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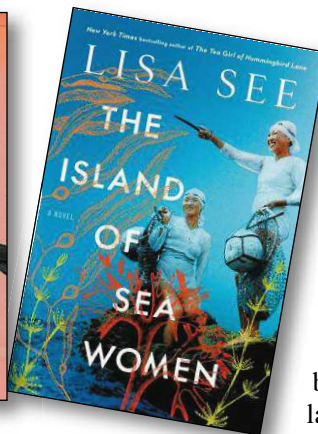
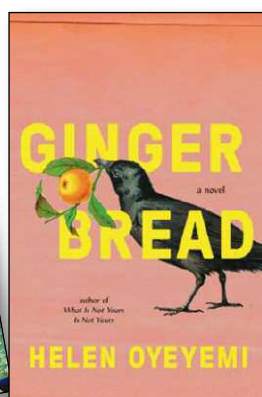
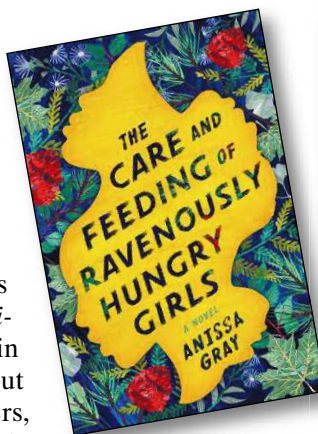


Let your imagination run wild.

A Dash of Scandal, Sugar, and the Sea

The Care and Feeding of Ravenously Hungry Girls by Anissa Gray

"The Mothers meets An American Marriage" (HelloGiggles) in this dazzling debut about mothers and daughters, identity and family. The Butler family has had their share of trials—as sisters Althea, Viola, and Lillian can attest—but nothing prepared them for the literal trial that upends their lives. Althea, the eldest sister and substitute matriarch, is a force to be reckoned with, and her younger sisters have both appreciated and chafed at her strong will. They are as stunned as the rest of the community when she and her husband are arrested, and the family is disgraced. As Althea awaits her fate, Lillian and Viola must come together in the house they grew up in to care for their sister's daughters. What unfolds is a stunning portrait of the heart and core of an American family. Berkley \$26. 🎧



The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See

Mi-ja and Young-sook are best friends and live on the Korean island of Jeju. When they are old enough, they become baby divers with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother. Over

decades that span Japanese colonialism, WWII, the Korean War, and the era of cell phones and wet suits, the residents of Jeju find themselves caught between warring empires. Mi-ja is the daughter of a Japanese collaborator, and is forever marked by this association. Young-sook will inherit her mother's position leading the village divers. And despite surviving hundreds of dives together and developing the closest of bonds, these outside forces will push the friends' relationship to the breaking point. Scribner \$27. 📖 🎧

Gingerbread by Helen Oyeyemi

Perdita Lee may appear to be your average British schoolgirl and Harriet Lee may seem just a working mother; but there are signs they might not be as normal as they think they are. For one thing, they share a gold-painted apartment with surprisingly verbal vegetation. And then there's the gingerbread they make—popular in Druhástrana, the far-away (or, according to many, non-existent) land of Harriet Lee's youth. The world's truest lover of the Lee family gingerbread, however, is Harriet's childhood friend who seems to have had a hand in everything that has happened to Harriet since they met. Surprising and satisfying, written with Helen Oyeyemi's inimitable style and imagination, *Gingerbread* is a true feast. Riverhead \$27. ★ 🎧

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Dear Booklover,



The book world is just so interesting these days. You and other readers have been buying books in droves; at the end of 2018, during the holiday sales season, the demand for print books actually out-paced the supply!

Overall book sales across independent bookstores increased nearly 5% in 2018, and the holiday shopping season saw a 21% increase over the same period in 2017! Because of the increased demand, some publishers had to postpone release dates, and printers are working furiously into this year to catch up with the backlog.

It is an amazing problem to have, and we see this as a wonderful sign for things to come. We celebrate all of you who are pushing books and the publishing industry forward!

There are lots of things to celebrate this time of year. April is National Poetry Month, and you'll find both poetry and books in verse sprinkled throughout this edition. During this issue of *THE OCTAVIAN*, we are also celebrating motherhood, diversity, the power of conversation and amazing stories of people who thrive despite the odds. Be sure to check out Mira Jacob's *Good Talk*, *Internment* by Samira Ahmed and Mitchell Jackson's *Survival Math*. Plus we've got some great fantasy including Ann Leckie's *The Raven Tower* and plenty of thrillers to keep the pages turning. And we hope you will visit during the 100th Anniversary of Children's Book Week (April 29 – May 5) and join us for the 5th annual New Orleans Independent Bookstore Day (Saturday, May 11). On top of it all, we continue to have a very exciting lineup of author events we know you will be interested in.

What are you celebrating this spring? We hope you'll visit Octavia Books and share your enthusiasm with us. There's nothing like a book and a good conversation to enhance happy occasions. Please come see us soon!

Judith A. Rafetto Thomas P. Soumbura



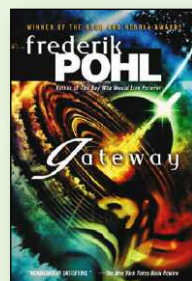
BOOK CLUBS

OCTAVIA BOOKS SCIENCE FICTION BOOK CLUB

Second Saturday at 10:30 am

Saturday, April 13, 2 pm (new time, this month only)

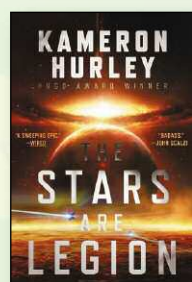
Gateway by Frederik Pohl



Winner of the Hugo and Nebula Awards! Seeded among the stars are troves of artifacts left behind by the long-vanished alien race called the Heechee. For the right price, anyone can climb aboard one of the abandoned Heechee spaceships, cast off on an autopilot voyage to parts unknown, and take a chance on finding wealth... or facing death. Robinette Broadhead took that chance and walked away a winner. But at what cost? Despite living a life of material luxury, he's haunted by crippling despair—and the dark secrets buried deep in his psyche. Del Ray \$17.

Saturday, May 11, 10:30 am

The Stars Are Legion by Kameron Hurley



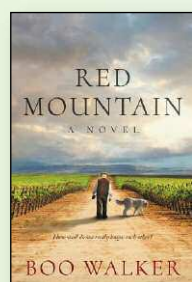
Somewhere on the outer rim of the universe, a mass of decaying world-ships known as the Legion is traveling between the stars. Here, a war for control of the Legion has been waged for generations. Zan wakes with no memory, prisoner of a people claiming to be her family. She is told she is their salvation, the only person able to board the Mokshi, a ship with the power to leave the Legion. But Zan's new family is not the only one desperate to gain control of the ship, and she must choose sides in a genocidal campaign that will take her to the belly of the world. Saga \$16.99. ★🎧

OCTAVIA BOOKS BOOK CLUB

Third Saturday at 10:30 am

Saturday, April 20, 10:30 am

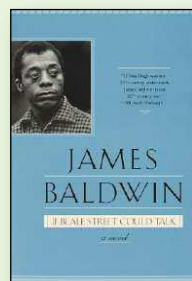
Red Mountain by Boo Walker



Red Mountain in Washington is home to eccentrics. Otis howls at the moon fully nude. Margot is obsessed with murdering her ex. High school senior Emilia is escaping celebrity parents. And Brooks is haunted by his past living on the streets as an orphan. Somehow, they live together harmoniously, their lives intertwined like the vines in Red Mountain's renowned vineyards. But in a place where everyone knows each other, secrets are poison. When their secrets come to light, will their mountain be stronger for it—or will lives be torn apart? Sandy Run \$15.99.

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 am

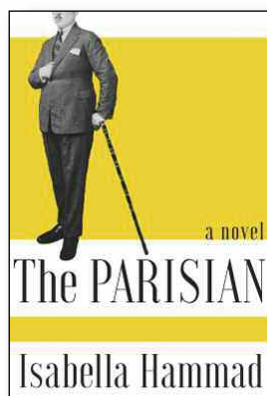
If Beale Street Could Talk by James Baldwin



Told through the eyes of Tish, a 19-year-old girl, in love with Fonny, a young sculptor who is the father of her child, Baldwin's story mixes the sweet and the sad. Tish and Fonny have pledged to get married, but Fonny is falsely accused of a terrible crime and imprisoned. Their families set out to clear his name, and as they face an uncertain future, the lovers experience a kaleidoscope of emotions. In a love story that evokes the blues, Baldwin has created two characters so profoundly realized they are unforgettably ingrained in the American psyche. Vintage \$14.95. 🎧

COME JOIN THE CONVERSATION!

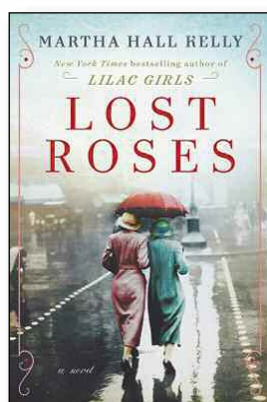
Exciting New Fiction



The Parisian

by Isabella Hammad

Midhat Kamal is the son of a wealthy textile merchant from Nablus, a town in Ottoman Palestine. A dreamer and romantic, in 1914 he leaves to study medicine in France, and falls in love. When Midhat returns to Nablus to find it under British rule and erupting with nationalist fervor, he must find a way to cope with his conflicting loyalties. Against a landscape of political change that continues to define the Middle East, *The Parisian* explores power and identity, love, and the uncanny ability of the past to disrupt the present. Grove \$27. Avail. 4/9



Lost Roses

by Martha Hall Kelly

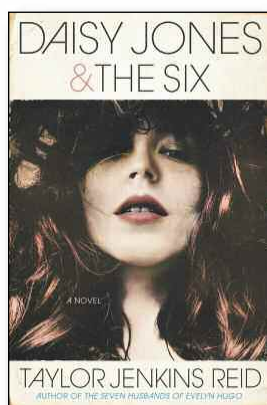
Lilac Girls introduced real-life heroine Caroline Ferriday. Now *Lost Roses*, also inspired by true events, features Caroline's mother and follows three women in the shadow of WWI. It is 1914, and New Yorker Eliza Ferriday is traveling to St. Petersburg with her friend Sofya Streshnayva, a cousin of the Romanovs. But Austria declares war on Serbia, and Eliza escapes back to America, while Sofya and her family flee to their country estate. In need of domestic help, they hire the local fortune-teller's daughter, Varinka, unknowingly bringing intense danger into their household. Ballantine \$28. Avail. 4/9



Kaddish.com

by Nathan Englander

Larry is the secular son in a family of Orthodox Jews. When his father dies, it's his job to recite the Kaddish, the Jewish prayer for the dead, every day for eleven months. But to the horror of his sister, Larry refuses—imperiling the fate of his father's soul. To appease her, Larry hires a stranger through the website kaddish.com to recite the prayer and shepherd his father's soul. Sharp, irreverent, and hilarious, Englander's tale of a son who makes a diabolical compromise ingeniously captures the tensions between tradition and modernity. Knopf \$24.95.



Daisy Jones & the Six

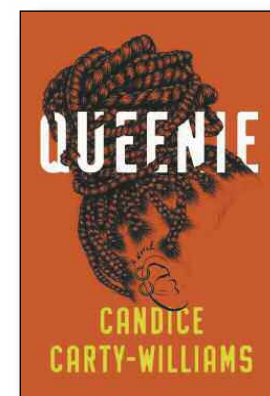
by Taylor Jenkins Reid

Everyone knows Daisy Jones & the Six, but nobody knows the reason behind their split at the height of their popularity... until now. Daisy is a girl coming of age in L.A. in the late sixties. The sex and drugs are thrilling, but it's the rock 'n' roll she loves most. By the time she's twenty, her voice is getting noticed. Also getting noticed is The Six, a band led by the brooding Billy Dunne. Daisy and Billy cross paths when a producer realizes that the key to supercharged success is to put the two together. What happens next will become the stuff of legend. Ballantine \$27.

Queenie

by Candice Carty-Williams

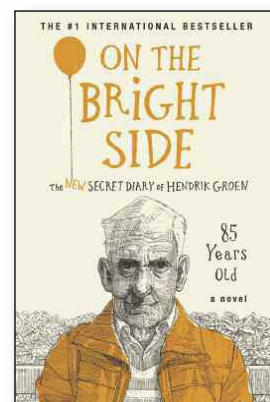
Bridget Jones's Diary meets *Americanah* in this disarmingly honest novel that follows Queenie, a 25-year-old Jamaican British woman living in London, straddling two cultures and fitting into neither. She works at a national newspaper, where she's constantly forced to compare herself to her white middle class peers. After a messy break up from her white boyfriend, Queenie seeks comfort in all the wrong places. And as she careens along her questionable decisions, she explores what it means to be a modern woman searching for meaning. Gallery/Scout \$26.



On the Bright Side

by Hendrik Groen

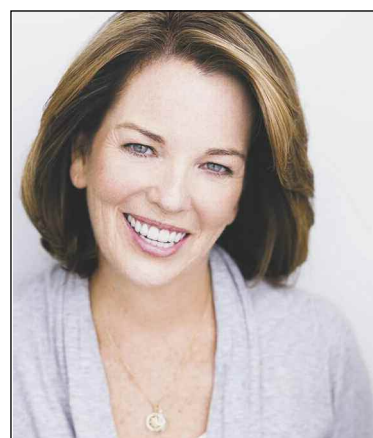
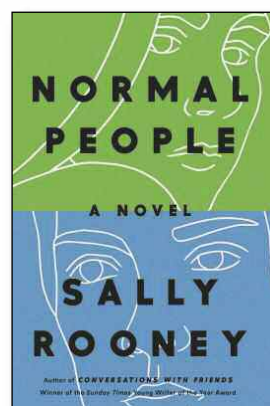
In the follow-up to the #1 bestseller *The Secret Diary of Hendrik Groen*, everyone's favorite octogenarian is back and, together with his pals in the Old-But-Not-Dead Club, he is more determined than ever to wreak havoc and turn a twinkly eye on the brighter side of life. After a year spent mourning the death of his friend Eefje, Hendrik may be older and a little more wobbly, but his youthful appetite for mischief hasn't diminished. When fears arise that the home is set for demolition, it's up to Hendrik and his club to intervene. Grand Central \$27.



Normal People

by Sally Rooney

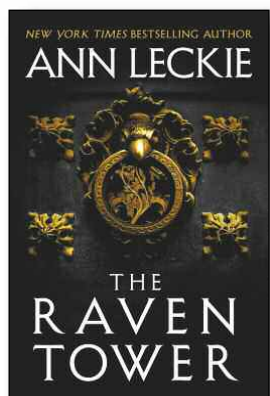
At school, Connell and Marianne pretend not to know each other. He's star of the football team; she is lonely, proud, and private. But when Connell comes to pick his mother up from her job at Marianne's house, an indelible connection grows between the two teenagers. Later in university at Dublin, the two circle one another, straying toward other people but always magnetically, irresistibly drawn back together. And as she veers into self-destruction and he searches for meaning elsewhere, each must confront how far they will go to save the other. Hogarth \$26. Avail. 4/16



Father loved the fact that a lilac only blossoms after a harsh winter.

— Martha Hall Kelly

Stories to Thrill You

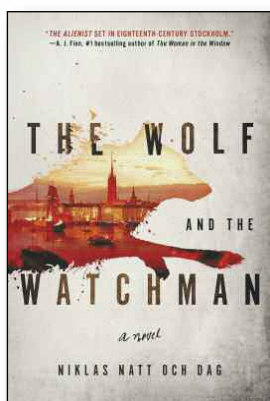


The Raven Tower

by Ann Leckie

In this masterful fantasy from Hugo, Nebula, and Arthur C. Clarke Award-winning Ann Leckie, the kingdom of Iraden has been protected by the god known as the Raven for centuries. He watches from atop a tower, enacting his will through a human ruler chosen by the Raven himself. But the power of the Raven is weakening, and a usurper has claimed the throne. It is into this unrest that the warrior Eolo arrives. And in seeking to reclaim the city, Eolo discovers that the Raven's Tower holds a secret that could destroy Iraden forever. Orbit

\$25.

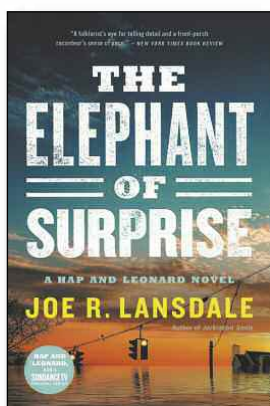


The Wolf and the Watchman

by Niklas Natt och Dag

One morning in 1793, watchman Mikel Cardell receives reports of a body floating in the lake. Efforts to identify the corpse are entrusted to incorruptible lawyer Cecil Winge, who enlists Cardell's help to solve the case. Their gruesome investigation peels back layer upon layer of the city's labyrinthine society; rich and poor, pious and fallen, living and dead—all collide and interconnect with the body pulled from the lake, offering a startling vision of the crimes we commit in the name of justice, and the sacrifices we make in order to survive. Atria

\$28.

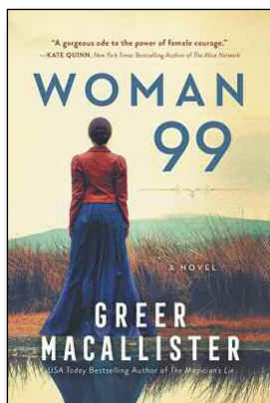


The Elephant of Surprise

by Joe Lansdale

Dive in to the latest adventure featuring odd-couple P.I.s Hap and Leonard. Hap is a self-proclaimed white trash rebel, and Leonard—a tough Black, gay, Vietnam vet—but they're closest of friends. After years of solving crimes together, things have changed: Hap, recently married to their boss, Brett, is now a family man. Amidst an East Texas flood, the two run across a woman who's had her tongue nearly cut out, pursued by the mob. Now Hap and Leonard must save her while dealing with the new challenge to their relationship. Mulholland

\$26.



Woman 99

by Greer Macallister

When Charlotte Smith's wealthy parents commit her sister to the Goldengrove Asylum, Charlotte knows there's more to the story than madness. She follows her sister inside, surrendering her real identity as a privileged lady of society to become a nameless inmate. Charlotte begins to realize that many of those committed aren't insane, merely inconvenient—and her search threatens to dig up secrets that some very powerful people would do anything to keep. A historical thriller rich in detail and deception. Sourcebooks Landmark

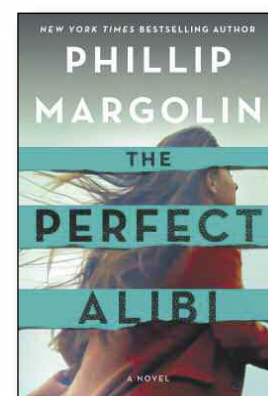
\$25.99.

The Perfect Alibi

by Phillip Margolin

A college athlete is sent to prison for rape, convicted with undisputable DNA evidence. However, after he is in prison, there's another rape with identical DNA results, which seems impossible since the man was incarcerated. The convicted athlete is granted a new trial and bail. Robin Lockwood is a young lawyer and a former MMA fighter who helped pay for law school with her bouts. She is representing the victim of the first rape and a second client who is up on a murder charge, trying to find the truth that links the two. Minotaur

\$27.99.

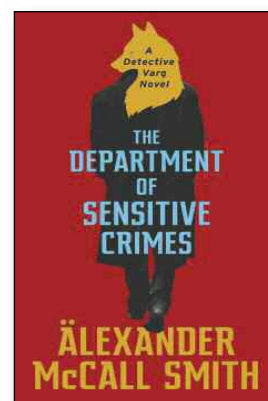


The Department of Sensitive Crimes

by Alexander McCall Smith

In the Swedish criminal justice system, certain cases are considered especially strange; the detectives who investigate them are known as the Sensitive Crimes Division. The first case: a man is stabbed in the back of the knee. Who would perpetrate such a crime and why? Next: a young woman's imaginary boyfriend goes missing. But how do you search for someone who doesn't exist? And finally: eerie secrets revealed under a full moon may not seem so supernatural in the light of day. Equal parts hilarious and heartening! Pantheon

\$24.95. Avail. 4/16

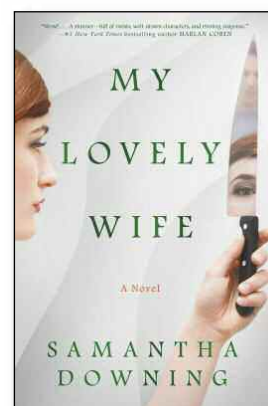


My Lovely Wife

by Samantha Downing

Dexter meets *Mr. and Mrs. Smith* in this wildly compulsive debut thriller. Our love story is simple. I met a gorgeous woman. We fell in love. We had kids. We moved to the suburbs. We told each other our biggest dreams, and our darkest secrets. And then we got bored. We look like a normal couple. We're your neighbors, the parents of your kid's friend, the acquaintances you keep meaning to get dinner with. We all have our secrets to keeping a marriage alive. Ours just happens to be getting away with murder. Berkley

\$26.

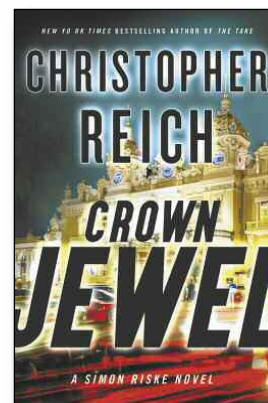


Crown Jewel

by Christopher Reich

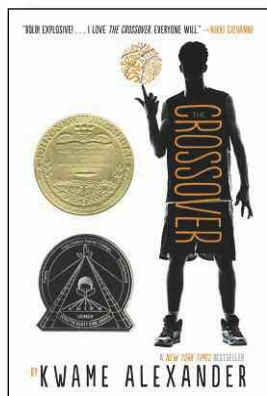
Monte Carlo's casinos have become the target of a brutal team of gamblers; a casino dealer has been beaten to death; an heiress's son has been kidnapped. Who better to foil this plot than Simon Riske, freelance industrial spy? Riske—part Bond, part Reacher—knows Monte Carlo well: it's where he was once a thrill-seeking thief himself until he was double-crossed and served his time. In one of the most entertaining series to come along in years, this sequel to *The Take* gives readers a hero we can root for and a plot that never lets up. Mulholland

\$28.



New in Paperback

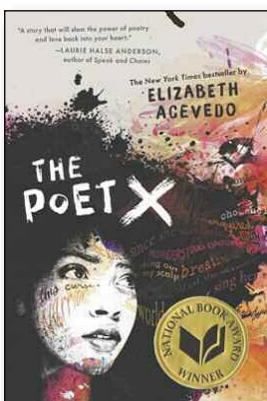
Check out our paperback picks for all ages, with a highlight on poetry!



The Crossover

by Kwame Alexander

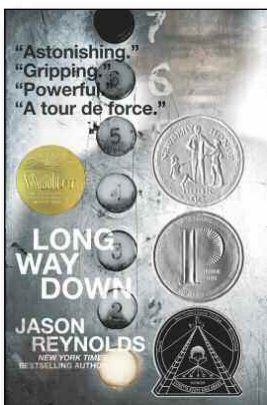
Winner of the Newbery Medal and Coretta Scott King Award. Basketball and heartache share the court in this slam-dunk novel in verse. “With a bolt of lightning on my kicks... The court is SIZZLING. My sweat is DRIZZLING. Stop all that quivering. ‘Cuz tonight I’m delivering,” raps twelve-year-old Josh. Thanks to their dad, he and his twin brother, Jordan, are kings on the court. But Josh has more than basketball in his blood—he’s got mad beats, too, which help him find his rhythm when it’s all on the line. Houghton Mifflin \$8.99. Ages 10-12.



The Poet X

by Elizabeth Acevedo

Fans of Jacqueline Woodson and Jason Reynolds will love this #ownvoices novel-in-verse about an Afro-Latina heroine. Xiomara feels unheard in her Harlem neighborhood. Ever since her body grew curves, she has learned to let her fists and her fierceness do the talking. But Xiomara has plenty to say, and she pours her passion into a leather notebook. Since Mami is determined to force her daughter to obey the church, Xiomara keeps her thoughts to herself. But then she is invited to join her school’s slam poetry club.... HarperTeen \$9.99. YA



Long Way Down

by Jason Reynolds

An ode to Put the Damn Guns Down, this is Jason Reynolds’s stunning novel that takes place in sixty potent seconds—the time it takes a kid to decide whether or not he’s going to murder the guy who killed his brother. As people connected to his brother join Will on an elevator, they each give him a piece to a bigger story than the one he thinks he knows. A story that might never know an end... if Will gets off that elevator. Told in staccato narrative verse, *Long Way Down* is a brilliant look at teenage gun violence. Atheneum \$10.99. YA. Avail. 4/2

The Sun is Also a Star

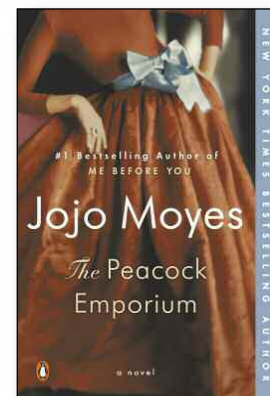
by Nicola Yoon

Natasha: I’m a girl who believes in facts. Not fate. Or dreams that will never come true. I’m not the kind of girl who meets a cute boy on a New York City street and falls in love with him. Not when my family is twelve hours away from being deported to Jamaica. **Daniel:** I’ve always been the good son, the good student, living up to expectations. Never the poet. Or the dreamer. But when I see her, I forget about all that. **The Universe:** Every moment has brought us to this one. A million futures lie before us. Which one will come true? Ember \$12.99. YA

The Peacock Emporium

by Jojo Moyes

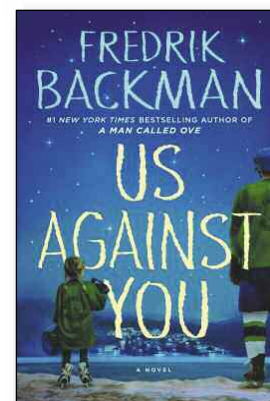
In the 60s, Athene Forster was the most glamorous girl of her generation. She was also spoiled and out of control. When she agreed to marry heir Douglas Fairley-Hulme, her parents were relieved. But within two years, rumors had begun to circulate about Athene’s affair with a young salesman. Thirty-five years later, Suzanna Peacock is struggling with her notorious mother’s legacy. The only place she finds comfort is in The Peacock Emporium, the beautiful coffee bar and shop she opens that soon enchants her little town. Penguin \$16. Avail. 4/9



Us Against You

by Fredrik Backman

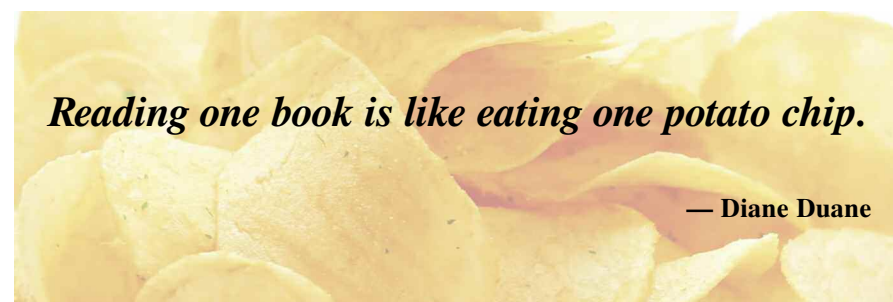
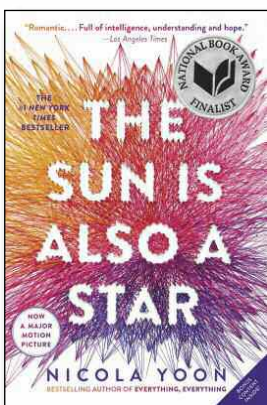
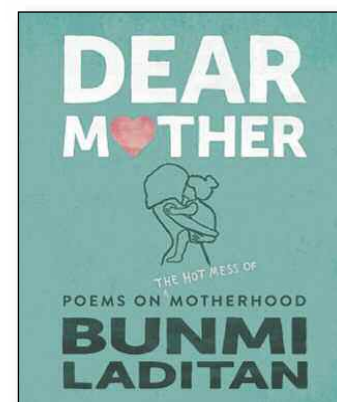
Beartown is home to tough people who don’t expect life to be fair. But no matter how difficult times get, they’ve always taken pride in their ice hockey team. So it’s a cruel blow when they hear it might be disbanded. What’s worse: the rival team in Hed is made up of former Beartown players. As the big game approaches, the rivalry intensifies. And by game’s end, a resident of Beartown will be dead, and the people of both towns will wonder if the game can ever return to something as innocent as a field of ice, nets, and teams. Washington Square \$17.



Dear Mother

by Bunmi Laditan

The first collection of poetry from Bunmi Laditan, bestselling author of *Confessions of a Domestic Failure* and creator of *The Honest Toddler*, capturing the honesty, joy, and madness of motherhood. With the compassion and wit that have made her a social media sensation, Bunmi Laditan puts into relatable words what so many of us feel but can’t quite express. For mothers who love their children with a fierceness but know what it is to feel crushed at the end of those long days, *Dear Mother: Poems on the Hot Mess of Motherhood* is like a hug that says, “I get it.” Mira \$15.99. Avail. 4/2

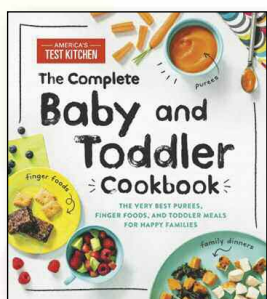


Reading one book is like eating one potato chip.

— Diane Duane



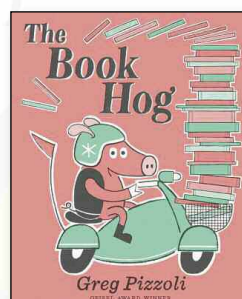
TALES FOR TOTS



The Complete Baby and Toddler Cookbook by America's Test Kitchen Kids

The newest cookbook from the creators of the #1 NYT bestseller, *The Complete Cookbook for Young Chefs*! America's Test Kitchen, with their years of expertise and tried-and-true testing methods, has opened their test kitchens for the first time to include the youngest of foodies. From smoothies to family meals, *The*

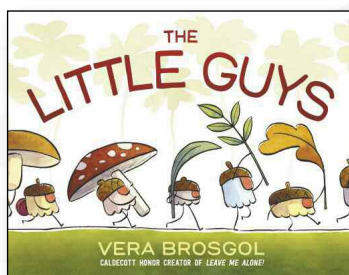
Complete Baby and Toddler Cookbook: The Very Best Purees, Finger Foods, and Toddler Meals for Happy Families includes the best recipes to get you through the early years. Sourcebooks Jabberwocky \$24.99. Avail. 4/2



The Book Hog by Greg Pizzoli

The Book Hog *loves* books—the way they look, feel, and smell—and he'll grab whatever he can find. There's only one problem: he can't read! But when a kind librarian invites him to join for storytime, this literature-loving pig discovers the treasure that books really are. Geisel Medalist Greg Pizzoli presents a new character who will steal your heart in this picture book full of humorous charm. "Even non-Book-Hogs should have this one. It's

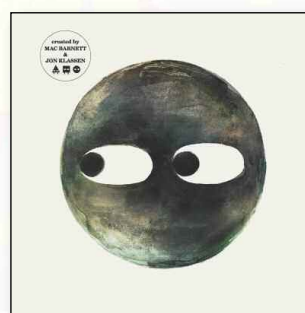
that good." —Jon Klassen, Caldecott Medal winner for *This Is Not My Hat*. Disney-Hyperion \$16.99. Ages 4-7.



The Little Guys by Vera Brosgol

The Little Guys might be small, but they aim to be mighty. As they head off to find breakfast, they can conquer anything through teamwork—cross deep waters, dig through obstacles, and climb the tallest trees. Nothing can stop them! But as they begin to amass more than they need, the creatures in the forest ponder—what happens when *no one* can stop the Little Guys? This slyly funny and rambunctious read-aloud explores how strength in numbers only works when the whole community unites together. Roaring Brook \$17.99. Ages 3-6. Avail. 4/2

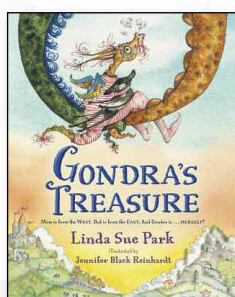
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Circle by Mac Barnett, illus. by Jon Klassen

Multi-award-winning, *New York Times* best-selling duo Mac Barnett and Jon Klassen deliver the final wry and resonant tale about Triangle, Square, and Circle. This book is about Circle. This book is also about Circle's friends, Triangle and Square. Also it is about a rule that Circle makes, and how she has to rescue Triangle when he breaks that rule. With their usual pitch-perfect pacing and subtle, sharp

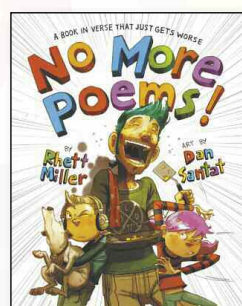
wit, Barnett and Klassen come full circle in the third and final chapter of their clever shapes trilogy. Candlewick \$15.99. Ages 5-9.



Gondra's Treasure by Linda Sue Park illus. by Jennifer Black Reinhardt

Little dragon Gondra celebrates her uniqueness in this sparkling collaboration between Newbery medalist Linda Sue Park and rising star artist Jennifer Black Reinhardt. Gondra has inherited traits from both her eastern (Asian) dragon dad and western (European) dragon mom and enjoys them all. She's especially happy

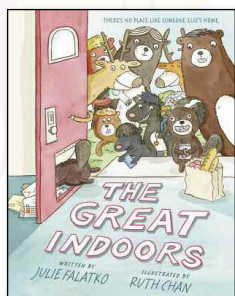
that she's a combination of both. Cheerful banter and adorable dragon portrayals present a warm family portrait with whimsical, detailed illustrations that invite repeated readings. Clarion \$17.99. Ages 4-7. Avail. 4/2



No More Poems! by Rhett Miller, illus. by Dan Santat

Singer-songwriter Rhett Miller teams up with Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat in a riotous collection of irreverent poems for modern families. In the tradition of Shel Silverstein, these poems bring a fresh twist to the classic dilemmas of childhood as well as a perceptive eye to the foibles of modern life; Miller takes on the subjects of a bullying baseball coach and annoying brothers with equally sly humor that will have the whole family cackling. Full of wordplay and visual gags, *No More Poems!* is an ideal read-aloud. Little Brown BYR \$17.99. Ages 8-11. 🎧

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The Great Indoors by Julie Falatko illus. by Ruth Chan

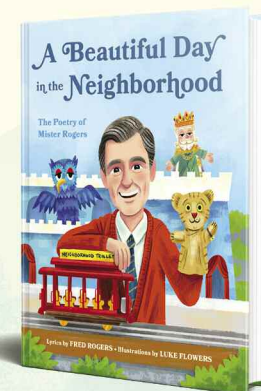
When the humans head out to go camping, the animals settle in for a holiday of their own! Teen bear takes over the bathroom with her curling iron, the beavers prepare their fanciest recipes, and the deer kick up their feet for a dance party. What starts as a little unwinding soon escalates to a big mess, just in time for everyone to head

home. Julie Falatko and Ruth Chan's quirky humors shine in this hilarious take on family trips that will have kids wondering what goes on at home when they're on vacation. Disney-Hyperion \$17.99. Ages 4-7. Avail. 4/2

A Spring 2019 Kids' Indie Next List Pick for ages 4–8!

Introduce children to Fred Rogers's powerful lessons of kindness, self-awareness, and self-esteem through this treasury of 75 beloved songs.

QUIRK BOOKS



KIDS, TEENS, AND TEENS

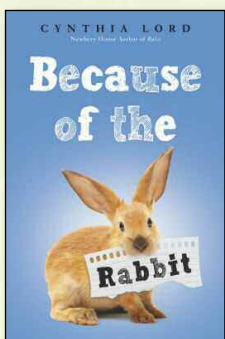
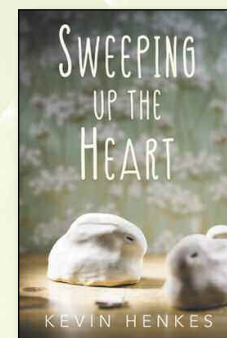


A Crystal of Time by Soman Chainani

In this fifth installment in the School for Good and Evil series, a false king has seized Camelot's throne, sentencing Tedros, the true king, to death. With Sophie's wedding to Rhian approaching, she's forced to play a dangerous game as her friends' lives hang in the balance. All the while, King Rhian's dark plans for Camelot are taking shape. Now the students of the School for Good and Evil must find a way to restore Tedros to the throne before the future of the Endless Woods is rewritten forever. HarperCollins \$17.99. Ages 8-12. 🎧

Sweeping Up the Heart by Kevin Henkes

From two-time Newbery Honor author Kevin Henkes—Amelia Albright dreams about going to Florida for spring break like everyone else in her middle school. But her father has said no, and now Amelia is stuck at home. But then she meets Casey at her neighborhood art studio; Amelia has never been friends with a boy before, and the experience is fraught and thrilling. When Casey claims to see the spirit of Amelia's late mother, the pair embarks on an altogether different journey in their attempt to find her. Greenwillow \$16.99. Ages 8-12. 🌟🌟🎧

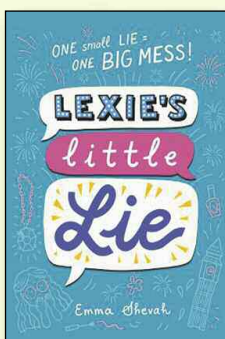
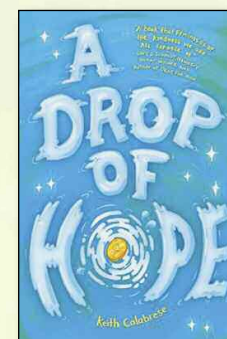


Because of the Rabbit by Cynthia Lord

On the last night of summer, Emma and her father find and bring home a bunny. The next day, Emma starts public school after years of being homeschooled. More than anything, she wants to make a best friend in school, but she's paired with a boy named Jack for a project. Unfocused and obsessed with animals, Jack doesn't fit in, and Emma's worried he'll make her stand out. Emma and Jack bond over her rescue rabbit. But will their new friendship keep Emma from finding the new best friend she's meant to have? Scholastic \$17.99. Ages 8-12. 🌟🌟🎧

A Drop of Hope by Keith Calabrese

Times are tough and jobs are scarce. But something strange is happening in If Only, Ohio. A well has impossibly begun to grant wishes. And three sixth graders are the only ones who know why. Ernest believes a good deed makes magic happen. Ryan thinks they should mind their own business. Lizzy believes in facts, not fairy tales. As more wishes are made, the well's true secret gets harder to keep. Ernest, Ryan, and Lizzy know they can't fix the world. But in their little corner of it, they can give everyone hope... one wish at a time. Scholastic \$16.99. Ages 9-12. 🎧

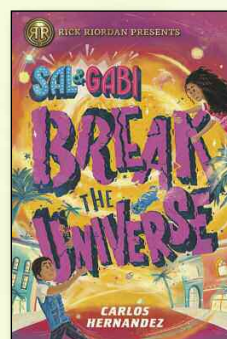


Lexie's Little Lie by Emma Shevah

One small lie = one big mess! Lexie and her cousin Eleni are super-crazy-seriously close. They're like twins who aren't actually twins, if that's possible. But when Lexie tells a terrible, jealous lie, her whole family is split apart. It's up to Lexie to bring them all back together and fix her relationship with Eleni. After a few calamitous escapades, Lexie has discovered that there are all sorts of truths and all sorts of lies too... but can telling the truth be more hurtful than telling a lie? Sourcebooks Jabberwocky \$16.99. Ages 8-12. Avail. 4/2

Sal and Gabi Break the Universe by Carlos Hernandez

Sal prides himself on being an excellent magician, but for the sleight of hand required to sneak a raw chicken into a classmate's locker, he relied on a talent no one would guess... except Gabi, whose sharp eyes never miss a trick. When Gabi learns that he's capable of conjuring things bigger than a chicken—including his dead mother—and she takes it all in stride, Sal knows that she is someone he can work with. There's only one problem: their manipulation of time and space could put the entire universe at risk. Rick Riordan Presents \$16.99. Ages 9-12. 🌟🌟🌟🎧

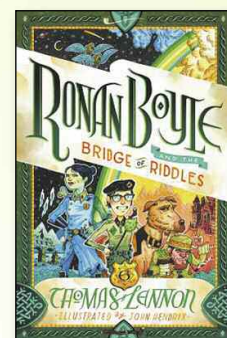


The Revenge of Magic by James Riley

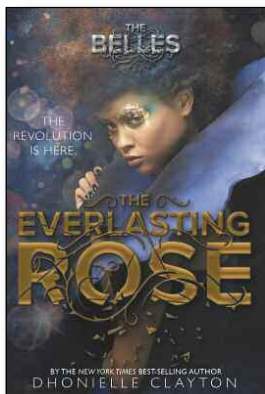
Thirteen years ago, books of magic were discovered around the world alongside the bones of dragons. Only those born after "Discovery Day" have the power to use the magic. Now, on a vacation to Washington, DC, Fort Fitzgerald's father is lost when a creature bursts through the earth, attacking the city. Fort is devastated. But six months later, Fort is invited to a school to learn magic from those same books. He soon finds that the school is hiding secrets, and he must find discover them or more attacks will come. Aladdin Paperbacks \$17.99. Ages 8-12. 🎧

Ronan Boyle and the Bridge of Riddles by Thomas Lennon, illus. by John Hendrix

Fourteen-year-old Ronan Boyle is the youngest recruit to the secret Garda, an Irish police force that handles the misdeeds of magical creatures. Ronan's parents are in jail, but Ronan is convinced that they were framed by the wee people. So, despite his small size, poor eyesight, and social awkwardness, he's determined to learn all he can to prove his parents' innocence. To show he's got what it takes, he'll have to confront a fiery leprechaun, a sinister harpy, and a world of monsters hidden in plain sight next to real-life Ireland. Amulet \$17.99. Ages 10-14. 🎧



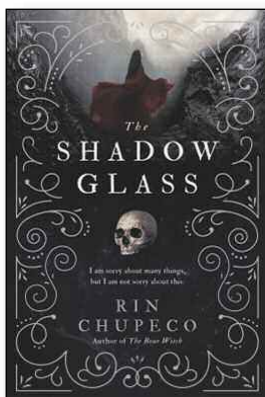
Hot New Picks in YA



The Everlasting Rose

by Dhonielle Clayton

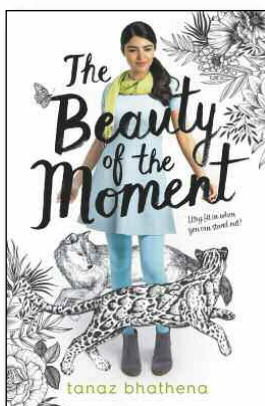
With a price on her head and the evil Queen Sophia out for blood, Camellia, the former favorite Belle, must race to find the ailing (and missing) Princess Charlotte. Sophia will stop at nothing to keep Charlotte from returning as the rightful queen. With the help of a resistance movement and the backing of an alternative newspaper, Camille uses her powers, connections, and cunning to outwit Sophia, and attempt to restore peace to Orléans. But with lurking enemies, Camille must decide how much she's willing to sacrifice. Freeform \$17.99.



The Shadow Glass

by Rin Chupeco

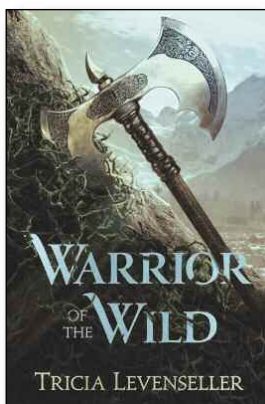
The dramatic finale to The Bone Witch series! In the Eight Kingdoms, none have greater strength and influence than the asha, who hold elemental magic. But only a bone witch has the power to raise the dead. Tea has used this dark magic to breathe life into those she has loved and lost... and those who would join her army against deceitful royals. But Tea's quest to achieve immortality for the one person she loves most in the world threatens to consume her, and now Tea's life—and the fate of the kingdoms—hangs in the balance. Sourcebooks Fire \$17.99.



The Beauty of the Moment

by Tanaz Bhathena

Susan is the new girl—she's sharp and driven, and strives to meet her parents' expectations. Malcolm is the bad boy—he started raising hell at age fifteen, after his mom died of cancer. Susan hasn't told anyone, but she wants to be an artist. Malcolm doesn't know what he wants—until he meets her. Love is messy and families are messier, but in spite of their burdens, Susan and Malcolm fall for each other. The ways they drift apart and come back together are testaments to family, culture, and being true to who you are. Farrar, Straus and Giroux BYR \$17.99.



Warrior of the Wild

by Tricia Levenseller

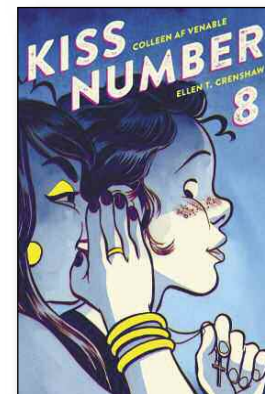
How do you kill a god? In this Viking-inspired stand-alone fantasy from the author of *Daughter of the Pirate King*, eighteen-year-old Rasmira is her father's chosen heir, and has trained her whole life to become a warrior and lead her village. But when her coming-of-age trial is sabotaged and she fails the test, her father banishes her to the monster-filled wilderness with an impossible quest: To win back her honor, she must kill the oppressive god who claims tribute from the villages each year—or die trying. Feiwel & Friends \$17.99.

Kiss Number 8

by Colleen Venable

illus. by Ellen Crenshaw

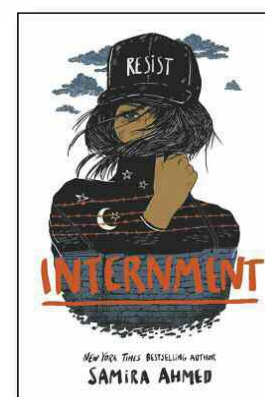
Mads is pretty happy with her life. She goes to church with her family, and baseball games with her dad. She goofs off with her best friend Cat, and has thus far avoided getting kissed by Adam. It's everything she hoped high school would be... until suddenly it's not. Her dad is hiding something so big it could tear her family apart. And Mads is realizing she doesn't want to kiss Adam... because the only person she wants to kiss is Cat. This funny graphic novel is a layered, sharp-edged story of teen sexuality and family secrets. First Second HC \$17.99/PB \$24.99.



Internment

by Samira Ahmed

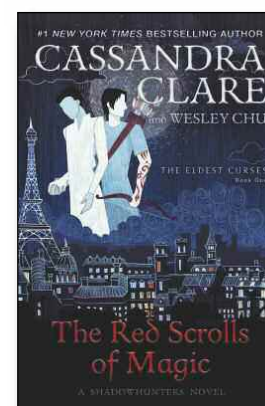
Rebellions are built on hope. Set in a horrifying near-future United States, 17-year-old Layla Amin and her parents are forced into an internment camp for Muslim American citizens. With the help of newly made friends also trapped within the camp, her boyfriend on the outside, and an unexpected alliance, Layla begins a journey to fight for freedom, leading a revolution against the Director and his guards. Heart-racing and emotional, *Internment* challenges readers to fight complicit silence that exists in our society. Little Brown BYR \$17.99.



The Red Scrolls of Magic

by Cassandra Clare and Wesley Chu

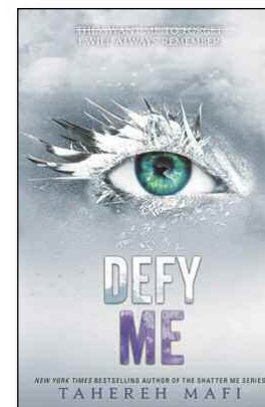
From #1 NYT bestseller Cassandra Clare and award-winner Wesley Chu comes the first book in the new Shadowhunters series. All Magnus wanted was a vacation—a lavish trip across Europe with Alec, the Shadowhunter who is finally his boyfriend. But as soon as the pair settles in Paris, an old friend arrives with news about a demon-worshipping cult called the Crimson Hand that is bent on causing chaos around the world. A cult that was apparently founded by Magnus himself. Years ago. As a joke. Margaret K. McElderry \$24.99. Avail. 4/9



Defy Me

by Tahereh Mafi

Juliette Ferrars isn't who she thinks she is. She is still reeling from the explosive events of the Continental Symposium and the secrets Warner has been keeping. She thought she'd finally defeated the Reestablishment. She thought she'd finally taken control of her life, her power, and her pain. But Juliette has only just begun to unravel a lifetime of lies, and she finds herself faced with a familiar choice: Be a weapon. Or be a warrior. Juliette and Warner's story continues in this fifth installment of the Shatter Me series. HarperCollins \$18.99. Avail. 4/2



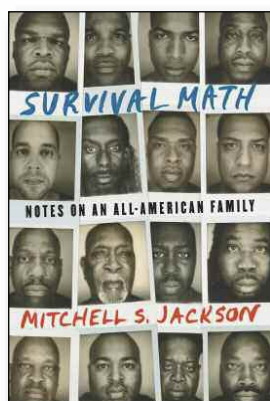
Fascinating Lives



I Miss You When I Blink: Essays






by Mary Laura Philpott

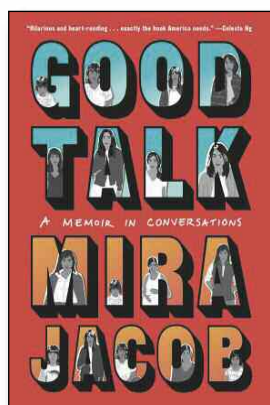
Acclaimed essayist and bookseller Mary Laura Philpott did everything right: job, spouse, house, babies—check! But instead of contentment, she felt anxious. Lost. Stuck. Should she smile and stay the course, or blow it up and run away? Are those the only options? In this memoir-in-essays, Philpott takes on the pressures of modern adulthood with wit and heart. She assures us that small, recurring personal re-inventions are normal and necessary and that when you feel dissatisfied, you can call upon your many selves to figure out who you are. Atria \$26. Avail. 4/2 🎧



Survival Math

by Mitchell S. Jackson

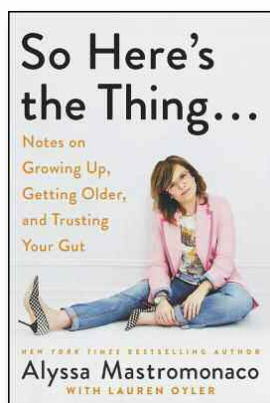
With a poet's gifted ear, a novelist's sense of narrative, and a journalist's unsentimental eye, award-winning author Mitchell Jackson explores his tumultuous youth in the other America. *Survival Math: Notes on an All-American Family* takes its name from the calculations Mitchell and his family made to keep safe—to stay alive—in their community, a small black neighborhood in Portland, Oregon blighted by drugs, violence, poverty, and governmental neglect. *Survival Math* is both a personal reckoning and a vital addition to the national conversation about race. Scribner \$26.     



Good Talk

by Mira Jacob

"Is it bad to be brown?" Six-year-old Z, Mira Jacob's half-Jewish, half-Indian son, has questions about *everything*. But as tensions from the 2016 election spread, the questions get more complicated. Trying to answer honestly, Mira thinks of her formative conversations about race, sexuality, and love. "How brown is too brown?" "Can Indians be racist?" "What does love between really different people look like?" With warm candor, *Good Talk: A Memoir in Conversations* is a love letter to the hope that hovers in our most difficult questions. One World \$30. 🎧



So Here's the Thing

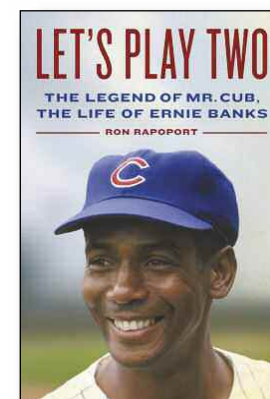
by Alyssa Mastromonaco
with Lauren Oyler

Alyssa Mastromonaco is back with a bold, no-holds-barred 21st-century girl's guide to life, tackling bodies, politics, relationships, moms, education, life on the internet, and pop culture. Whether discussing Barbra Streisand or The Bachelor, working in the West Wing or working on finding a wing woman, Alyssa leaves no stone unturned... and no awkward situation unexamined. *So Here's the Thing...: Notes on Growing Up, Getting Older, and Trusting Your Gut* brings humor and a sharp eye to the issues facing women the world over. Twelve \$27. 🎧

Let's Play Two

by Ron Rapoport

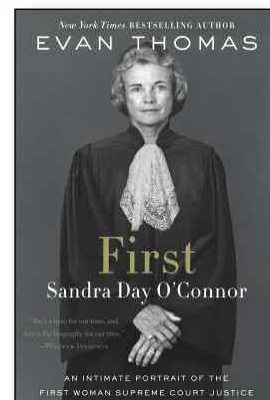
Ernie Banks, Hall of Famer and All-Century Team shortstop, played for the Chicago Cubs. He is remembered for his phrase, "Let's play two," which exemplifies the enthusiasm that endeared him to fans. *Let's Play Two: The Legend of Mr. Cub, the Life of Ernie Banks* explores Banks's public display of good cheer which actually hid a conflicted man. He was among the star players of baseball's early days of integration who were reluctant to speak out about Civil Rights, and also one of the greatest players never to reach the World Series. Hachette Books \$28. 🎧



First: Sandra Day O'Connor

by Evan Thomas

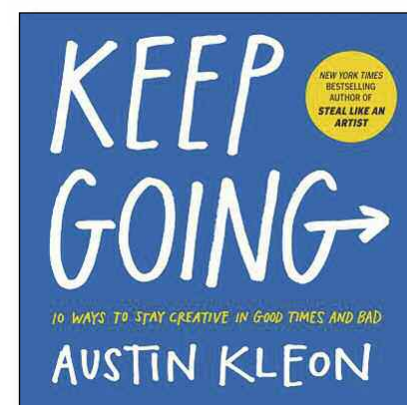
When she graduated near the top of her class at Stanford in 1952, no law firm would even interview her. But Sandra Day O'Connor's is a story of shattered glass ceilings. During her 25 year tenure on the US Supreme Court, she helped shape American law. Diagnosed with cancer at 58, and caring for a husband with Alzheimer's, O'Connor endured every difficulty with poise. This authoritative biography of Sandra Day O'Connor, America's first female Supreme Court justice, draws on exclusive interviews and Justice O'Connor's archives. Random House \$32. 🎧



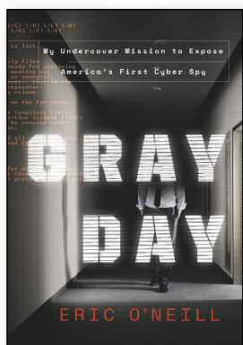
Keep Going

by Austin Kleon

Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad offers life-changing advice on how to stay creative and focused in the face of personal burnout or external distractions. Here is how to "Build a Bliss Station"—a place or period where you can disconnect. How to see that "Every Day Is Groundhog Day"—yesterday's over, tomorrow may never come, so do what you can do today. How to "Forget the Noun, Do the Verb"—stop worrying about being a "painter" and just paint. Keep working. Keep playing. Keep searching. Keep giving. Keep living. *Keep Going*. Workman \$12.95. Avail. 4/2

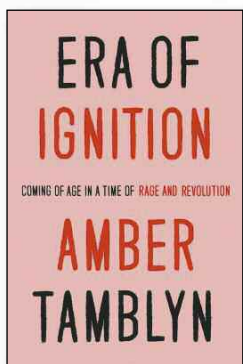


Understanding Our World



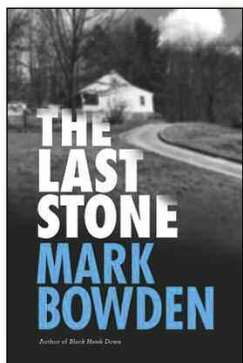
Gray Day by Eric O'Neill

Eric O'Neill was only 26 when he was tapped for an undercover investigation of the FBI's top target, a suspected Russian spy. With zero training in face-to-face investigation, Eric was tasked officially with helping the FBI secure its computer system—and unofficially with collecting evidence against his new boss, Robert Hanssen. A tension-packed stew of paranoia and manipulation, *Gray Day: My Undercover Mission to Expose America's First Cyber Spy* is also a cautionary tale of how the US allowed Russia to become dominant in cyberespionage. Crown \$27. 🎧



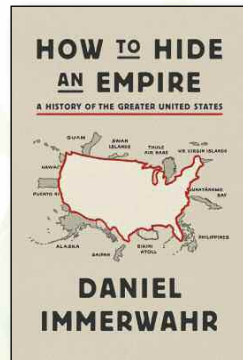
Era of Ignition by Amber Tamblyn

A passionate exploration of feminism during divisive times by actor, filmmaker, and activist Amber Tamblyn, *Era of Ignition: Coming of Age in a Time of Rage and Revolution* addresses gender inequality and the judgment paradigm, misogyny and discrimination, trauma and the veiled complexities of consent, reproductive rights and sexual assault. At once an meditation and public reckoning, this galvanizing manifesto is required reading for everyone attempting to understand our world and change it for the better. Crown Archetype \$25. 📖 🎧



The Last Stone by Mark Bowden

On March 29, 1975, sisters Katherine and Sheila Lyons, ages 10 and 12, vanished from a shopping mall in Washington, D.C.; a massive police effort found nothing, and the investigation was shelved. Then, in 2013, a cold case detective found something new, pointing them toward Lloyd Welch, then serving time for child molestation. As a newspaper reporter, Mark Bowden covered the frantic first weeks of the story. In *The Last Stone: A Masterpiece of Criminal Interrogation*, he returns to write its chilling ending. Atlantic Monthly \$27. Avail. 4/2 🎧

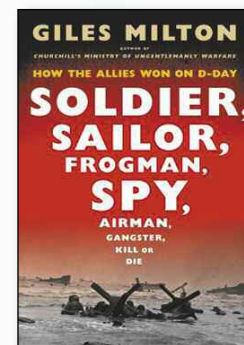


How to Hide an Empire by Daniel Immerwahr

We are familiar with maps outlining all fifty states. And we are also familiar with the idea that the United States is an “empire,” exercising power around the world. But what about the actual territories—the islands, atolls, and archipelagos—this country has governed and inhabited? In *How to Hide an Empire: A History of the Greater United States*, Daniel Immerwahr tells the story of the United States outside the United States. In crackling prose, he reveals forgotten episodes that cast American history in new light. Farrar, Straus and Giroux \$30. 🌐 ★ 🎧

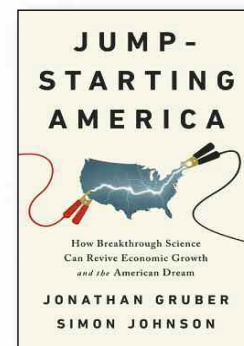
Soldier, Sailor, Frogman, Spy, Airman, Gangster, Kill or Die by Giles Milton

Seventy-five years have passed since D-Day, when the outcome of WWII hung in the balance. If Allied forces succeeded in gaining a foothold in northern France, the road to victory would be open. But if they were driven back, the invasion would be stalled for years, perhaps forever. The desperate struggle that unfolded was, above all, a story of individual heroics. This authentic human story—Allied, German, French—is now fully told in *Soldier, Sailor, Frogman, Spy, Airman, Gangster, Kill or Die: How the Allies Won on D-Day*. Henry Holt \$30. 🎧



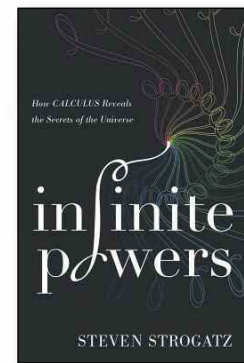
Jump-Starting America by Jonathan Gruber and Simon Johnson

The American economy may glitter on the outside, but the reality for the middle class is a different story. To turn the tide for all, *Jump-Starting America: How Breakthrough Science Can Revive Economic Growth and the American Dream* looks to our past. Beginning in 1940, massive public investment generated breakthroughs in science and technology that helped win WWII and then created an incredibly successful economy. Gruber and Johnson tell the story of this first American growth engine and provide the blueprint for a second. PublicAffairs \$28. Avail. 4/9 🎧



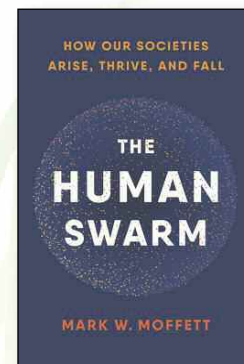
Infinite Powers by Steven Strogatz

Without calculus, we wouldn't have cell phones, TV, GPS, or ultrasound. We wouldn't have unraveled DNA or discovered Neptune or figured out how to put 5,000 songs in your pocket. Though many of us were scared away from this subject in school, Strogatz's creative, down-to-earth history shows that calculus is not about complexity; it's about simplicity. *Infinite Powers: How Calculus Reveals the Secrets of the Universe* recounts how calculus tantalized its inventors, starting with its first glimmers in ancient Greece. Houghton Mifflin \$28. Avail. 4/2



The Human Swarm by Mark Moffett

For years, psychologists have held that our biology puts a hard upper limit—about 150 people—on the size of our social groups. But human societies are in fact vastly larger. How do we manage—by and large—to get along with each other? *The Human Swarm: How Our Societies Arise, Thrive, and Fall* draws on findings in psychology, sociology, and anthropology to explain the social adaptations that bind societies, revealing how mankind created sprawling civilizations of unrivaled complexity—and what it will take to sustain them. Basic \$32. Avail. 4/1 ★ 🎧

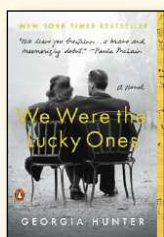




CHRIS PERONDI

The Big Book of Tricks for the Best Dog Ever
Wednesday, May 1, 6 pm

#1 dog tricks master trainer Chris Perondi runs Stunt Dog Productions which performs over 1,000 live shows every year with dogs rescued from pounds and shelters. He has appeared nationally on Oprah Winfrey, The Today Show and Ellen DeGeneres. He will share his original story and bring out cover dog Vinny Valentino to perform tricks from this indispensable, step-by-step guide featuring 118 tricks that strengthen the bond between owner and dog—and impress all who watch. Workman \$17.95

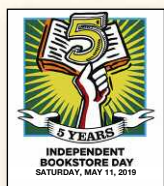


GEORGIA HUNTER

We Were the Lucky Ones
Sunday, May 5, 6:30 pm

Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

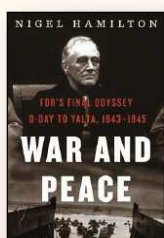
Octavia Books is proud to be the official bookseller for the JCC's Community Wide Holocaust Memorial Program. The program features guest speaker Georgia Hunter who only learned at age 15 that she came from a family of Holocaust survivors. *We Were the Lucky Ones* was born of her quest to uncover her family's staggering history. Penguin \$16.



NEW ORLEANS INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY

Saturday, May 11, all day

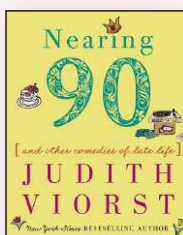
Independent bookstores are community centers and local anchors. They are universes of ideas, lively performance spaces, and quiet places where aimless perusal is a day well spent. Please come by to celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with us and show your support for this amazing movement. We'll have fun together along with stimulating activities all day long. And, we are also featuring some exclusive literary-themed art and gift items. Because of Jazz Fest, we celebrate Independent Bookstore Day after the rest of the country.



NIGEL HAMILTON

War and Peace: FDR's Final Odyssey
Saturday, May 11, 6 pm

Join us for our closing event for New Orleans Independent Bookstore Day featuring Nigel Hamilton, author of *War and Peace: FDR's Final Odyssey: D-Day to Yalta, 1943-1945*. Hamilton's book marks the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, and provides the stirring climax to his three-part saga of FDR at war—proof that FDR was WWII's key strategist, even on his deathbed. Houghton Mifflin \$30.



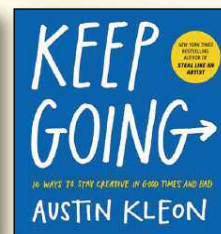
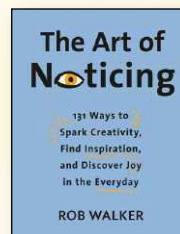
JUDITH VIORST

Nearing Ninety

Tuesday, May 14, 7-9 pm

Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

Well known author Judith Viorst will speak about her newest work, *Nearing Ninety: And Other Comedies of Late Life*, exploring with her signature savvy and humor what it means to be an impending nonagenarian. She is known for *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* and many other works. Book will be available for purchase and signing after the event. Simon & Schuster \$17.

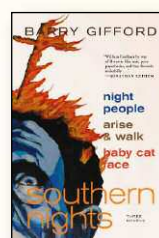


ROB WALKER:

The Art of Noticing

AUSTIN KLEON: *Keep Going*
Friday, May 17, 6 pm (Final date to be confirmed; please check our website)

Join us and re-ignite your creative spark! *The Art of Noticing: 131 Ways to Spark Creativity, Find Inspiration, and Discover Joy in the Everyday* is a compilation of meditations and exercises to inspire us to expand the ways we engage with our everyday lives. *Keep Going: 10 Ways to Stay Creative in Good Times and Bad* shows you how to stay true to your own creative vision when the world seems out of control. Knopf \$22.95/Workman \$12.95.

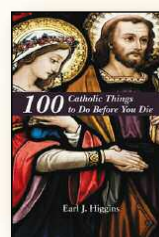


BARRY GIFFORD

Southern Nights

Tuesday, May 21, 6 pm

Barry Gifford will join us to present the *Southern Nights* trilogy: *Night People*, *Arise & Walk*, and *Baby Cat Face*. These may be among the weirdest and best of Gifford's novels for their sheer velocity—the copious, raw violence; the invented religions and gods; and the way they demonstrate how the horrors somehow cohabit—affably—with the genuine loveliness of the characters that live in these books. Seven Stories \$19.95.



EARL HIGGINS

100 Catholic Things to Do Before You Die

Wednesday, May 22, 6 pm

There's definitely more to being a Catholic than Lenten fish-fries! From Christmas Vigil Mass and the Way of the Cross, to All Saints Day observances and, of course, bingo—explore 100 things to do before your Last Rites. Lifelong New Orleans Catholic Earl J. Higgins provides a short education on the Immaculate Conception, the Assumption of Mary, the Oblates, and a host of other rich church traditions. So put some holy water in that bucket and let's get started! Pelican \$15.95.

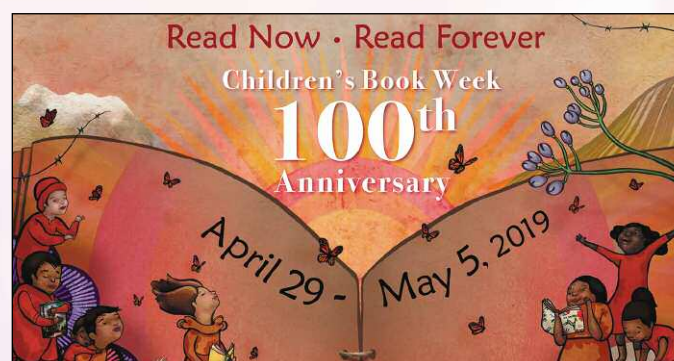


MARY MILLER

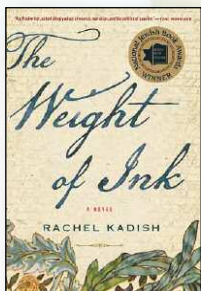
Biloxi

Thursday, May 23, 6 pm

Mary Miller seizes the mantle of southern literature with this wry tale of middle age and the unexpected turns a life can take. Hannah Pittard, author of *Visible Empire* says it best: "If Lorrie Moore's wicked sense of humor and Ernest Hemingway's minimalism had a love-child that love-child would be Mary Miller's *Biloxi*. Get ready to fall in love with cantankerous Louis McDonald Jr., a singular character as surprised by life as he is surprising. This book is a winner." Liveright \$24.95.



Upcoming Events at Octavia Books



RACHEL KADISH

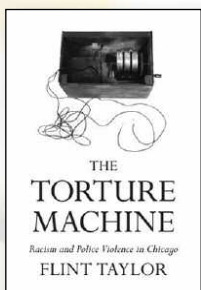
The Weight of Ink

Tuesday, April 2, 7 pm

Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

Rachel Kadish, author of the award-winning book *The Weight of Ink* will speak about her “electrifying and ambitious” novel which takes place in London in the 1660s and in the early 21st century. Toni

Morrison has said she is a “gifted writer, astonishingly adept at nuances, narration, and the politics of passion.” Mariner \$16.99.



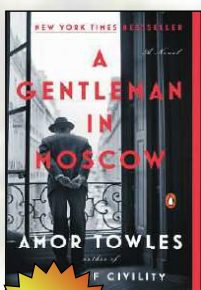
FLINT TAYLOR

The Torture Machine

Wednesday, April 3, 6 pm

Flint Taylor has argued landmark civil rights cases that have exposed corruption within the Chicago Police Department and the city. He will discuss his book, *The Torture Machine: Racism and Police Violence in Chicago*, which explores the

1969 murders of two Black Panther members and the historic litigation that followed; this led to the ultimately successful campaign to end the death penalty in Illinois. Haymarket \$27.



AMOR TOWLES

A Gentleman in Moscow

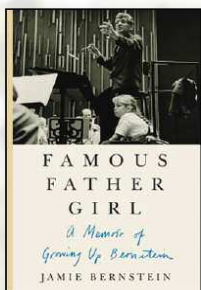
Tuesday, April 9, 7 pm

Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

Don't miss meeting Amor Towles, author of the mega-bestseller soon to be a major television series. *A Gentleman in Moscow* is a transporting novel about a man who is ordered to spend the rest of his life

Paperback Release

inside a luxury hotel while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold outside its doors. This is a ticketed event. You can purchase tickets at octaviabooks.com and Eventbrite. Penguin.



JAMIE BERNSTEIN

Famous Father Girl:

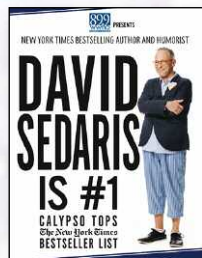
A Memoir of Growing Up Bernstein

Wednesday, April 10, 7 pm

Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

Author Jamie Bernstein will discuss her book *Famous Father Girl: A Memoir of*

Growing Up Bernstein. The oldest daughter of revered composer/conductor Leonard Bernstein offers a rare look at her father on the centennial of his birth in an intimate and evocative memoir. Harper \$28.99.

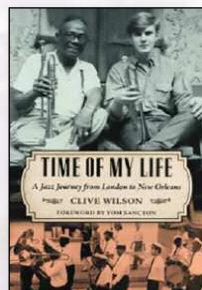


DAVID SEDARIS AT ORPHEUM THEATER

Friday, April 12, 8 pm

Location: Orpheum Theater, 129 Roosevelt Way

Octavia Books is proud to again serve as official bookseller when David Sedaris comes to New Orleans for an evening of all new readings at the Orpheum Theatre. David Sedaris is the critically acclaimed bestselling author of titles such as *Calypso*, *Theft by Finding*, *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *Holidays on Ice*, and more. We will have all of these titles available at the event for a book signing following his performance. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.

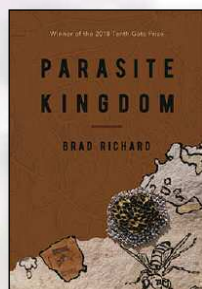


CLIVE WILSON

Time of My Life

Tuesday, April 16, 6 pm

New Orleans is a kind of Mecca for jazz pilgrims, as Whitney Balliett once wrote. *Time of My Life: A Jazz Journey from London to New Orleans* is a memoir that tells the story of one aspiring pilgrim, Clive Wilson, who fell in love with New Orleans jazz in his teens while in boarding school in his native England. It is also his story of gradually finding acceptance and a new home in New Orleans. UPress of Mississippi \$25.



BRAD RICHARD

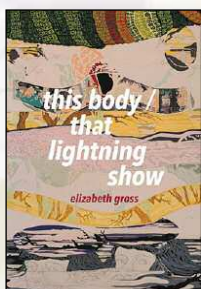
Parasite Kingdom and

Elizabeth Gross

this body / that lightning show

Wednesday, April 24, 6 pm

Celebrate National Poetry Month with Brad Richard and Elizabeth Gross. Brad Richard's collection, *Parasite Kingdom*, received the 2018 Tenth Gate Prize, selected by editor and poet Leslie McGrat. Elizabeth Gross's debut collection, *this body / that lightning show*, was selected by Jericho Brown for inclusion in The Word Works' Hilary Tham Collection.



TIMOTHY DUFFY

Blue Muse

Tuesday, April 30, 6 pm

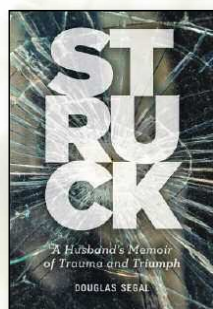
Join us for an evening with photographer Timothy Duffy as he talks about his book, *Blue Muse: Timothy Duffy's Southern Photographs* published in association with the New Orleans Museum of Art. Copies will be available for signing and the event will feature discussion with New Orleans Museum of Art curator Russell Lord along with a performance from New Orleans music legend Little Freddie King. Timothy Duffy: *Blue Muse* will be on view at the New Orleans Museum of Art from April 25–July 28. UNC Press \$60.

DOUG SEGAL

Struck

Tuesday, April 30, 7 pm, Location: JCC, 5342 St. Charles Ave.

Doug Segal's wife and young daughter were hit head-on by a Los Angeles city bus. What began as regular emails to friends and family became a memoir of this experience. Join us as Doug and his wife Susan share their incredible story, recounted in his book *Struck: A Husband's Memoir of Trauma and Triumph*. Octavia Books will serve as the official bookseller for this free event. Prospect Park \$16.



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