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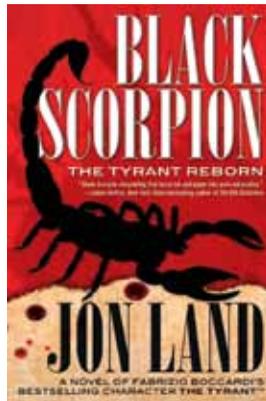
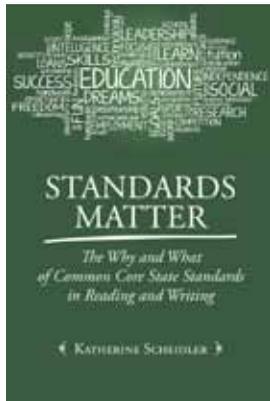
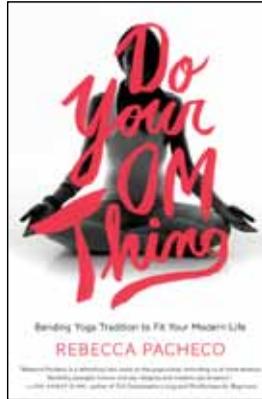
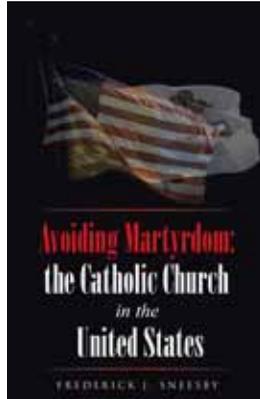
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Best of 2014!

Best Bookstore, New Books
Providence Phoenix

Best of 2013!

Best Independent Bookstore
Providence County
Rhode Island Monthly



Coming in May:

Sat., May 2nd - Celebrate Star Wars Day with Ryder Windham, author of Ultimate Star Wars!

Sat., May 9th - Celebrate Children's Book Week with a day of New England children's authors and illustrators!

More details to come

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Staff Picks



The Beauty by Jane Hirshfield (Knopf)

Just in time for Poetry Month, (April, for those of you wondering...) Jane Hirshfield's new collection, **The Beauty** hits the nail on the head. A great introduction to the world of poetry, you don't need to know about iambic pentameter or meter to appreciate Hirshfield's meditations on the human condition. Simplistic and sometimes blunt in nature, **The Beauty** is reminiscent of Mary Oliver's wit. The collection carries with it a somewhat tragic undertone; see "Two Linen Handkerchiefs," pg. 89, and "Anywhere You Look," pg 50. These poems will stick with you and make you rethink where you stand on this earth and every single place you've ever put your feet. This is the first of Hirshfield's work I've gotten my hands on, but I'm looking forward to riffling through her numerous collections already published.

-Jes Scribner



Hypnotize a Tiger by Calef Brown (Henry Holt and Co.)

If you are not yet familiar with the poetry and illustration of Calef Brown, this is a great time to pick up **Hypnotize a Tiger**. What a perfect example of why this author/illustrator is such a big hit with kids of all ages! Silly poems about pigeonfrogs, falaffel, a skyscraper rocket and (my favorite) a turtle in a fez, accompany Brown's charming 2-tone illustrations. **Hypnotize a Tiger** is a fun and slightly silly way to get kids to love poetry! Ages 8-11.

- Jennifer Kandarian



Dr. Critchlore's School for Minions by Sheila Grau (Harry N. Abrams)

Fans of Harry Potter and Despicable Me will love this fun boarding school where students train to become Minions and Junior Henchmen for the world's Evil Overlords. But the school is being sabotaged and 12-year-old werewolf Runt Higgins -- who, to his frustration, can't yet shapeshift -- must learn who is behind the attacks to save his school. This clever, laugh-out-loud book features a wacky cast of mad scientists, tree nymphs, sirens, zombies, trolls, school administrators, and terrifying girl scouts. Ages 8-12.

-Katie Perkins

Author & Special Events



Fri. Apr. 10 at 7pm **Frederick J Sneesby, Avoiding Martyrdom: The Catholic Church in America**

The United States Catholic Church has swung from being distinct and easily identifiable to a church that has blended quite well with the prevailing American culture. The forces of assimilation and the choices of Catholics have produced a mainstream church. But is the American Catholic Church accomplishing its mission? Is the church that was once peculiar more effective as the church that accommodates? *Avoiding Martyrdom* examines the state of the American Catholic Church and the disquiet felt by many Catholics, while looking toward how Catholics might fulfill the church's mission in the years ahead.

Frederick J. Sneesby received a Masters Degree in Religious Studies from the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven in Belgium and served as a parish priest for ten years before marrying and starting a new professional life. Fred and his family make their home in Rhode Island where he has worked in human services for a number of years and written about faith and culture. Fred Sneesby is also the author of *A Believer's Christmas*.



Fri. Apr. 17 at 7pm **Rebecca Pacheco, Do Your OM Thing: Bending Yoga Tradition to Fit Your Modern Life**

From an acclaimed master yoga teacher and creator of one of the most popular yoga blogs on the Internet comes a contemporary guide to the full mind-body practice, combining intention and enlightenment with athleticism and physicality. While the practice of yoga encourages fitness, its benefits extend far beyond the physical. In order to have a beautiful, fit body, a yoga practitioner must understand and respect its inextricable link to mind and spirit. Yet for those who want a deeper connection with their practice, who seek enlightenment, there are few resources to provide guidance. Master yoga teacher, athletic model, and writer Rebecca Pacheco is the ultimate twenty-first-century yoga ambassador. In *Do Your Om Thing*, she shows readers how to benefit from the ancient wisdom and philosophy of yoga without repudiating its modern attributes.

Rebecca Pacheco is an acclaimed yoga teacher, writer, speaker, and creator of the popular yoga blog *OmGal.com*. She has been practicing yoga for nearly two decades and began teaching while studying English Literature at the University of Richmond. Previously a master teacher at the Baptist Power Yoga Institute, Rebecca now offers her signature *Om Athlete* and creative *Vinyasa* yoga classes. A longtime runner and Boston Marathon finisher, she is also the resident yoga expert for *Runner's World* magazine.

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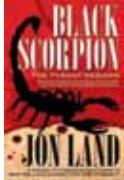


Sat. Apr. 18 at 4pm

Katherine Scheidler, **Standards Matter: The Why and What of Common Core Standards in Reading and Writing**

In this brief volume, the author spells out each Reading and Writing Standard to show that the Common Core State Standards simply guide high-level achievement for all students, invite teacher innovation and creativity, and make school a more exciting place of learning. The national tests include extensive writing and evaluate the understanding of ideas. These Standards and tests ask students to investigate and learn to make their own decisions, as we all should, based on evidence. The evidence provided here sheds light on excellent guides to help each child succeed. Common Core State Standards are an opportunity to develop a common national base of high-quality learning. We must seize this chance to raise the bar in American education.

Dr. Katherine Scheidler earned degrees from the American University School of International Service in Washington, D.C., Brown University, Harvard University Graduate School of Education, and Boston University. Dr. Scheidler guided the first wave of new state standards and tests under No Child Left Behind, facilitated and observed increased student learning, and now supports teachers in the next step up with national Standards and tests.



Fri. Apr. 24 at 6pm

Jon Land, **Black Scorpion: The Tyrant Reborn**

Five years have passed since Michael Tiranno saved the city of Las Vegas from a terrorist attack. And now a new enemy has surfaced in Eastern Europe in the form of an all-powerful organization called Black Scorpion. Once a victim of human trafficking himself, the shadowy group's crazed leader, Vladimir Dracu, has become the mastermind behind the scourge's infestation on a global scale. And now he's set his sights on Michael Tiranno for reasons birthed in a painful secret past that have scarred both men. Already facing a myriad of problems, Michael once more must rise to the challenge of confronting an all-powerful enemy who is exploiting and ravaging innocents all across the globe and has set nothing less than all of America as its new victim.

Jon Land is the acclaimed author of over thirty novels, including the bestselling series featuring Texas Ranger Caitlin Strong including **Strong Rain Falling**, which won the 2013 USA Best Books Award and 2014 International Book Award. Jon Land lives in Providence, Rhode Island.



Thurs. Apr. 30 at 7pm

Elaine Ostrach Chaika, Janet Croog, **illustrator, Humans, Dogs and Civilization: Dogs and People Book 1**

Thirty-two illustrated chapters recount the latest cutting-edge science about dogs, as well as true stories about actual dogs. The book is partly a memoir, a scientific work, and an “engaging” narrative. Kirkus Reviews called it “persuasive and engaging...a must read for anyone interested in the long history of dogs and people. The book shows that dogs are not directly descended from wolves, that early humans didn’t tame wolves to be dogs, that dogs partnered with Stone Age hunters of their own volition, and that dogs co-evolved with people. In fact, both dogs and humans have special receptors in their brains to allow them to communicate with each other. The human brain has shrunk 10% since dogs domesticated themselves. That’s because we relied on the dog’s superior senses of vision and scent, so that our brains no longer had to have space for such senses. Instead, the human brain became fashioned for complex speech, thought, and the arts. Since dogs became companions for humans, Homo Sapiens has become Homo sapiens sapiens. That is, our own species has become more intelligent, although more deprived of acute senses. The book shows that civilization could never have been built by humans until dogs provided enough food through herding so that people no longer had to be nomads following herds of prey animals. There would be no Beethoven, Rock ‘n Roll, Rembrandt, opera, symphonies, or scientists if dogs hadn’t taken care of early humans.

Elaine Ostrach Chaika is a freelance writer and Professor Emerita in Linguistics & English at Providence College.

Janet Croog receiving her BFA in Illustration from Paier College of Art in 2014. She has exhibited her work throughout the Greater New Haven area of CT as well as in New York City at the Society of Illustrators.



Indie Next List

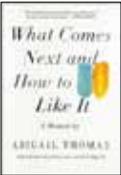
See what independent booksellers around the country are reading. Here are a few selections from the most recent **Indie Bound Next List**. These are all highly recommended and available now at **Books on the Square**.



At the Water's Edge by Sara Gruen (Spiegel & Grau)

“A trio of privileged Philadelphia socialites — Maddie, her husband, Ellis, and their friend, Hank — travel to the Scottish Highlands during WWII to prove the existence of the Loch Ness Monster. There, they find themselves among villagers dealing with the atrocities of a war that they have blithely ignored, and Maddie discovers that both the world and her life are not at all what she had imagined. Full of great period detail and richly drawn settings, *At the Water's Edge* is another spellbinding tale from the author of *Water for Elephants*.”

- Jill Miner, Saturn Booksellers, Gaylord, MI



What Comes Next and How to Like It by Abigail Thomas (Scribner)

“Like an honest talk with your wittiest friend, Thomas' new memoir will have you both laughing out loud and on the verge of tears. Examining a life that has changed dramatically over the years and the friendship that has endured it all, *What Comes Next and How to Like It* reveals simple truths we can all recognize in our own lives. Thomas' gentle humor is evident in every passage as she writes of struggling with aging, loyalty, and drinking after the death of her loving husband. What makes this all the more brilliant are the sparkling moments of insight, full of depth and emotion, that Thomas so beautifully shares with the reader.”

- Luisa Smith, Book Passage, Corte Madera, CA

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HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

4/6 @ 7pm The Storyteller,
Jodi Picoult

5/4 @ 7pm Some Day,
Shemi Zarhin

QUEER BOOK CLUB

4/15 @ 7pm Patience and Sara,
Isabel Miller

5/20 @ 7pm Billy Budd,
Herman Melville

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

4/28 @ 2pm Norwegian by Night,
Derek Miller

5/26 @ 2pm Philomena,
Martin Sixsmith

WAYLAND SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

4/22 & 5/27 @ 7pm

KIDS' STORY HOURS

Mon., Babies 10:30-11:00

Wed., All Kids 10:30-11:00

Sat., All Kids 11:00-11:30

Please Note: Sometimes our story times are cancelled due to sickness or inclement weather. You're welcome to give us a call around 10am to find out if our story hours are still taking place.