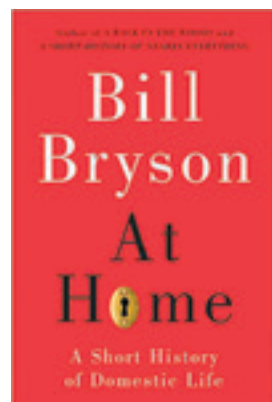


BOOKS TO LOOK OUT FOR IN OCTOBER



AT HOME
BILL BRYSON



EARTH: THE BOOK
JON STEWART



THE FALL
GUILLERMO DEL TORO AND
CHUCK HOGAN

FEATURED GIFTS



Magnets!

BUCKYBALLS - \$30.00

Come check out our new and incredibly addictive magnetic building toy! Each set contains 216 powerful Rare Earth Magnets that can be shaped, molded, torn apart and snapped together in unlimited ways. Make sculptures, puzzles, patterns, shapes, jewelry, stick stuff to the fridge... the fun never ends. **For adults only**—These are so super strong, they should be kept far away from children

Indulge Your Sweet Tooth

LINDT DARK CHOCOLATE WITH A TOUCH OF SEA SALT - \$4.25

This chocolate bar has quickly become one of our all-time bestsellers in the candy category. Lindt has become synonymous with luxurious, from selecting the highest quality cocoa beans to creating the finest textures and tastes chocolate can offer. The complexity of dark chocolate is enhanced by the addition of Fleur de Sel, a premium French sea salt in this delicious chocolate bar from the Lindt Master Chocolatiers.



Fall Must-Have

LIGHTWEIGHT SCARVES - \$10.00-\$17.95

The perfect accessory as we (hopefully) begin to enter some milder temperatures. These scarves are so weightless and airy you can wear them now. Use one to instantly chic up even the most basic look, whether it's tied, wrapped or just thrown over your shoulders. Available in a variety of colors, patterns, fabrics and sizes.



Play With Your Food

FOOD FACE PLATE-\$13.50

Play with your food and exercise your creativity at the same time! Food Face is mid-sized (9-inch diameter), crafted from hotel quality, food safe, high fire ceramics and dishwasher safe. Individually gift boxed with lots of inspirational food art. So bring on the mash potatoes and peas--the possibilities are endless.



Inspirational!

UPLIFTING WALL ART-\$14.00-\$24.00

Donna Downey is a best-selling author, instructor & all-around creative force in the crafting industry, and recently she launched this



home decor line. Filled with motivational and poignant words and quotes, these pieces are sure to spruce up any room and inspire your mind, body and soul.

EVENT PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Chelsea from Tiny Tails Traveling Petting Zoo joined us for a very special storytime with some very special little friends. She brought miniature rabbits, the softest chinchilla in the world, and the tiniest little hedgehog in Texas. She'll be back with even MORE animals & stories on Wednesday, September 8th. For more Event Photos, click on the Events tab of our website, then the Photos link.

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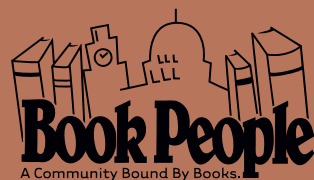
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It's a Book: September's Top Shelf Selection

IT'S A BOOK
BY LANE SMITH

"It's a Book," the title of Lane Smith's new book quietly proclaims. But hidden within that deceptively simple statement lurks the shadow of a much more complicated question: What exactly does that mean?

As weighty as that question might seem for the book world right now, Smith gives it a delightfully slapstick treatment as his story follows a tech savvy donkey flummoxed by the simplicity of his friend's good old-fashioned book. It doesn't charge up, there's no login interface, you can't make the characters fight each other at will, and it won't even hear the donkey asking, what exactly *can* it do?

With charming yet pointed simplicity, Smith's joke builds with each page as the woefully puzzled donkey tries desperately to "work" his friend's book, ultimately achieving comedic brilliance when the donkey finally opens the book to an illustrated passage from *Treasure Island* and helpfully whips out his laptop to trim Robert Louis Stevenson's reckless word waste into a much tighter text-speak replacement (u will tttly lol!).

However, aside from poking fun, Smith has actually offered us a wonderful celebration of what the act of reading can be in any format. Epitomizing this concept, one of the book's quietest yet most eloquent spreads depicts a time lapse view of the donkey lost in the book's story all afternoon. But while that message speaks to all readers, it's for those of us whose love of reading remains inextricably tethered to the smell of ink and the quiet rhythm of turning pages that Lane Smith's book resonates with perfection.

Ultimately, only time



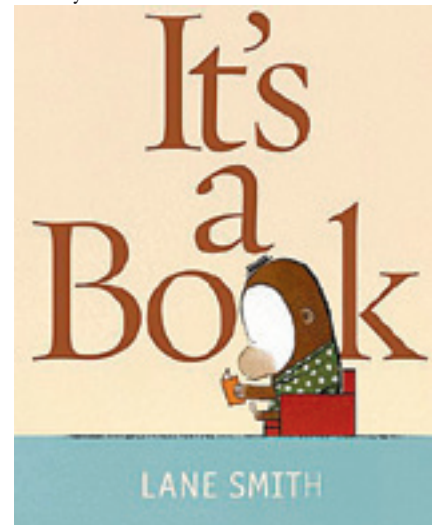
LANE SMITH

will reveal the last word on the future of books. But for now we can relish in Smith's scathing last words (culminating in one of the sauciest and most memorable punch lines in children's literature)—or at the very least let them remind us that, despite all the obituaries, the book as we know it is not, in fact, dead.

For me, Lane Smith's irreverent take on the book industry's much debated digital revolution feels both refreshing and especially appropriate as we approach BookPeople's 40th anniversary in November. The truth is that the book world *is* evolving. And even as we plunge into the digital age by preparing our website and our store to promote and process through Google Editions, we can't help but look back at four decades spent celebrating the written word as enshrined in the physical book.

BookPeople remains, after forty years, fully committed to fostering a community of readers bound by books -- whatever those words may come to mean. But at this moment we also feel that there is something timeless and irreplaceable about the experience of browsing through a shelf full of titles of varying weights and sizes until finding the exact one that feels right in your hand. And what is that magical thing, after all? As Lane Smith has so aptly reminded us, it's a book.

—Meghan Dietsche Goel is the Children's Book Buyer at BookPeople



COMING SOON:



R.A. SALVATORE
Monday, October 11 7 PM
Gauntlgrym



WORLD RELEASE PARKING LOT PARTY!
RICK RIORDAN
Tuesday, October 12 4 PM
The Heroes of Olympus, Book 1:
The Last Hero



PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER
Friday, October 29 12:30-2:15 PM
The White House Diaries
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JOSEPH SKIBELL
Thursday, November 4 7 PM
A Curable Romantic

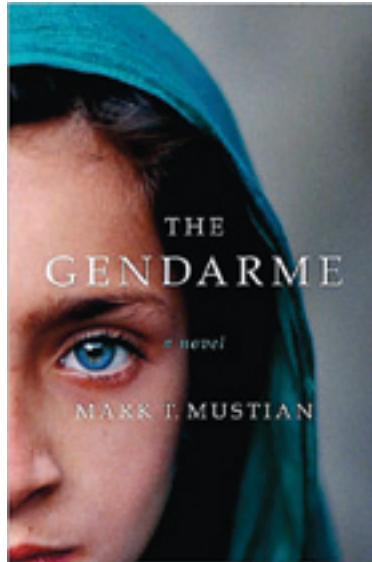


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Assholes Finish First



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Extraordinary Ordinary
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NEW AND NOTEWORTHY

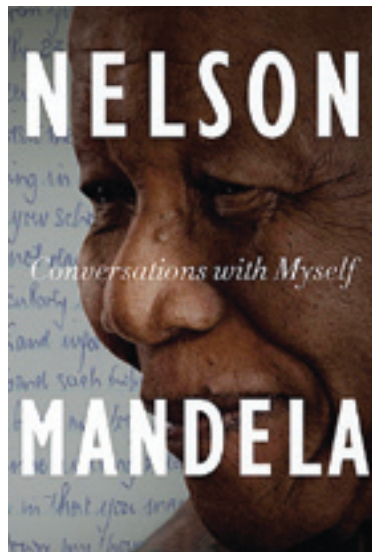


THE GENDARME
MARK T. MUSTIAN

Emmett Conn is an old man, near the end of his life. A World War I veteran, he's been affected by memory loss since being injured during the war. To those around him, he's simply a confused man, fading in and out of senility. But what they don't know is that Emmett has been beset by memories of events he has purposely forgotten.

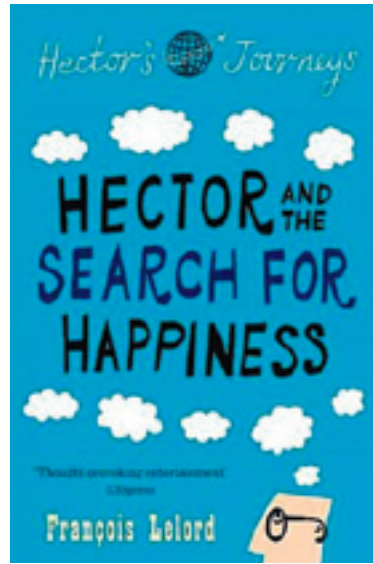
CONVERSATIONS WITH MYSELF
NELSON MANDELA

Nelson Mandela is widely considered to be one of the most inspiring and iconic figures of our age. Now, after a lifetime of taking pen to paper to record thoughts and events, hardships and victories, he has bestowed his entire extant personal papers, which offer an unprecedented insight into his remarkable life.



SKIPPY DIES
PAUL MURRAY

Why does Skippy end up dead on the floor of the local doughnut shop? Could it have something to do with his friend Ruprecht Van Doren, an overweight genius who is determined to open a portal into a parallel universe using string theory? Could it involve Carl, the teenage drug dealer and borderline psychotic who is Skippy's rival in love? Or could "the Automator"—the ruthless, smooth-talking headmaster—have something to hide?



HECTOR AND THE SEARCH FOR HAPPINESS
FRANCOIS LELORD

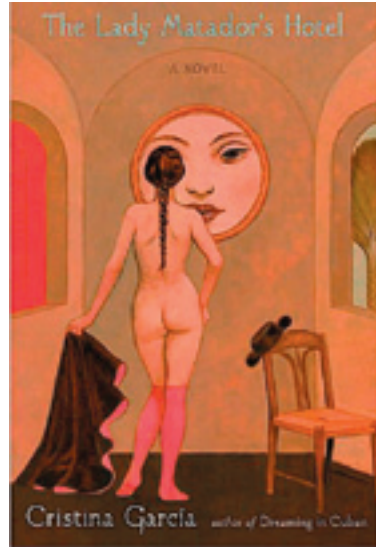
Already a worldwide sensation, *Hector and the Search for Happiness* finally comes to America, where readers will delight in its uplifting humor. Hector is a young psychiatrist in Paris who does not understand why his patients in this most beautiful of cities are unhappy. So he decides to take a trip around the world—from Paris to China to Africa to the United States—and to keep a list of observations about the people he meets, hoping to find the secret to happiness.

TOO BIG TO FAIL
ANDREW ROSS SORKIN

In one of the most gripping financial narratives in decades, Andrew Ross Sorkin delivers the first definitive blow-by-blow account of the epochal economic crisis that brought the world to the brink. Through unprecedented access to the players involved, he re-creates all the drama and turmoil of these turbulent days. *Now in paperback.*

HOW TO BECOME A SCANDAL
LAURA KIPNIS

We all relish a good scandal—the larger the figure and more shocking the particulars—the better. But why *do* people feel compelled to act out their tangled psychodramas on the national stage, and why do we so enjoy watching them, hurling our condemnations while savoring every lurid detail? In *How to Become a Scandal*, bad behavior is the entry point for a brilliant cultural romp as well as an anti-civics lesson.

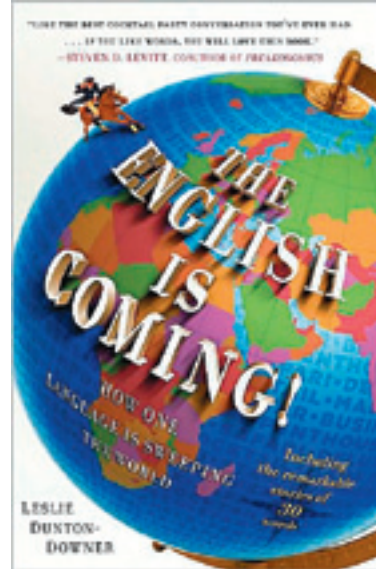


LADY MATADOR'S HOTEL
CRISTINA GARCIA

National Book Award finalist Cristina Garcia delivers a gorgeous novel about the intertwining lives of the denizens of a luxurious hotel. Cristina Garcia's magnificent orchestration of politics, the intimacies of daily life, and the frailty of human nature unfolds in a moving, ambitious, often comic, and unforgettable tale. See her live at the store on Monday, September 27 at 7PM.

THE ENGLISH IS COMING
LESLIE DUNTON-DOWNER

The English language is used across the world in fields like business, education, entertainment and environmentalism. Delving into the histories of thirty English words, Dunton-Downer sheds light on how strange twists of fate have evolved them into their current roles in the first language to span the global community. Culture buffs, world travellers, and language lovers will be inspired by this conversation starter of a book.

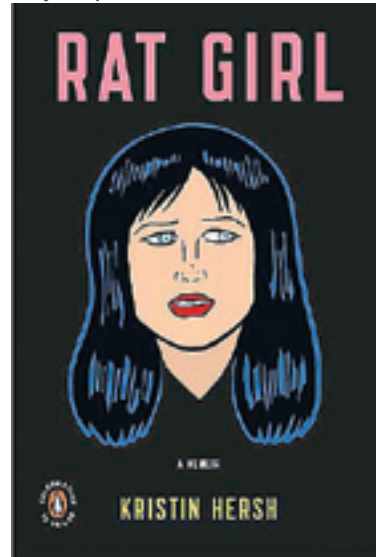


SHIFT
TIM KRING

This thrilling adventure combines psychedelic counterculture, supernatural forces and the highest levels of government clearance. During the 1960s in a CIA mind-control experiment, Chandler Forrester has developed a frightening array of mental powers and perceives a plot to assassinate the president. Will he be able to harness his amazing gifts to defend the country against her enemies and find a way to re-write history?

RAT GIRL
KRISTIN HERSH

After leaving home at the age of fifteen, Kristin Hersh had enrolled in college and her band, Throwing Muses, was just gaining popularity. Everything changed though when she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder and then became pregnant. An intense and deeply moving memoir of that pivotal year in her life.



DAY OF HONEY
ANNIA CIEZADLO

Living in occupied Baghdad in 2003, Ciezadlo longs for normal married life. She finds it in Beirut, her husband's hometown, a city slowly recovering from years of civil war. This is a brave and compassionate portrait of the extraordinary people who became part of her life in Baghdad and Beirut—a moving testament to the power of love and generosity to transcend the misery of war.

YOU WERE WRONG
MATTHEW SHARPE

Meet Karl Floor: friendless, orphaned, melancholy. Karl returns home one day to discover his house being robbed by a beautiful stranger named Sylvia. So begins a darkly funny tale: Sylvia, aware that Karl is falling for her, draws him into her mysterious world. As he becomes more enmeshed in her life, he begins more clearly to see the shape and limits of his own.

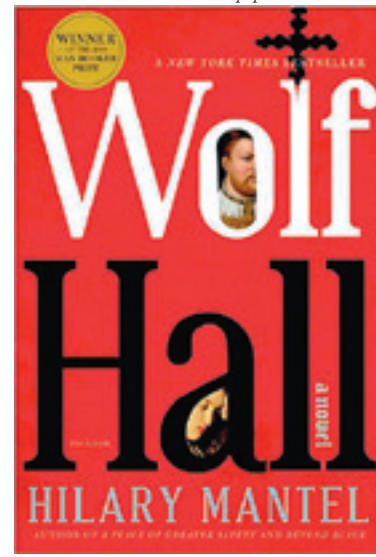


JULIET
ANNE FORTIER

"A plague on both your houses!" At the death of her beloved aunt Rose, Julie Jacobs inherits a key that sends her on an adventure to uncover her family's tragic past that inspired generations of poets and artists. As she delves deeper into the history around her ancestor's romance and the treasure they left behind, she begins to realize that maybe the curse of Romeo and Julietta is still at work today. Can she find her Romeo in time?

WOLF HALL
HILARY MANTEL

England in the 1520s is a heartbeat from disaster. If the king dies without a male heir, the country could be destroyed by civil war. Henry VIII wants to annul his marriage and marry Anne Boleyn. The pope and most of Europe opposes him. Into this impasse steps Thomas Cromwell: a wholly original man, a charmer and a bully, both idealist and opportunist. *Wolf Hall* won the 2009 Man Booker Prize and the National Book Critics Circle Award. *Now in paperback.*



What's Happening in BookKids?



Bookdrive to Support the Catherine Elizabeth Gibson Endowment for Children's Books supporting Dell Children's Medical Center library

Catherine's parents started the endowment after they lost their 5 year old daughter last year to complications from the H1N1 flu. Catherine loved to read books. She loved to read about the ocean, princesses and far away lands. She dreamed of all of the places that she would travel to in her lifetime.

We're helping to achieve the goal of making sure that the Dell Children's Medical Center library is always filled with books. We also want to help encourage parents

reading to their children. Come support this great cause during the whole month of September by donating a book to our book drive.

Join us for a special storytime in honor of the Catherine Elizabeth Gibson Endowment on Saturday, September 18 at 11:30 AM.



NEW FOR KIDS



CHICKEN BIG
BY KEITH GRAVES
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 4 AND UP

There once was a very itty bitty farm with a bunch of itty bitty chickens who had a whole lot of not so tiny opinions. So when an itty bitty hen lays one very humungous egg and a very large somebody hatches out of it, speculation runs wild. But what exactly is it? An elephant? A sweater? A very large squirrel? No one's entirely sure, but the one thing everyone can agree on is that none of those things is allowed in the chicken coop.

DOG LOVES BOOKS
BY LOUISE YATES
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 2 AND UP

Dog loves everything about books: the feel, the smell, everything. In fact, Dog loves books so much that he decides to open his very own bookstore. Of course, as any entrepreneur will tell you, new businesses can be slow, and Dog suddenly has a lot of time on his hands. So what's a dog to do but dive into his favorite stories and happily while away the hours?



INTERRUPTING CHICKEN
BY DAVID EZRA STEIN
RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 3 AND UP

Chicken loves bedtime because that means bedtime stories. Chicken LOVES bedtime stories. The only problem is that chicken loves bedtime stories SO MUCH that he just can't seem to sit quietly until the end . . . EVER. Exuberant youngsters will adore this hilarious picture book documenting Papa Chicken's valiant attempts to make it through one full story so that everyone can go to bed.

BOOK PEOPLE EVENTS


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MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THESE EVENTS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT WWW.BOOKPEOPLE.COM. AND, OF COURSE, YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL US AT 472-5050.

Wednesday 1 *10:30 AM

A PUUUUUURFECT STORYTIME

Today's storytime is all about lovable, mouse chasing, tree climbing, often hilarious creatures of homes & alleys – CATS! We'll read *I Don't Want a Cool Cat* by Emma Dodd along with other fine feline stories. Plus, we'll have face paint whiskers and goldfish crackers. Don't miss it!




Wednesday 1 *7PM

STEVEN SAYLOR

EMPIRE


Continuing the saga begun in his best-selling novel *Roma*, BookPeople favorite Steven Saylor charts the destinies of the aristocratic Pinarius family, from the reign of Augustus to the height of Rome's empire. *Empire* is filled with the dramatic, defining moments of the age, including the Great Fire, the persecution of the Christians, and the opening games of the Colosseum. Steven Saylor once again brings the ancient world to vivid life in a novel that tells the story of a city and a people that has endured in the world's imagination like no other.



Saturday 4 *11:30 AM

OUI! OUI! VIVA LA FRANCE!


Bonjour! This week marks the anniversary of the birth of Marquis de Lafayette, the French general who saved us big time during the American Revolution! In his honor, we'll have a very FRENCH storytime. We'll read *Madeline and the Cats of Rome* along with other French tales and make little French flags!



Tuesday 7 *10:30 AM

HEARTSOUND MUSIC STORYTIME

Join us this morning for a very musical storytime! Our friends at Heartsound Music work to help children, ages 0-5, learn to embrace their inherent musicality by using various methods of creating rhythm, humming tunes, and keeping the beat!




Tuesday 7 *7 PM

ANN WEISGARBER

THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF RACHEL DUPREE

In the summer of 1917, Rachel is isolated by more than just geography. She is determined to give her children the life they deserve, but she knows that her husband will never leave his ranch in the South Dakota Badlands: black families are rare in the West, and land means a measure of equality with the white man. Reminiscent of *The Color Purple* as well as the frontier novels of Willa Cather, *The Personal History of Rachel DuPre* opens a window on the little-known history of African American homesteaders and gives voice to an extraordinary heroine who embodies the spirit that built America.



Wednesday 8 *10:30 AM

TRAVELING PETTING ZOO STORYTIME

Attention all animal lovers: today's storytime is for you! Chelsea Phillips of Tiny Tails Traveling Petting Zoo will be here and is bringing along some of her animal buddies! Join us for stories and to meet some new animals creatures HERE at BookPeople!




Wednesday 8 *7 PM

DOUG DORST

THE SURF GURU

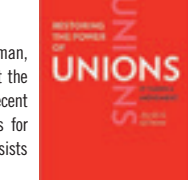
With the publication of his debut novel, *Alive in Necropolis*, Austinite Doug Dorst was widely celebrated as one of the most creative literary voices of his generation. Now, in *The Surf Guru*, his full talent is on display. Each of Dorst's stories achieve perfect pitch, pulsing with a gritty, punchy, distinctly American realism. With stories about drifters, a botanist, and the titular Surf Guru, the characters have all successfully cultivated a particular expertise, and yet they remain intent on moving toward the horizon, seeking hope in something new.



Thursday 9 *7 PM

DR. JULIUS GETMAN - RESTORING THE POWER OF UNIONS

The labor movement is weak and divided. Some think that it is dying. But Julius Getman, a preeminent labor scholar and the Earl E. Sheffield Regents Chair Professor of Law at the University of Texas at Austin Law School, demonstrates through examination of recent developments that a resurgent labor movement is possible. He proposes new models for organizing and innovating techniques to strengthen the strike weapon. Above all, he insists that unions must return to their historical roots as a social movement.




Friday 10 *7 PM

ANDREW WAKEFIELD

CALLOUS DISREGARD


"If autism does not affect your family now, it will." In the pursuit of possible links between childhood vaccines, intestinal inflammation, and neurologic injury in children, Wakefield lost his job, his country of birth, his career, and his medical license. A recent General Medical Council ruling stated that he was "dishonest, irresponsible and showed callous disregard for the distress and pain of children." Maligned by the medical establishment and mainstream media, Wakefield endeavors to set the record straight in *Callous Disregard*. While explaining what really happened, he calls out the organizations and individuals that are acting not for the sake of children affected by autism, but in their own self-interests.



Saturday 11 *11 AM

SCBWI MEETING FEATURING AUTHOR ANDY SHERROD: COMBATING ALITERACY: CRAFTING BOOKS THAT INTEREST BOYS

Join the SCBWI (Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators) in welcoming author Andy Sherrod. He'll be talking about creating books that our younger male readers would enjoy – they're a historically tough group to engage and Andy will be here to give tips & discuss just how to crack the code of the brains of these reluctant readers! Also, they will be announcing the Betty X. Davis Student Writer Award, which publicly acknowledging a student from a local writing/reading program for their excellence in craft.



Saturday 11 *11:30 AM

YOGAKIDS STORYTIME

Join us this morning for a lovely storytime and short yoga lesson by certified YogaKids instructor, Krista Phillips. It's the best way to start the day! Get here early – bending & stretching starts at 11:30 AM.



SEPTEMBER 2010

KIDS STORYTIMES

Sunday 12 *2 PM

K. A. HOLT

BRAINS FOR LUNCH: A ZOMBIE NOVEL IN HAIKU?!

RELEASE PARTY!


Join us for a truly disgusting and awesome party for the release of K.A. Holt's new middle grade book of illustrations and haikus about the liveliest of all dead living things, ZOMBIES! There will be face painting, brain punch, dancing, and lots more. Come meet author K.A. Holt and get a book signed today!



Monday 13 *7 PM

SMART CHICKS KICK IT TOUR!


Dudes and Dudettes – tonight at BookPeople, we'll be welcoming six of the best, most charming, most intelligent, coolest women writing for teens today – Melissa Marr (*Wicked Lovely*), Rachel Caine (*Morgannville Vampires*), Kelley Armstrong (*Darkest Powers*), Holly Black (*The Curseworkers & Spiderwick Chronicles*), Cassandra Clare (*Infernal Devices* series) and Alyson Noel (*The Immortals* series). Come meet them all, listen to their panel discussion, and get some books signed. Check out www.bookpeople.com for more event details, including the author's featured books & wristband system for the signing lines, and how you can enter to win MEGA SWAG BASKET!



Tuesday 14 *10:30 AM

MISS STACI STORYTIME


Ms. Staci is back in the store this morning, as she is every second Tuesday of the month, to read some of her favorite stories and to sing some of your favorite songs. Kids, don't forget your dancing shoes this morning! You're going to want to dance to some great tunes!



Wednesday 15 *10:30 AM

TOMIE DEPAOLA'S BIRTHDAY STORYTIME!


Tomorrow is Tomie dePaola's birthday and we're having a storytime featuring some of his best books, including my personal favorite, *Strega Nonna*. He's written and/or illustrated over 200 books & has received both Caldecott and Newbery honors. Come for the stories, and stay for the crafts & snacks!



Wednesday 15 *7 PM

JOHN SHORS - THE WISHING TREES

Almost a year after the death of his wife, Kate, Ian finds a letter that will change his life. It contains Kate's final wish to take their daughter, Mattie, on a trip across Asia. Ian and Mattie embark on an epic journey that retraces the early days of Ian's relationship with Kate. Along the way, Ian and Mattie leave paper "wishes" in ancient trees as symbols of their connection to Kate and their dreams for the future. As they celebrate what Kate meant to them, they begin to find their way back to each other, discovering that healing is possible and love endures—lessons that Kate hoped to show them all along.



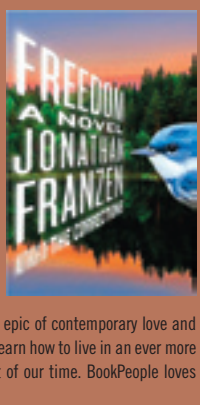
Friday 17 *7 PM

EVENT OF THE MONTH

JONATHAN FRANZEN

FREEDOM


What has happened to Patty and Walter Berglund's perfect family? Why has their teenage son moved in with the aggressively Republican family next door? Why has Walter taken a job working with Big Coal? What exactly is Richard Katz—outre rocker and Walter's college best friend and rival—still doing in the picture? Most of all, what has happened to Patty? Why has the bright star of Barrier Street become "a very different kind of neighbor," an implacable Fury coming unhinged before the street's attentive eyes? In his first novel since *The Corrections*, Jonathan Franzen has given us an epic of contemporary love and marriage. In charting the mistakes and joys of his characters as they struggle to learn how to live in an ever more confusing world, Franzen has produced an indelible and deeply moving portrait of our time. BookPeople loves *Freedom*, and we highly recommend this event.



September 18 *11:30 AM

BOOKDRIVE TO SUPPORT THE CATHERINE ELIZABETH GIBSON ENDOWMENT


Join us today for a special storytime/book drive for a good cause. Come to storytime this morning for stories from some of our favorite local authors and to talk about which books make you feel better when you read them. Then stick around and shop for books to donate to the Dell Children's Medical Center library. BookKids staff members will be on hand to help with any selection questions you may have. See "What's Happening in BookKids" for more information.



Saturday 18 *3 PM

SONIA NAZARIO - ENRIQUE'S JOURNEY

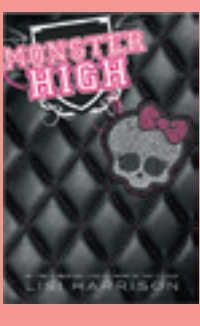
In this astonishing true story, award-winning journalist Sonia Nazario recounts the unforgettable odyssey of Enrique. When Enrique was five-years-old his mother left Honduras to work in the United States. After eleven years apart, he decided to go find her. With gritty determination and a deep longing to be by his mother's side, Enrique travels through hostile, unknown worlds. Based on the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper series that won two Pulitzer Prizes, *Enrique's Journey* is the timeless story of families torn apart, the yearning to be together again, and a boy who will risk his life to find the mother he loves.



Sunday 19 *2:30 PM

LISI HARRISON - MONSTER HIGH

The monster community has kept a low profile at the local high school, but when two new girls enroll, the town will never be the same. Created just fifteen days ago, Frankie Stein is psych to trade her father's formaldehyde-smelling basement lab for parties and prom. But with a student body totally freaked out by rumors of monsters stalking the halls, Frankie learns that high school can be rough for a chic freak like her. Come meet Lisi Harrison, author of the wildly popular *Clique* and *Alphas* books and get here early, it should be a big event! You must buy a copy of *Monster High* from BookPeople in order to have any of your books signed.




Monday 20 *6 PM

DOREEN CRONIN

RESCUE BUNNIES


Boy oh boy are we excited, and you should be too, because the great picture book author Doreen Cronin will be here tonight for her new book, *Rescue Bunnies*! She's written some of your favorite books: *Click Clack Moo Cows That Type*, *Duck for President*, *Diary of a Fly* etc. We'll open the night with a puppet show and then Doreen will read her new book, answer your questions, and then sign books! You must buy a copy of *Rescue Bunnies* from BookPeople to have any of your books signed. Please check www.bookpeople.com for more event rules!



Tuesday 21 *10:30 AM

I ♥ MY SCHOOL!

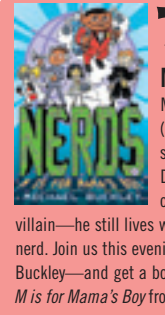
School is back in full swing and we here in BookKids couldn't be happier about it! New school supplies, new best friends, learning, recess, recess – all fun things that you get to enjoy every day! Today's storytime is about all things school-ish. We'll read *Is Your Buffalo Ready for Kindergarten* and other stories. Don't miss it, kiddos!



Tuesday 21 *6 PM

MICHAEL BUCKLEY-NERDS BOOK 2: M IS FOR MAMA'S BOY

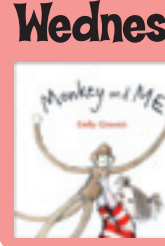
Michael Buckley's new book is the second in his *NERDS* (National, Espionage, Rescue, and Defense Society) series. In this second outing for the 5th grade super spies, Duncan Dewey, codename "Gluestick", is the point of view character. This time the group must fight a very unlikely villain—he still lives with his mommy. In other words, it's the *NERDS* against a nerd. Join us this evening for a truly nerdy event and meet the hilarious Michael Buckley—and get a book signed too! You must purchase your copy of *NERDS 2: M is for Mama's Boy* from BookPeople in order to have any of your books signed.



Wednesday 22 *10:30 AM

THE MARVELOUS, MAJESTIC, AND MELODRAMATIC LETTER "M"

May I introduce the musical and mellow letter "M"! On this mirthful morning, we'll be reading many stories starting the most melodic member of the alphabet starting with *Monkey & Me* by Emily Gravett followed by a myriad of other moving stories to abet in the merrymaking! So, meander down to BookKids this morning for a memorable storytime plus a monumentally amazing craft—10:30 AM!

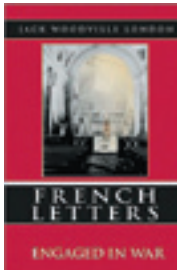


Wednesday 22 *6 PM

JACK W. LONDON

FRENCH LETTERS: ENGAGED IN WAR


French Letters: Engaged in War is the story of Will Hastings, an army doctor caught up in the D-day landings in Normandy and the drive to capture St. Lo, France. Isolated from Virginia Sullivan and the events taking place at home, Will faces the demands of combat surgery under fire and the losses of his brother, his friends, and his connection to home. Historically accurate, *Engaged in War* is a novel of the will to survive when war, distance, loss, and the uncertainty of the future separate a couple far beyond the breaking point.



Friday 24 *7 PM

CAROL BRADLEY - SAVING GRACIE


When she was born, Gracie, a little black-and-white puppy, was crammed in a crate with the rest of her litter. She was born in a puppy mill—a large-scale and shoddy run commercial kennel. In the United States alone, an estimated 10,000 crammed kennels produce as many as 4 million dogs a year, sold to unsuspecting families as "purebred" puppies. Award-winning journalist Carol Bradley chronicles Gracie's makeover from a bedraggled animal worn out from bearing puppies into a loving, healthy member of her new family. *Saving Gracie* will open your eyes, warm your heart, and call you to action.



Saturday 25 *11:30 AM

CURIOSITY DAY CELEBRATION!

Today we're having a super duper special party/storytime all about everyone's favorite precocious and lovable monkey, Curious George! Curious George Libraries and bookstores around the nation will be simultaneously celebrating the birthday of Curious George author, Hans Rey, decidedly the 'Father of Curiosity.' It'll be a BIG celebration—with cake, arts & crafts, AND the curious critter himself, Curious George.

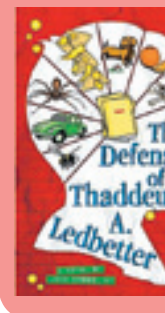


Saturday 25 *2 PM

JOHN GOSSELINK

THE DEFENSE OF THADDEUS A. LEDBETTER

Designed like a case file, chock-full of notes, journal entries, letters, e-mails, illustrations, and more, *The Defense of Thaddeus A. Ledbetter* is a hilarious middle-grade novel that argues why Thaddeus should be released from his in-school suspension and explains the unbelievable circumstances that led to his punishment. Like Adrian Mole and the Great Brain, Thaddeus is a too-smart-for-his-own-good hero. Join us at BookPeople today for the release party for this cool book! Come meet John, get a book signed, & eat some nachos with us!

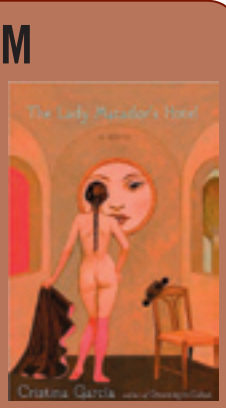


Monday 27 *7 PM

CRISTINA GARCIA

THE LADY MATADOR'S HOTEL

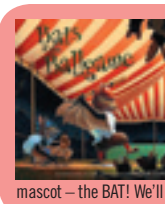
National Book Award finalist Cristina Garcia delivers a gorgeous novel about the intertwining lives of the denizens of a luxurious hotel. There is a matadora, an ex-guerrilla, a Korean manufacturer and his underage mistress, an international adoption lawyer, a colonel, and a Cuban poet and wife. With each day, their lives become further entangled, resulting in the unexpected—the clash of histories and the pull of revenge and desire. Cristina Garcia's magnificent orchestration of politics, the intimacies of daily life, and the frailty of human nature unfolds in a moving, ambitious, often comic, and unforgettable tale.



Tuesday 28 *10:30 AM

SQUEAK SQUEAK – BATS!

We do live in the city, but in Texas the countryside is never too far away! One of the best things to do in Austin is to watch the bats fly out from underneath the Congress Bridge at dusk. Today's storytime is all about our favorite little, squeaky mascot – the BAT! We'll read *Bats at the Ballgame* and we'll do some baty crafts too!

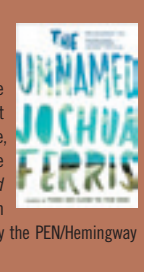


Tuesday 28 *7 PM

JOSHUA FERRIS

THE UNNAMED


Tim Farnsworth is a handsome, healthy man, aging with the grace of a matinee idol. His wife Jane still loves him, and for all its quiet trials, their marriage is still stronger than most. He loves his wife, his family, his work, his home. He loves his kitchen. And then one day he stands up and walks out. And keeps walking. *The Unnamed* is a dazzling novel about a marriage and a family and the unseen forces of nature and desire that seem to threaten them both, by the PEN/Hemingway Award-winning author Joshua Ferris.



Wednesday 29 *10:30 AM

OLIVIA TURNS 10!

Everyone's favorite porcine princess turns 10 today! That's right, *Olivia* is 10 and we're celebrating! Join us for a special storytime featuring *Olivia* books, including the newest, *Olivia Goes to Venice*. We'll also have cake and crafts and fun activities to celebrate her birthday! Don't miss it!

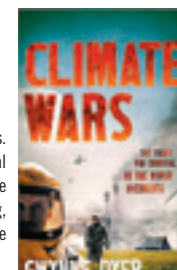


Thursday 30 *7 PM

GWYNNE DYER

CLIMATE WARS

Dwindling resources. Massive population shifts. Natural disasters. Spreading epidemics. Drought. Rising sea levels. Plummeting agricultural yields. Crashing economies. Political extremism. These are some of the expected consequences of runaway climate change in the decades ahead, and any of them could tip the world towards conflict. Present, unflinching, and based on exhaustive research and interviews, *Climate Wars* promises to be one of the most important books of the coming years.




SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUBS

Wednesday 1 *6:30 PM

REWRITTEN HISTORY BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING ROMAN BLOOD BY STEVEN SAYLOR

You are cordially invited to join Merilee and Sharee the first Wednesday of every month to explore and discuss works of historical fiction. Because, as Oscar Wilde said, "Any fool can make history, but it takes a genius to write it." This month's book is *Roman Blood* by Steven Saylor, so please join us for a special reception with Steven at 6:30PM!

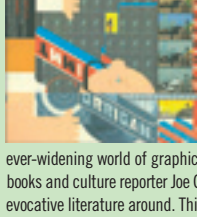


Thursday 2 *7 PM

THE STATESMAN WORDS AND PICTURES BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING JIMMY CORRIGAN BY CHRIS WARE

As Harvey Pekar said, "Comics are words and pictures. You can do anything with words and pictures." The *Statesman Words and Pictures* Book Club explores the ever-widening world of graphic novels, from the realistic to the fantastic. All hosted by *Austin American-Statesman* books and culture reporter Jo Gross. Don't expect too many lights 'n' fights, but do expect some of the most powerful, evocative literature around. This month's title is *Jimmy Corrigan: The Smartest Kid on Earth* by Chris Ware.




Monday 6 *7 PM

7% SOLUTION BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING THE DEAD LIE DOWN BY SOPHIE HANNAH

From the dark and foggy alleysways of 19th Century London to the austere modern high-rises of Tokyo, from proper Scottish tearooms to dank Egyptian pharaohs' tombs, criminals ply their vile trade. Come join Sharee and Tommy the first Monday of every month at 7PM as they explore the worlds of fiction's greatest mysteries where famous detectives pit their wits against literature's most dastardly villains. But you must hurry – the game is already afoot. This month's title is *The Dead Lie Down* by Sophie Hannah.

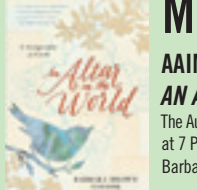


Monday 13 *7 PM

AAIM BOOK CLUB DISCUSSING

AN ALTAR IN THE WORLD BY BARBARA BROWN TAYLOR

The Austin Area Interreligious Ministries book club meets the second Monday of every month at 7 PM on BookPeople's third floor. This month they are discussing *An Altar in the World* by Barbara Brown Taylor. Members of any and every faith are welcome to attend.




Wednesday 15 *7 PM

STRANGER THAN FICTION BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING OUT OF OUR HEADS BY ALVA NOE

Reading fiction to escape reality is a great way to unwind, but exploring reality can sometimes be even more rewarding. Meet Cindy and Megan the third Wednesday of every month where we'll read and discuss books that range from botany to black holes. This month's book is *Out of Our Heads* by Alva Noe.

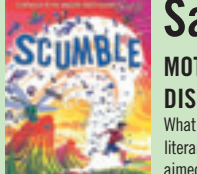


Saturday 18 *2 PM

MOTHER DAUGHTER BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING SCUMBLE BY INGRID LAV

What better way to celebrate Mothers and Daughters than with a little intergenerational literary chitchat? We meet the third Saturday of every month at 2 PM, and the books are aimed at girls aged 9-13 and moms of all ages! This month's book is *Scumble* by Ingrid Lav.




Sunday 19 *11 AM

INSPIRED READS BOOK CLUB DISCUSSING

NO MORE PRISONS BY WILLIAM UPSKI WIMSATT

Inspired Reads will explore books about good doing, good ideas, and good people. These will be non-fiction books about people and ideas that inspire us to make the world a more whole and healthy place. Authors discussed include Wendell Berry, Michael Pollan, Jonathan Safran Foer, and many more. Join us the third Sunday of every month at 11 AM to get inspired. This month's book is *No More Prisons* by William Upsi Wimsatt.




Sunday 19 *5 PM

THIS BOOK CLUB COULD BE YOUR LIFE

DISCUSSING HANK WILLIAMS BY COLIN ESCOTT

Get ready for some rock and roll! Dig into the history of rock and roll, its stars and styles, exploring everything from punk to pop. Whether you're a casual listener or a compulsive collector, Bosco and Stephana will satisfy your rock and roll obsession the third Sunday of every month at 5 PM. This month's book is *Hank Williams* by Colin Escott.




Monday 20 *7 PM

LUDICROUS SPEED BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING THE DISPOSSESSED BY URSULA K. LEGUIN

Time to get your geek on! From speculative fiction, deep space adventures and alternate histories to the magical and epic fantasy realms, all who can admit their dorkdom are welcome. The exploration of popular Sci-Fi and Fantasy authors and sub genres happens the third Monday of every month at 7 PM with Joel and Tommy. This month we will be discussing *The Dispossessed* by Ursula K. LeGuin.




Saturday 25 *2 PM

NOT JUST ANOTHER TEEN BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING RECKLESS BY CORNELIA FUNKE

Not Just Another Teen Book Club will be reading some of the books from the last few years that we have kept us talking the most. We meet the fourth Saturday of every month at 2 PM, and we welcome all readers aged 13-18! This month we'll be reading *Reckless* by Cornelia Funke.




Sunday 26 *5 PM

VOYAGE OUT BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING PLAY IT AS IT LAYS BY JOAN DIDION

Literature can teach us about places. The Voyage Out Book Club wants to explore those places through in-depth readings and discussions of books born from similar locations. Join Brian C. and Daniel the last Sunday of every month at 5 PM as we use some wonderful books to travel the world. The current region is California, and this month we are reading *Play It As It Lays* by Joan Didion.




Sunday 26 *7 PM

I READ BANNED BOOKS BOOK CLUB DISCUSSING

THE GOD OF SMALL THINGS BY ARUNDHATI ROY

Governments and people around the world work to ban books that they believe challenge, embarrass, or criticize them. But, thanks to the efforts of readers like us, the right of the public to read good books is preserved. Join Emily and Deblina as we celebrate our freedom to read the fourth Sunday of every month at 7 PM. This month's book is *The God of Small Things* by Arundhati Roy, challenged in India for obscenity.

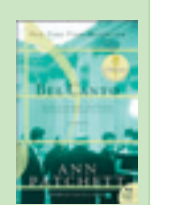


Monday 27 *7 PM

NEW & NOTEWORTHY BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING BEL CANTO BY ANN PATCHETT

Perhaps more aptly named the "sometimes new/always noteworthy" book club, here is a place to discover recent gems and to revisit old favorites. Spanning fiction and fact, from Chabon to Cheever, this is the book club for those looking to delve deeper. Come join Paul and Kester the last Sunday of every month at 7 PM. This month's book is *Bel Canto* by Ann Patchett.




Wednesday 29 *7 PM

HARD WORD BOOK CLUB

DISCUSSING ABSENT FRIENDS BY S.J. ROZEN

Tough stories with hard horrors and dangerous dames, where survival trumps virtue, no matter what side of the law you are on; this is what you'll find in the Hard Word Book Club. Scott and Nolan will guide you through the Texas plains of 1880, neon streets of fifties L.A., to the back alley's of present day Galway, with writers like Kelton, Hammett and Lehane. Meeting the last Wednesday of every month at 7 PM, this month's book is *Absent Friends* by S.J. Rozen, who will be calling in to speak with the book club.



TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY STORYTIMES AT 10:30 AM AND SATURDAY STORYTIMES AT 11:30 AM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.