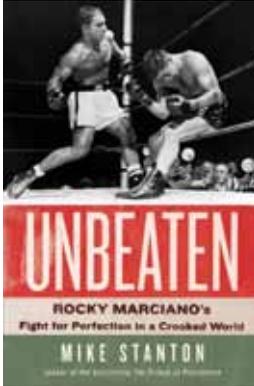


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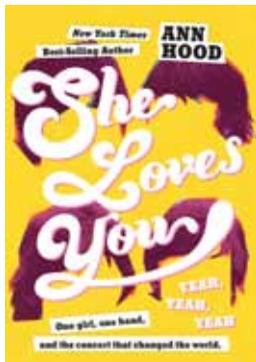
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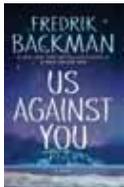


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STAFF PICKS



Us Against You by **Fredrik Backman** (Atria Books)

Backman again takes us to Beartown in his latest installment exploring all the dark things that lurk beneath the surface in small towns.

Ostensibly, this is a book about hockey rivalry, and all the tensions that arise in the wake of the buildup to an important game. But as sports are often held up as being about “more than sports”, so it is here, as those tensions reveal fault lines in both towns, and we see the way people deal with what is exposed. You have here a full gamut of characters and situations; corrupt local politicians, gender (female hockey coach), sexuality (coming out as gay), chasing one’s dreams, and true strength the face of adversity. With his signature dry humor and provocative writing style, we are treated to a contemporary tale that does, in fact, leave us satisfied in the end, but also with many questions that challenge us to examine ourselves and our communities, and what more could one ask of a novel?

- Andrew Devrell



Murder on the Left Bank by **Cara Black** (Soho Crime)

A Paris detective for a father and a mother who is some sort of spy give Aimee Leduc an edge in the world of private detecting.

Her mother makes a dramatic entry into this story, but her father is dead. Aimee will follow any lead that might expose the murderous culprits who are adding still more bodies as they attempt to destroy documents that could uncover decades of crimes. This is one series set so convincingly in Paris you can almost smell the croissants. Part of the story is set at the Gobelins factory where tapestries were created for Louis the fourteenth almost four hundred years ago. Another twist is the S. E. Asian gang and their many victims. They control the neighborhood where Aimee seeks informants. The author actually provides a map so you can follow the many chases through the streets and neighborhoods. Cara Black’s newest in a series is a good summer read or an escape anytime.

- Dora Truong

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, July 7 at 7pm Mike Stanton, **Unbeaten:** **Rocky Marciano’s Fight for** **Perfection in a Crooked World**

From the bestselling author of *The Prince of Providence*, a revelatory biography of

Rocky Marciano, the greatest heavyweight champion of all time. Marciano, the undefeated heavy weight champion of the world, grew up the son of poor Italian immigrants in Brockton, Massachusetts. During his epic career, Rocky was known not only for his relentless attack style, but for his complicated relationship with fame and the mafia dons who dominated boxing during that era. Stanton tells Rocky’s story with novelistic verve.

*Award-winning and New York Times best-selling author Mike Stanton has previously illuminated the shocking criminal underworld hiding in plain sight in Rhode Island government in **The Prince of Providence**. His investigative reporting at the Providence Journal won him a Pulitzer Prize in 1994.*

Noah **Text**

Thursday, July 12 at 6:30pm
How to Help Our Children
Become Fluent, Confident Readers.
RI Tutorial & Educational Services

presents a parent workshop on **Noah Text™**, featuring creator and founder, Sarah K. Blodgett

Did you know it takes our children 2-3 times longer to learn to read compared to most other countries because of the complexity of our writing system? In fact, 50% of our language is of foreign origin making it one of the most unpredictable in the world. Yet Finland, the country that consistently outranks us in education, has one of the easiest writing systems. As well, their rate of dyslexia is much lower. This workshop will introduce you to Noah Text™ and teach you how to bring predictability to our irregular writing system by introducing children to critical word patterns. It will show you how to bring meaningful instruction to children by giving them the key to unlock further words, thus, giving them independence to become confident, fluent readers

*Sarah K. Blodgett is the author of the very imaginative book series **The Mystical Years of Franklin Noah Peterson and Zack Early Readers**. She is also the creator and founder of Noah Text™, a specialized text designed to assist and teach new and struggling readers, those with dyslexia, and ESL students, how to read with fluency and ease. Her work has been featured in *The Day Newspaper*, *The Associated Press*, and *Education Talk Radio*.*

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday, July 13 at 7pm

Leila Howland,
Hello, Sunshine

Becca Harrington is a reject. After being rebuffed by every college on her list, she needs a fresh start, so she packs up everything and moves to LA, giving herself one year to land an acting gig or kill herself trying. Unfortunately, not everything turns out as planned, and after a few grueling months, LA is looking like the worst idea ever. As hard as she tries, Becca can't land an agent, she's running out of cash, and her mom is hounding her to apply to more schools. In an act of desperation, Becca and her friend Marisol start posting short videos online—with the help of their adorable filmmaker neighbor, Raj—and the videos catch the attention of a TV producer. Could this be it? Her big break? Or will she have to move back home with nothing but some bad head shots and a monstrous credit card bill?

Leila Howland spent five years acting in New York in everything from an MTV public service announcement for safe sex to a John Guare play at Lincoln Center, and was a proud company member of the award-winning Flea Theater in Tribeca. Currently, she is a school librarian in Los Angeles, where she lives with her family.



Saturday, July 21 at 4pm

Ann Hood,
She Loves You, Yeah Yeah Yeah

The year is 1966. The Vietnam War rages overseas, the Beatles have catapulted into stardom, and twelve-year-old Trudy Mixer is not thrilled with life. Her best friend has decided to become a cheerleader, everyone at school is now calling her Gertrude, and the gem of her middle school career, the Beatles fan club, has dwindled down to only three other members. Determined to regain her social status, Trudy looks toward the biggest thing happening worldwide: the Beatles. She is set on seeing them in Boston during their final world tour. So on a hot August day, unknown to their families, Trudy and crew set off on their journey, each of them with soaring hopes for what lies ahead.

*Ann Hood is the author of the best-selling novels **The Book That Matters Most**, **The Obituary Writer**, **The Red Thread**, and **The Knitting Circle**, as well as the memoir **Comfort: A Journey Through Grief**, which was a *New York Times* Editor's Choice and chosen as one of the top ten nonfiction books of 2008 by *Entertainment Weekly*. She has won two Pushcart Prizes as well as a Best American Spiritual Writing Award, two Best American Food Writing Awards, and a Best American Travel Writing award.*



Saturday, July 28 at 7pm

A Night of Horror!
Presented by the New England
Horror Writers and hosted by
Scott Goudsward

Featuring:



Jason Parent is an author of horror, thriller, mystery, science fiction and dark humor, though his work tends to blur the boundaries between them. He has lived in New England most his life, currently residing in Rhode Island.



Matt Bechtel is a writer of short stories that tend toward dark humor and satire. He serves on the Executive Committee of the Northeastern Writers' Convention (Camp Necon) and lives in Providence, Rhode Island.



Doug Rinaldi is an author whose passion is dark fiction. Born and raised in Connecticut, he recently relocated to Boston, where he is diligently working on his second book.



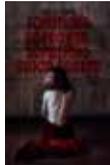
Bracken MacLeod is the author of a collection of short fiction titled *13 Views of the Suicide Woods* and the novels *Mountain Home*, *Come to Dust*, and most recently *Stranded*. He lives outside of Boston with his wife and son, where he is at work on his next novel.



Catherine Grant is an author of short stories, a contributing editor at LampLight, former contributing editor at Shock Totem, and a member of Broad Universe. Catherine lives in Providence, Rhode Island with her husband.



Kenneth Vaughan is an author of dark fiction and a fan of all things strange. He has worked as an editor with Dark Discoveries and Hellnotes.com. He lives with his wife and children in Rhode Island.

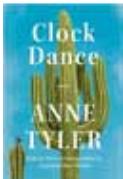


Christa Carmen's work has been featured in a myriad of anthologies, ezines, and podcasts. Her debut collection, *Something Borrowed*, *Something Blood-Soaked*, is a compelling exploration of horrors both supernatural and psychological that will be available this summer from Unnerving.



INDIE NEXT LIST

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Clock Dance by Anne Tyler (Knopf)

"Anne Tyler's extraordinary ability to tell a story in the simplest language has helped her become one of our most beloved authors. In Clock Dance, she brings us Willa Drake, who

has been seeking something all her life, it seems. It's not until she's reached middle age that she finally opens a new door in her heart and welcomes in the most unusual group of people: an entire neighborhood, ready to bring her a new perspective and an understanding of life that will change her forever. Tyler's newest is one for book groups, one for book lovers, and one for you, too."

- Linda Bond, Auntie's Bookstore, Spokane, WA



Spinning Silver by Naomi Novik (Del Ray)

"In her second standalone fantasy, Novik once again mines the tales we know to create something completely modern yet timeless. This reimagined version of Rumpelstiltskin, set in a

tsarist, Eastern Europe-like country called Litvas, is breathtaking. It explores female autonomy, class, Jewish life, and oppression while telling a compelling and richly realized fantasy tale. If anything, I just wanted to spend more time with Miryem, Wanda, Irina, and the story's other vibrant, compelling voices. If you loved Uprooted, don't hesitate to dive into this one. If you haven't read Novik's earlier work, begin here—you'll be hooked."

- Anmiryam Budner, Main Point Books, Wayne, PA

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Craig Larson
- 8/6 @ 7pm **A Boy in Winter**,
Rachel Seiffert
- 9/4 @ 7pm **Tomorrow There Will Be
Apricots**, Jessica Soffer

QUEER BOOK CLUB

- 7/18 @ 7pm **Vow of Celibacy**,
Erin Judge
- 8/15 @ 7pm **Mahu: A Hawaiian
Mystery**, Neil S. Plakcy
- Garden District Gothic**,
Greg Herren
- 9/19 @ 7pm **Whipping Girl**,
Julia Serano

THE YOUNG ADULT LITCLUB

- 7/9 @ 7pm **Alanna, the
First Adventure**,
Tamora Pierce
- 8/20 @ 7pm **Emergency Contact**,
Mary HK Choi
- 9/17 @ 7pm **My Grandmother Asked
Me To Tell You She's
Sorry**, Fredrick Bachman

KIDS' STORY HOURS

- Mon., Babies 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.*