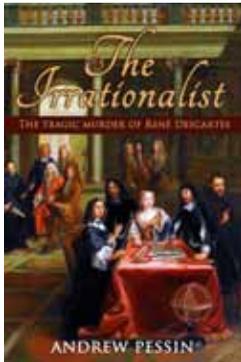


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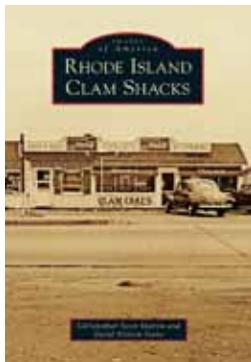
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BOOKS ON THE SQUARE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

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STAFF PICKS



Saints for all Occasions

by J. Courtney Sullivan

(Knopf)

Follow the challenges and successes of an Irish Catholic family whose matriarch and patriarch came to America as teens in the 50's. Leaving behind tradition and family, they built a life for themselves in the Boston area. The chapters bounce from past to present, revealing the roots of family secrets, and the repercussions of choices made long ago. Steeped in themes of what it is to be a Catholic in a modern world, family dysfunction, and the American dream.

- Emily Bonvechio



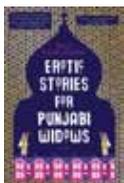
The Cooking Gene

by Michael Twitty

(Amistad)

Both personal and cultural history, this takes a long look at the culinary history of slavery, and, by extension, "Southern" and "Soul" cooking. With a nod to Henry Louis Gates' PBS series, Finding Your Roots, Twitty delves deeply into his own personal history, using this as a starting point from which to chart the history of Southern cuisine, the slaves who made and influenced it, and the places in Africa and the Caribbean (and others) from which a lot of the food ways are sourced. As this is personal, Twitty's enthusiasm for the subject matter, and educating people about it, shines through on almost every page, often making it seem like you are having an intimate conversation with the author. As one cannot truly talk about this cuisine without acknowledging slavery, this is a compelling antidote to the over the top butter-soaked way it is usually presented.

- Andrew Devrell



Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows

by Balli Kaur Jaswal

(Publisher)

A reviewer in Singapore called **Erotic Stories for Punjabi Widows** audacious. I would agree and say perhaps the author, Balli Kaur Jaswal was too ambitious or her editor too severe. Never mind. This is a fun, worthwhile read. Imagine if parts of Fifty Shades of Grey were baked into a novel like chocolate chips in a cookie. There is way more to this story than a few titillating fantasies. Interesting information about the Sikh culture, mystery, women's empowerment, maturity and most of all friendship play into a very good story. This is one of the few books I wish could have been longer to give all its dimensions their due place. Well worth a read.

- Dora Truong

SHELF TALKERS

Sweets & Treats



Books on the Square is pleased to announce that we are now carrying a New England favorite, McCrea's Candies. These Boston-based caramels come in a variety of flavors including café noir and single malt scotch. You can find them next to our registers in a perfect pocket-size and several tube sizes great for gifting. Ask for a sample!



The card collection here at the store is constantly changing based on seasons, holidays, and customer requests. What remains the same are the reasonable prices, attention to detail, and focus on supporting small companies and local artists. Books on the Square

is currently carrying a number of New England based card companies. On one shelf alone you might find the following card artists:

- Firefly Field Prints (Maine)
- Nikki Laxar (Vermont)
- Jennifer Polan (Rhode Island)
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- Laurel Porter-Gaylord (Rhode Island)
- In Your Own Words (Maine)
- Monstream Cardworks (Vermont)
- EarthSky+Water (New Hampshire)
- Mary Michola Fibich (Maine)
- Calypso (Rhode Island)

Can't find an appropriate card for a specific occasion or sentiment? Ask our staff! We can help find the right card for the right recipient.



Silk Tree Farm is one of our favorite local vendors! Based out of Little Compton, RI, this small farm is focused on sustainability, raising happy animals (goats, chickens, pigs), protecting our food system, and heritage breed conservation. Lucky for us, they also make some wonderful scented goat milk soap and soy wax candles. We are currently stocked with sandalwood, lavender rosemary, lavender, and peppermint soap. The candle scents we have currently are eucalyptus mint, lavender, and lemongrass sage.

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Thursday August 10 at 7pm
Andrew Pessin, **The Irrationalist**

In 1649, René Descartes was invited by the Queen of Sweden to become her Court Philosopher. Shortly thereafter he was dead.

Who would want to murder the world's most famous philosopher? Turns out: nearly everyone. An historical murder mystery based closely on real events: the difficult life and mysterious death of the famous 17th-century philosopher René Descartes.

Andrew Pessin is Professor of Philosophy at Connecticut College, with degrees from Yale and Columbia—though he is perhaps best known for his appearances years ago as “The Genius” on the Late Show with David Letterman. Author of many academic articles and books, he has also published several works of philosophy for the general reader, one of which—**Uncommon Sense: The Strangest Ideas from the Smartest Philosophers**—was named an “Outstanding Academic Title of 2013” by Choice. His first novel, **The Second Daughter**, was a Semi-Finalist in Literary Fiction at The Kindle Book Review Book awards.



Saturday August 19 at 4pm
Lucy Coutinho, **Peaces of Freedom**

Peaces Of Freedom chronicles a self-healing journey through journaling, including testimonials and inspirational quotes.

Journaling can be an incredible means to catalog our thoughts and provide a

better understanding of ourselves. When we process our experiences through writing, we're able to cleanse our minds and see our emotions, circumstances, and desires with clarity. Within each chapter, you are welcome to chronicle your own reflection where writing prompts are provided for you.

Lucy Coutinho is a journalist, mother, author and self-love enthusiast. She has developed a noted expertise in counseling both women and men in various methods for effectively reconstructing their lives toward healing, wholeness, empowerment, and self-love. She is also a much sought out Journal to Empower workshop presenter and TV Host.



Saturday August 19 at 7pm
Christopher Scott Martin and
David Norton Stone,
Rhode Island Clam Shacks

With Special Guests **Renee Bessette**
of the Clamerati and local songstress
Clammy Wynotte

Christopher Scott Martin and David Norton Stone have compiled images from historical archives and from many popular local eateries, some of which have been serving clams to Rhode Islanders and visitors for a century.

This event will also include a discussion featuring Renee Bessette, a founding member of the Clamerati, whose Lil Rhode Clam Cake Crawl has been rating the state's bivalve fritters for four years. Fresh from her Crave the Bay tour, local songstress Clammy Wynotte will open the event.

Christopher Scott Martin is the curator of *Quahog.org*, a website about Rhode Island's history and cultural quirks. **David Norton Stone** is the author of the Rhode Island food books *Clamcake Summer*, *Stuffie Summer*, and *Chowder Summer*.



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.

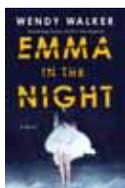


Girl in Snow
by **Danya Kukafka**
(Simon & Schuster)

“Perfectly paced and completely compelling, **Girl in Snow** by newcomer Danya Kukafka immerses you in a chilling small-town tale

in which star high-school student Lucinda Hayes is found dead on a school playground. Most clues point to Cameron, an obsessed, window-peeping classmate who often lives in an ‘alternate’ state of mind. Conflicting clues come from the backstories of classmate Jade, the questionably motivated policeman Russ, and Cameron himself. Readers will be spellbound and remain puzzled as the characters expose the town’s secrets. Told in spare, haunting prose, this is a not-to-be-missed story!”

- Nancy Simpson-Brice, Book Vault, Oskaloosa, IA



Emma in the Night
by **Wendy Walker**
(St. Martin’s Press)

“Suspense novelist Wendy Walker is back with an enthralling tale of lies and intrigue. What really happened the night that two sisters

went missing? After three years, younger sister Cass returns with a troubling tale of abduction, and the hunt begins for the still-missing Emma. Told in the alternating voices of the teenage Cass and a forensic psychologist with her own emotional baggage, **Emma in the Night** is the ultimate unreliable narrator experience. This story will grip readers from page one, up until an ending so shocking it will knock you sideways. Trust no one.”

- Pamela Klinger-Horn, Excelsior Bay Books, Excelsior, MN

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Book clubs and discussion groups are free and open to the public. Monthly book club selections will be discounted 10%.

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

8/7 @ 7pm **Casting Lots**,
Susan Silverman

9/11 @ 7pm **The Boys in the Boat**,
Daniel James Brown

QUEER BOOK CLUB

8/16 @ 7pm **Lum**, Libby Ware

9/20 @ 7pm **The Danish Girl**,
David Ebershof

WATERMAN STREET DOG PARK MEETING

8/8 @ 7pm & 9/12 @ 7pm

KIDS’ STORY HOURS

Story Hours are on hiatus for the month of August.

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In the months of January and July, bring in any of your old Books on the Square receipts and we will add them up and give you a store credit worth 10% of your purchases!

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