**Books to Look Out For in November**

- **The Mind’s Eye**
  Oliver Sacks

- **Simple Times**
  Amy Sedaris

- **Skulls**
  Price: $4.50-$40.00
  Skulls are great conversation starters for any bookcase or shelf. Availability on styles may vary.

- **SHOPPER TOTES**
  Price: $7.95-$12.95
  Bag with candy, but these tote bags, made from recycled materials, can be used every day!

- **COLORFUL BOOKPEOPLE NALGENES**
  Price: $12.95
  Perfect for your favorite drink! Get your Nalgene from BookPeople. Drink up!

- **GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SHAPED RUBBER BANDS**
  Price: $2.95
  Trendy shaped rubber bands! Availability on styles may vary.

- **GARLIC MINTS**
  Price: $2.50
  Protect yourself on those scary streets! With these one-of-a-kind garlic-flavored mints you can feed off vampires, werewolves, or anyone in your general vicinity!

**Featured Gifts**

**The Elephant’s Journey: October’s Top Shelf**

**The Elephant’s Journey**

*By José Saramago*

*During the final days of his own life, the Portuguese Nobel laureate José Saramago brought us the very last story that he had to tell. It is about the journey a humble yet conscious animal will undertake. There is an abrupt shift in the monotony of an elephant’s life, when the king of Portugal, Dom João III and his wife Dona Catarina (of Austria) decide that the elephant Solomon’s (otherwise burdensome) existence is destined to become a delightful wedding present for cousin Maximillian, the Archduke of Vienna. But this journey that Solomon has to now undertake in order to present himself as a token of regal generosity, soon begins to decimate its own course independent of any royal dictations.*

*The narrative voice in this story isn’t one that disintegrates as you get sucked into the story itself. The narrator here is an oral historian, who relates the story with opinions and meanings aplenty. For instance, a ramble of sorts might be described to you as one derived from “ill-will, irritation or sheer contrariness.” The narrator is neither omnipresent nor all-knowing, but simply an opinionated observer, who reasons and questions the various perplexities of human actions. And in all fairness, even the elephant’s actions are not excused from the ponderings. The characters in this novel, notably the royal ones, set themselves up to be the objects of humor in the narrator’s eloquent monologue highlighting the apparent weaknesses of their character. It is, however, not some anti-royal, Communist propaganda. This is just classic Saramago. Here he draws comedy from the brittle composition of the righteouness of some of these characters, which is really just another expression of the frailty of human nature in general.*

*Then again, being the fan of parallel discourses that he is, here is yet another journey with another expression of the frailty of human nature in general.*

*Our separate ways. Dolina Moulik runs the I Read Banned Books Book Club*
Sunday 3 *3 PM
JEANNIE PLUMER - HAUNTED AUSTIN

"What are music and art doing to the world? To the young people growing up in this world? To the world at large?" These questions and others will be answered in Jeannie Plumer's talk, "The Art of the Impossible." A native of Oklahoma City, she's been in Austin since 1970, and has a long history of activism and creative and cultural expression.

Tuesday 12 *10:30 AM
MISS NOSS STARTIME

Thrills and chills! Miss Noss shares one of her favorite spooky stories, set in 1870. You never know what might be lurking right around the corner! This is one story you won't want to miss. Miss Noss is the author of several children's books, including Festival of Souls and Miss Noss's Haunted House. She loves the paranormal and the supernatural - this is a story you won't want to miss!

Tuesday 12 *1 PM
WORLD RELEASE PARTY FOR NICK ROBBIN

Come celebrate the release of Nick Robin's newest book, "The Discovery of Tibet." Nick Robin is a writer, filmmaker, and photographer who has spent much of his life in the mountains of the Tibetan Plateau. His latest book, "The Discovery of Tibet," is a fascinating account of his adventures in the remote and beautiful region of Tibet.

Wednesday 13 *10:30 AM
TRAVELING PETZSZ STARTIME

It's an exciting time of year! Autumn has arrived, and the colors are just beginning to burst. Join us as we explore the beauty and mystery of this season with a special storytime.

Wednesday 13 *10 AM
BEGINNERS CONCERT

Composition and performed by P. Kellach Waddle, this is a journey into the world of classical music and the joy it can bring to our lives. This event is perfect for beginners, and is sure to leave you inspired and enthused about the beauty of music.

Wednesday 16 *5 PM
SKELETON STORYTIME

Get ready for a spooky storytime that will make even the bravest of us shudder! Join us as we explore the eerie and fascinating world of skeletons. We'll learn about their history and see some amazing specimens. This is a storytime you won't want to miss!

Thursday 23 *3 PM
COMPOSER CONCERT

Composed and performed by Peter Sis, this is a unique and captivating experience that will entrance and delight your senses. Peter Sis is a renowned composer and musician, and his music is sure to leave you with a new appreciation for the beauty of sound.

Friday 23 *10 AM
HAUNTED AUSTIN

This talk will explore the history and mystery of Austin's haunted past. We'll uncover the stories behind the places that have been claimed by the supernatural, and learn about the events and legends that have shaped our city's haunted reputation.

Saturday 24 *10 AM
IMPROVED BEANS BOOK CLUB

The work as the antiwar theme of the movie Platoon. Barber's Adagio is truly the saddest music of the whole and healthy place. Authors discussed include Wendell Berry, Michael Pollan, Jonathan Lethem, and the whole and healthy place.

Monday 26 *10 AM
SKELETON STARTIME

Have you ever wondered what it's like to be a skeleton? This storytime will take you on a journey through the world of skeletons, exploring their history and their place in our culture.

Monday 26 *7 PM
DR. KELLY WEBB FEREBEEN - LIVESTREAM

Dr. Kelly Webb Ferebee, who maintains a dual career as a singer/songwriter and a Montessori teacher, will be joining us today to share her favorite songs and stories. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to hear from this talented musician and educator.

Tuesday 27 *7 PM
THE CATCHER IN THE RYE BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of "The Catcher in the Rye," a timeless classic that has captured the imagination of readers for decades. We'll explore the themes and ideas of this novel, and share our thoughts on one of the most beloved books of all time.

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HOUSTON BOOK CLUB

Join us for a discussion of "The Hunger Games," a thrilling novel that has captured the hearts of readers around the world. We'll explore the themes and ideas of this novel, and share our thoughts on one of the most beloved books of all time.

Wednesday 28 *7 PM
THE MONSTER AT THE END OF THIS BOOK STARRING JIM CARrey

The Monster at the End of This Book is a beloved children's book that has been cherished for generations. Join us as we celebrate this classic with a special performance featuring the incredible voice of Jim Carrey.

Wednesday 28 *7 PM
PARIS THROUGH THE SEASONS AND THE MOON: A GIRLSON THE MOON

This discussion group meets monthly to explore the rich tapestry of Parisian life through the seasons and the moon. We'll read and discuss a variety of books and articles, and share our thoughts on the magic and mystery of this renowned city.

Thursday 29 *12:30-2:15 PM
EVENT OF THE MONTH

President Jimmy Carter

White House Diary

"The White House Diary" is a collection of President Jimmy Carter's diary entries from his time in office as the 39th President of the United States. This book provides a unique and intimate view of the presidency, offering readers a glimpse into the inner workings of the Oval Office.

Sunday 31 *5 PM
VOYAGE OUT BOOK CLUB DISCUSSION

The People with the Proper Name (2010)

Join us for a discussion of "The People with the Proper Name," a novel that explores the complexities of identity and belonging. We'll explore the themes and ideas of this novel, and share our thoughts on one of the most beloved books of all time.

Saturday 30 *11:30AM
HALLOWEEN PARITY WITH SPECIAL GUESTS ILLUSTRATOR, KATIE GAMES AND WIZARD OF THE NORTHWEST TALENTS!

Halloween is a time of year when anything is possible. Join us as we celebrate the holiday with a special parity show featuring some of the North West's most talented artists and performers. Don't miss out on this fantastic event!