Adrian Goldsworthy (\$35)
How to Interpret the Constitution by Cass R. Sunstein (\$22.95)
Time's Echo: The Second World War, the Holocaust, and the Music of Remembrance by Jeremy Eichler (\$30)

...Music

Elvis and the Colonel: An Insider's Look at the

Most Legendary Partnership in Show Business

by Greg McDonald and Marshall Terrill (\$32, November 28)

Listen: On Music, Sound and Us

by Michel Faber (\$30, November 28)

60 Songs That Explain the '90s

by Rob Harvilla (\$30, November 14)

Energy Follows Thought: The Stories Behind My Songs

by Willie Nelson (\$50)

George Harrison: The Reluctant Beatle

by Philip Norman (\$35)

Bing and Billie and Frank and Ella and Judy and Barbra

by Dan Callahan (\$30)

Johnny Cash: The Life in Lyrics

by Johnny Cash, John Carter Cash and Mark Stielper (\$55, November 14)

Sondheim: His Life, His Shows, His Legacy

by Stephen M. Silverman (\$35)

...Arts and Letters

The Book at War: How Reading Shaped Conflict and Conflict

Shaped Reading by Andrew Pettegree (\$35, December 5)

Grandiloquent Words: A Pictorial Lexicon of Ostroboogulous

Locutions by Jason Travis Ott (\$25, November 7)

The Writer's Garden: How Gardens Inspired the World's Great

Authors by Jackie Bennett and Richard Hanson (\$40)

100 Novels That Changed the World

by Colin Salter (\$30)

The Dictionary People: The Unsung Heroes Who Created the

Oxford English Dictionary by Sarah Ogilvie (\$30)

Poems in Progress: Drafts from Master Poets

by Laura Walker and Alexandra Ault (\$45)

...Food and Wine

Zingerman's Bakehouse Celebrate Every Day: A Year's Worth

of Favorite Recipes for Festive Occasions, Big and Small

by Amy Emberling, Lindsay-Jean Hard, Lee Vedder,

Corynn Cosci, EE Berger (\$29.95)

More is More: Get Loose in the Kitchen: A Cookbook

by Molly Baz (\$35)

Big Heart Little Stove: Bringing Home Meals & Moments

from The Lost Kitchen by Erin French (\$38)

Let's Eat Paris!: The Essential Guide to the World's Most

Famous Food City by Francois-Regis Gaudry (\$40)

Lidia's from Our Family Table to Yours: More Than 100

Recipes Made with Love for All Occasions by Lidia

Matticchio Bastianich, Tanya Bastianich Manuali (\$35)

The Core of an Onion: Peeling the Rarest Common Food –

Featuring More Than 100 Historical Recipes

by Mark Kurlansky (\$28), November 7)

Bruno's Cookbook: Recipes and Traditions from a French

Country Kitchen by Martin Walker and Julia Watson

(\$40, November 7)

The Oxford Companion to Wine

by Julia Harding,

Jancis Robinson, Tara Q. Thomas (\$65)

...Science/Exploration

Starborn: How the Stars Made Us (and Who We Would Be

Without Them) by Roberto Trotta (\$30, November 7)

The Unity of Science: Exploring Our Universe, from the Big

Bang to the Twenty-First Century by Irwin Shapiro (\$32)

The Underworld: Journeys to the Depths of the Ocean

by Susan Casey (\$32)

Alien Worlds: How Insects Conquered the Earth, and Why Their Fate Will Determine Our Future

by Steve Nicholls (\$39.95)

To Infinity and Beyond: A Journey of Cosmic Discovery
by Neil deGrasse Tyson and Lindsey Nyx Walker (\$30)

...Painting/Photography

Mark Rothko: Paintings on Paper

by Adam Greenhalgh (\$45, November 14)

Dorothea Lange: Seeing People by Philip Brookman, Sarah Greenough, Andrea Nelson, Laura Wexler, Nan Adwoa Nyamekye Ferdnance (\$55, November 14)

Surreal Spaces: The Life and Art of Leonora Carrington
by Joanna Moorhead (\$38)

The Art Thief: A True Story of Love, Crime, and a Dangerous Obsession by Michael Finkel (\$28)

Encounters with Artists by Richard Cork, Foreword by Cornelia Parker (\$34.95, December 12)

Brushed Aside: The Untold Story of Women in Art
by Noah Charney, Foreword by Ingrid Rowland, Afterword by Marina Abramovic (\$45)

...Sports and Games

The Art of Living Dangerously: True Stories from a Life on the Edge by Richard Bangs (\$40, November 7)

When The Game Was Over by Rich Cohen (\$28)

The Football 100 by The Athletic (\$40)

The Big Time: How the 1970s Transformed Sports in America
by Michael MacCambridge (\$32.50)

The Catch of a Lifetime: Moments of Flyfishing Glory
by Peter Kaminsky (\$35)

The 100 Greatest Retro Videogames: The Inside Stories Behind the Best Games Ever Made
Foreword by Iain Lee and Future Publishing Ltd. (\$24.95)

The Occasionally Accurate Annals of Football: The NFL's Greatest Players, Plays, Scandals, and Screw Ups (Plus Stuff We Totally Made Up)
by Dan Patrick and Joel H. Cohen (\$29.95)

Sports Illustrated The World Series: A History of the Fall Classic from the Pages of Sports Illustrated
by Sports Illustrated (\$40)

Jumpman: The Making and Meaning of Michael Jordan
by Johnny Smith (\$30, November 7)

Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments
by Joe Posnanski (\$29)

...Chicago

The Burning of the World: The Great Chicago Fire and the War for a City's Soul by Scott W. Berg (\$32)

The 500 Hidden Secrets of Chicago by Lauren Viera (\$25 in paperback, November 18)

Made in Chicago: Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites
by Monica Eng and David Hammond (\$19.95 in paperback)

Country & Midwestern: Chicago in the History of Country Music and the Fold Revival by Mark Guarino, Foreword by Robbie Fulks (\$35)

...Design/Fashion

Women Dressing Women: A Lineage of Female Fashion Design
by Mellissa Huber, Karen van Godtsenhoven, Jessica Regan, Elizabeth Way, Amanda Garfinkel, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Andrew Bolton, Anna-Marie Kellen (\$50)

Blue and White Done Right: The Classic Color Combination for Every Decorating Style

by Hudson Moore, Mario López-Cordero (\$55)

Heirloom Rooms: Soulful Stories of Home by Erin Napier (\$35)

Alexa Hampton: Design, Style, and Influence
by Alexa Hampton (\$60)

Ralph Lauren A Way of Living: Home, Design, Inspiration
by Ralph Lauren (\$75)

A House That Made History: The Illinois Governors Mansion, Legacy of an Architectural Treasure by MK Pritzker, Foreword by Michael S. Smith (\$65)

...Travel

Lonely Planet Your Trip Starts Here 1 by Lonely Planet (\$35)

Lodge: An Indoorsy Tour of America's National Parks by Max Humphrey with Kathryn O'Shea-Evans, Photographs by David Tsay and Rob Schanz, Foreword by Ken Burns (\$40)

The Joy of Winter Hiking: Inspiration and Guidance for Cold Weather Adventures by Derek Dellinger (\$30, November 21)

Best of the World: 1,000 Destinations of a Lifetime
by National Geographic (\$40)

Walks of a Lifetime from Around the World: Extraordinary Hikes in Exceptional Places by Robert Manning, Martha Manning (\$34.95 in paperback)

The Family Bucket List: 1,000 Trips to Take and Memories to Make Around the World by Nana Luckham, Kath Stathers (\$36.95)

...Nature/Animals

In Search of the Old Ones: An Odyssey among Ancient Trees
by Anthony D. Fredericks (\$27.95)

Beastly: The 40,000-Year Story of Animals and Us
by Keggie Carew (\$28)

Eight Bears: Mythic Past and Imperiled Future
by Gloria Dickie (\$30)

What an Owl Knows: The New Science of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds by Jennifer Ackerman (\$30)

...Filmmakers

Steven Spielberg All the Films: The Story Behind Every Movie, Episode, and Short by Arnaud Devillard, Olivier Bousquet, Nicolas Schaller (\$60, November 7)

The Worlds of Dune: The Places and Cultures that Inspired Frank Herbert by Tom Huddleston (\$35)

42: The Wildly Improbable Ideas of Douglas Adams
by Douglas Adams, Edited by Kevin Jon Davies (\$36.95)

The Hobbit Illustrated by the Author by J. R. R. Tolkien (\$75)
Oscar Wars: A History of Hollywood in Gold, Sweat and Tears
by Michael Schulman (\$40)

...Humor

The Inimitable Jeeves, Deluxe Edition by P.G. Wodehouse (\$22)

The History of Sketch Comedy: A Journey through the Art and Craft of Humor by Keegan-Michael Key and Elle Key (\$29.95)

Comedy Book: How Comedy Conquered Culture—and the Magic That Makes It Work by Jesse David Fox (\$29.99, November 7)

You'll note that not every book on this list is out yet. You can preorder these books by calling the store at 847 446-8880, ordering online, or stopping by. We look forward to seeing you!

the children's line...

The Book Stall Hosts *two* book fairs this November! Come support our neighborhood schools and make your shopping count!

The Willow Wood Preschool Book Fair runs from **Monday, October 30 – Saturday, November 4.**

The Winnetka Public School Nursery runs from **Monday, November 6 – Saturday, November 11.**

Tell us at the register that you want your purchase to support these schools during these shopping days, and The Book Stall will donate 20% of the total to the school.

On **Saturday, November 4 at 10:30 am** at the store, North Shore Country Day School teacher **DAVID GREEN** will introduce last year's third graders as they talk about their project to create an audio book for *The Girl with the Robot Leg: Being Brave*. As part of the third grade Service Learning and EDI curriculums, David's third graders did a big unit on people with limb differences and prosthetics. As a final service project, they created an audiobook version of a picture book about a girl with a prosthetic leg. The book, *The Girl with the Robot Leg: Being Brave*, by Emily Harvey, is a wonderful introduction to what it is like to have a prosthetic limb. Please note: books will be made available for order at the event!

On **Monday, November 6**, Kids book fans will have to choose between two amazing and award-winning authors and two free programs! **JASMINE WARGA** will appear at Arlington Heights Memorial Library at **5:45 pm**. Come hear her describe her artistic process and her journey in becoming a writer. Fans can purchase books and get them signed at the event. Ms. Warga is the author of *A Rover's Story*, *Other Words for Home*, and *The Shape of Thunder*. More information and registration at www.ahml.info



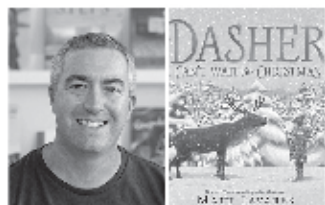
Also on **November 6**, **GRACE LIN** appears at Wilmette Junior High at **7 pm** for a program sponsored by the Wilmette Public Library. Ms. Lin won the Newbery Honor for *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* and the Theodor Geisel Honor for her early reader book *Ling and Ting*. Her novel *When the Sea Turned to Silver* was a National Book Award finalist and her picture book, *A Big Mooncake for Little Star* was awarded the Caldecott Honor. Her latest book, *Chinese Menu: The History, Myths, and Legends Behind Your Favorite Foods*, has just been released. For more information and to register, go to wilmette.libnet.info.



On **Thursday, November 9 at 6:30 pm**, we'll welcome **BEVERLY PATT**, who'll share her new book, *More Than a Thief*, a historical mystery based on the Lizzie Borden murders. This YA mystery takes readers on a dark journey. Recommended for readers ages 13 and up.



On **Monday, November 13 at 4:30 pm**, author and illustrator **MATT TAVARES** returns to the store to share his latest holiday picture book, *Dasher Can't Wait for Christmas*, at a special after-school program. The *School Library Journal* says of this sequel to the popular holiday picture book, *Dasher*: "Children of all ages will enjoy this special story for years to come....A must-have for the holidays." Baker (and bookseller) extraordi-

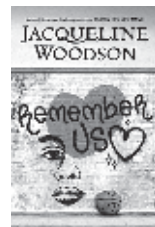


naire Leah will be providing reindeer cookies as a special treat!

BETSY BALLYEAT



Remember Us by Jacqueline Woodson (\$18.99). Another remarkable ode to Brooklyn and memory from the incomparable National Book Award winner, Jacqueline Woodson. Set during the 1970s, this nostalgia-tinged novel takes place when Bushwick was known as the "Matchbox" because of the fires that plagued their streets. The often-wistful text is lyrical, but the nostalgia never overwhelms the narrative. Woodson presents the microcosm of Sage's community of friends and neighborhood kids and macrocosm of the external world that threatens to destroy it. Sage's journey to finding herself while trying to navigate these two worlds will resonate with readers young and old. The power of community and friendship permeates every word in this middle grade novel for all readers. A truly masterful work. *Ages 8 up*



The Improbable Tales of Baskerville Hall by Ali Standish (\$18.99). Before there was a man named Sherlock, there was a boy called Arthur. When young Arthur Conan Doyle is offered a spot at Baskerville Hall, a school for gifted children, he is elated at being given a chance to prove himself. There, he makes friends with Irene Eagles, a girl who boldly strides into action, and Jimmy Moriarty, a boy whose brilliance rivals Arthur's own. Together they discover that their new school is a peculiar place, home to remarkable creatures and unexplained explosions. When the trio are invited into a powerful secret society called The Clover, they must pass three challenging tests to be accepted. But along the way, Arthur uncovers a mystery that will lead to a great adventure...and even greater danger. A bold and thrilling reimagining of Arthur Conan Doyle's early life, filled with students and teachers, who the world would later come to know so well. *Ages 8-12*



Champions of Fate by Kendare Blake (\$19.99). Blake kicks off a new fantasy series with a divine order of immortal female warriors, who set their hands on the scales of history, and the teen girls, who must pass one final test before they can take their place among them. The Aristene creates heroes, driving them toward the fates for the glory of their goddess, always in the background of history. If Reed fails to guide Hestion to glory, she will be forced to leave the order and her family behind. Hestion's country is on the brink of a holy war that could change the whole world. The coming conflict is more complicated than any Hero trial ever: Reed's friend and fellow initiate, Lyonene, is enduring her trial with a different prince and there might not be enough glory for both of them. Reed will need her wits, her strength, and her friends to emerge from the other side and handle the consequences. Blake deftly balances the distinct character arc and themes with sharp, thrilling action sequences. Fate versus free will, the ideas of religion, and the responsibilities that come with friendship are all explored from different angles, as the author pulls a reader through twists and turns. The tightknit friendships and the strong action sequences are the true heroes of the duology opener. *Grade 8 up*



Thieves Gambit by Kayvion Lewis (\$19.99). Debut author Lewis illustrates a captivation push-and-pull narrative that centers on a girl yearning for a normal life, while navigating a dangerous game, where cons and trickery are rewarded. Black Bahamian, 17-year-old Ross's quest, comes from a family of thieves, with her mother she completes daring heists around the globe. Though her thrilling life has afforded her close family ties, Ross has always been desperate for friends, and she intends to



sneak away to a gymnastics camp. On the night she intends to leave her life of crime, the job her mother is on goes sideways, resulting in her capture by mysterious assailants, who hold her for a ransom of one billion dollars. To save her mother's life, Ross enters the Thieves Gambit, a legendary, potentially fatal tournament in which the worlds' top teen thieves must complete a series of heists. Competing to be granted their hearts' desire with her is her childhood enemy, Noela, who is Swiss and white and also competing. Ross knows she must remain guarded, but she soon finds herself taken with handsome and cunning Devroe, who is black and British. Fabulous locations including the Bahamas, Cairo, and France add to this edge-of-your-seat thriller. *Ages 12 up*

AMY TROGDON



Zilot & Other Important Rhymes by Bob Odenkirk, illustrated by Erin Odenkirk (\$19.99). "A Zilot is an indoor fort, a home inside your home." This is the beginning of the zany, hysterical book of poems written by the author, when his



children were young and illustrated perfectly quirky by his daughter. Some of the poems are about common childhood experiences, while others remind us of Shel Silverstein in silliness and ludicrousness. *Ages 4 and up*

Mole Is Not Alone by Maya Tatsukawa (\$18.99). Mole is invited to Rabbit's party and is quite anxious about it. As he sets out through the tunnels, worry overwhelms him. What if he cannot think of anything to say? The closer he gets, the more anxious he becomes...until he finds another friend, Skunk, who is also unsure about going to the party. Rabbit sees them and invites them in, but they decide to have a quiet get-together on their own. A thoughtful, sensitive, relatable book about social anxiety and acceptance. The illustrations are soft pastels, that complement the story perfectly. Introverts will be especially reassured. *Ages 4-8*



The Apartment House of Poppy Hill by Nina LaCour (\$14.99, out November 7).

Nine-year-old Ella Josephine Norwood lives with her two Moms in a pink, green-trimmed apartment house on San Francisco's Poppy Hill. Ella is friends with all the people in the building, who are all very lovable, while being very different. Except for the Robinsons, who have lived on the top floor for years, growing the most magnificent roses imaginable. They never socialize or go out. Ella makes it her mission to figure out the mysterious Robinsons, all the while enjoying the rest of the residents. They are like one big happy family and one you will love to meet! This is book 1 of a new series! *Ages 7-10*



Wrecker by Carl Hiaasen (\$18.99). Set during Covid, Valdez Jones VII, 15, is nicknamed Wrecker. He is the eighth generation descendent of a salvage diver, who loves the ocean like his ancestors. To be in his skiff alone on the ocean is his special place. Since he is being Zoom schooled, he has plenty of free time. He takes a job taking care of an older man's family member's grave. One of the many fascinating facts about Key West is that iguanas love to sunbathe (and poop) on the gravestones. Hence, the need for cleaning! One night while at the cemetery, he is approached by a silver-mustachioed man, who wants Wrecker to watch over a fresh grave of one of his friends.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7 pm, a virtual event

MITCH PRINSTEIN and EVA TELZER

Social Media and Adolescent Mental Health

Mitch Prinstein and Eva Telzer, both with the University of North Carolina, lead an Adolescent Brain Development and Technology Initiative, a foundation-funded study on adolescent brain development, social relationships, health risk behaviors, and teen technology/social media use. They will be interviewed by Claudia Welke, PhD.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

7 pm, a virtual event

BEN WILDAVSKY

The Career Arts: Making the Most of College, Credentials, and Connections

Ben Wildavsky provides a corrective to the widespread and misleading notion that there is a direct trade-off between going to college and acquiring practical job skills. He offers sensible, clear-eyed guidance for anyone who is making decisions about education and career preparation with a view to getting ahead in the workforce. He will be interviewed by Sara Allan.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

7 pm, a virtual event

STEPHANIE LAND

Class: A Memoir of Motherhood, Hunger, and Higher Education
Stephanie Land is the bestselling author who inspired the hit Netflix series about a struggling mother barely making ends meet as a housecleaner—a gripping memoir about college, motherhood, poverty, and life after *Maid*. She will be interviewed by Molly Smith Meltzer.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

7 pm, a virtual event

MARGARET RENKL, *The Comfort of Crows*

In her book tracing the passing of seasons—personal and natural—the *New York Times* opinion writer and bestselling author **Margaret Renkl** presents a literary devotional: 52 chapters that follow the creatures and plants in her backyard over the course of a year. She will be interviewed by Mary Laura Philpott.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

7 pm, a virtual event

TARIQ TROTTER

The Upcycled Self: A Memoir on the Art of Becoming Who We Are
Tariq Trotter, aka **Black Thought**, is one of the most powerful voices in hip-hop. Winner of three Grammy Awards and three NAACP Image Awards, he has delivered 11 albums with The Roots and leads the house band on *The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon*. He will be interviewed by Theaster Gates.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

7 pm, a virtual event

KELLY CERVANTES

Normal Broken: The Grief Companion for When It's Time to Heal But You're Not Sure That You Want To

Kelly Cervantes's book is designed to serve as a companion through your own grief journey, whether you are mourning the loss of a child, a friend, a family member, or anyone special in your life. She will be interviewed by Christie Tate.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

7 pm, a virtual event

ALEXANDRA SOLOMON

Love Every Day: 365 Relational Self Awareness Practices to Help Your Relationship Heal, Grow, and Thrive

Celebrated author and therapist **Alexandra Solomon** is on the faculty of the School of Education and Social Policy at Northwestern University, where she teaches the internationally renowned course "Building Loving and Lasting Relationships: Marriage 101." Her new book encourages readers to redefine what it means to love and be loved. She will be interviewed by Esther Perel.



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