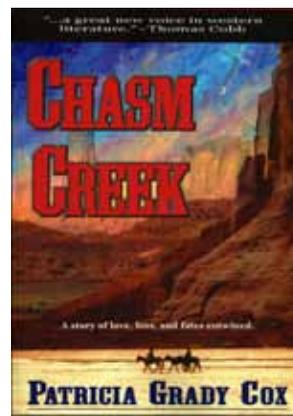
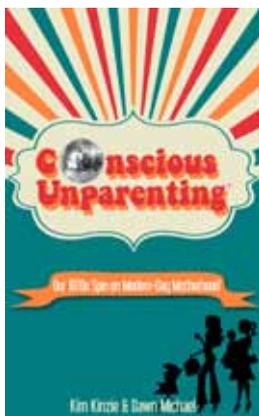
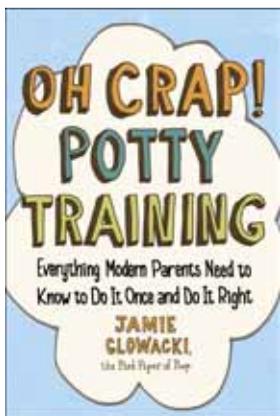
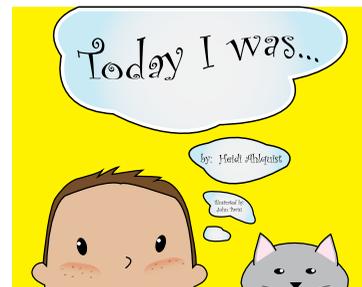
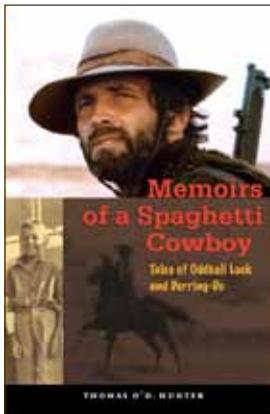
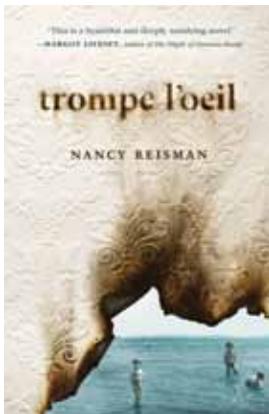


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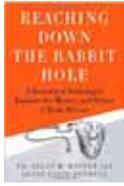
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Staff Picks



Reaching Down the Rabbit Hole

by Allan H. Ropper, M.D. and
Brian David Burrell
(St. Martin's Press)

The title of this book is chosen to convey the wonder that lies in our brains. Dr. Ropper, a

distinguished neurologist who deals with some of the most difficult neurological cases in the Boston area, focuses on what the patient's brain can tell us about what ails it. While he continues to prescribe the usual physical tests, he adds extensive conversations with the patient as a key element in diagnosing the underlying causes and in prescribing effective treatment. I found his approach to be compelling and his candor to be exceptional — even including cases where errors contributed to unsuccessful outcomes. I believe that readers of this book will be excited by the insights that it provides into personal, teamwork approaches for treating persons with brain diseases.

- Rod Clifton, Co-owner

Author & Special Events



Sat. Jun. 13 at 4pm

Nancy Reisman, Trompe l'Oeil

During a vacation in Rome, the Murphy family experiences a life-altering tragedy. In the immediate aftermath, James, Nora, and their children find solace in their Massachusetts coast home, but as the years pass the weight of the loss disintegrates the increasingly fragile marriage and leaves its mark on each family member. Trompe l'Oeil seamlessly alternates among several characters' points of view, capturing the details of their daily lives as well as their longing for connection and fear of abandonment. Through the turbulence of marriage, the challenges of parenthood, job upheavals, and calamities large and small, Trompe l'Oeil examines family legacies, the ways those legacies persist, and the ways they might be transcended. Nancy Reisman is a master of psychological acuity, creating characters who are wholly unique and yet express our own longings and anxieties. Trompe l'Oeil haunts not only with its story but also with the beauty of its insight into hopes, desires, and fears.

Nancy Reisman's debut novel, **The First Desire**, was a New York Times Notable Book and a recipient of the Goldberg Award from the Foundation for Jewish Culture. Her story collection, **House Fires**, won the Iowa Award for Short Fiction. She teaches at Vanderbilt University and lives in Nashville, TN.

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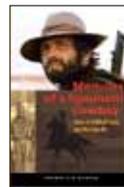


Thurs. Jun. 18 at 7pm

Leila Howland, The Forget-Me-Not Summer

Though Marigold, Zinnia, and Lily Silver couldn't be more different, they're all excited about their various plans for summer vacation. Twelve-year-old Marigold is hoping to get her first kiss from her big crush, while Zinnia, eleven, will most likely spend her time in Marigold's shadow. And little five-year-old Lily, though angelic, has a knack for stirring up mischief wherever she goes. But any expectation of summer fun comes crashing down when the sisters' parents send them to Cape Cod to visit their aunt Sunny. Small-town life is not what these L.A. girls had in mind. They must adjust, however, to things like sharing a room and living without a TV. With the help of Aunt Sunny's zany disposition and yummy brownies, though, the girls are quickly won over, and before Marigold, Zinnie, and Lily know it, they're cracking lobster shells at clambakes, making new friends, and even organizing a local talent show.

Leila Howland was born and raised in Providence, RI. A graduate of Georgetown University, Leila spent five years acting in New York, where she was a company member of the award-winning Flea Theater in Tribeca. **The Forget-Me-Not Summer** is her middle grade debut.



Fri. Jun 19 at 7pm

Thomas O'D. Hunter, Memoirs of a Spaghetti Cowboy: Tales of Oddball Luck and Daring-Do

Tom Hunter has made B movies in some of the world's most dangerous places. This lively, unpredictable memoir chronicles his life in film.

But Hunter also tells of being a two-year-old runaway, a teenager who loses his virginity and meets Joe McCarthy the same weekend, a Marine Corps officer, a top Ford model and a stage actor cast - and fired- by Edward Albee. Hunter's adventures, recounted in fascinating detail and with suspense and humor, include writing and packaging *The Final Countdown*, with Kirk Douglas and Martin Sheen... and somehow surviving ten years of la dolce vita in Rome.

Thomas O'D. Hunter was born in Savannah, Georgia, and has lived and worked in New York City, Hollywood and Rome. While living abroad, he founded an off-Broadway-style English language theater. After returning to the States, he founded and served as artistic director of the New England Repertory Company. Hunter currently lives in New England.

Author & Special Events



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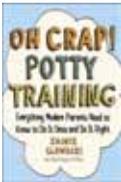
Heidi Ahlquist and John Parisi, Today I Was...

In conjunction with story time

Today I was is a tale of a little boy with big dreams. It encourages children to have dreams of careers and a positive future yet enjoy where they are now. It simple, fun way, shows young children all the possibilities they have for their future.

Heidi Ahlquist has four children and is a full-time wound care nurse. She is a Rhode Island native and lives in Cranston. She is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island. In her spare time she enjoys reading and writing children's books.

John Parisi was born, raised and lives in Cranston. He is an entrepreneur with a focus on graphic design. John is experienced in many art mediums and now proudly adds illustration of a children's book to his list of accomplishments.



Thurs. Jun. 25 at 7pm

Jamie Glowacki, OH CRAP! Potty Training: Everything Modern Parents Need to Know to Do it Once and Do it Right

Jamie Glowacki—potty-training expert, Pied Piper of Poop, and author of the popular guide, **Oh**

Crap! Potty Training—shares her proven 6-step plan to help you toilet train your preschooler quickly and successfully. Let Jamie Glowacki, potty-training expert and the popular “Pied Piper of Poop,” show you how it’s done. Her 6-step, proven process to get your toddler out of diapers and onto the toilet has already worked for tens of thousands of kids and their parents. Here’s the good news: your child is probably ready to be potty trained EARLIER than you think (ideally, between 20–30 months), and it can be done FASTER than you expect (most kids get the basics in a few days—but Jamie’s got you covered even if it takes a little longer).

Jamie Glowacki is a mom, social worker, and potty training guru based in Rhode Island.



Fri. Jun. 26 at 7pm

Kimberly A Kinzie and Dawn O Michael, Conscious Unparenting: Our 1970's Spin on Modern-Day Motherhood

As children of the carefree 1970s, Kim Kinzie and Dawn Michael felt unprepared for the endless demands of 21st century parenting. Was it just the two of them who found motherhood so taxing? Dumbfounded, they asked fellow moms to share their feelings about raising children. Initially, conversations were polite and scripted. Determined to get to the truth, the authors took a risk and shared their deepest and darkest parenting stories. These exchanges fostered feelings of acceptance and validation. It wasn't their inept parenting skills, it was the impossible institution known as modern-day motherhood. This book is a compilation of those unedited narratives told with humor, emotion and raw honesty. It's also a call to action, as the authors seek to create a new mode of parenting that merges the best of the '70s with today; one that is less kid-centric, more parent-friendly. With a nod to celebrity elitism, they're calling this mindset “conscious unparenting™.”

Dawn O'Shea Michael graduated from Boston University with a degree in English and Biology. Though she would have loved to sustain a living by pondering Shakespeare, Dawn opted for the more lucrative and noble choice – optometry. Dawn currently resides in her native state of Rhode Island.

Kim Fogarty Kinzie is a recovering attorney turned stay-at-home mom. She is a regular contributor for Rhode Island's Motif Magazine, where she writes profiles of local restaurants, festivals and kid-friendly activities. She now has her own column, Alternative Parenting, where she provides her unique perspective on child rearing.



Sat. Jun. 27 at 4pm

Patricia Grady Cox, Chasm Creek: A Story of Love, Loss and Fates Entwined

A hangman's noose stands between Morgan Braddock and the family he loves. Esther Corbin clings to marriage with a man who has abandoned her and their four children. And Ruben Santiago scorns his native heritage after being kidnapped from the Navajo and raised Catholic. Chasm Creek is set in Arizona and deals skillfully with both the mining towns and natives who made the state the historical gem it is today.

Patricia Cox is a member of Women Writing the West and the Western Writers of America. A former east-coast social worker, she now lives in Arizona. She has written short stories, teleplays, one-act plays and worked for a time as a “stringer” for a newspaper in Cave Creek, Arizona.



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**.



The Truth According to Us by Annie Barrows (The Dial Press)

"In 1938, as America is in the throes of the Depression, Layla Beck, daughter of a senator, is sent to Macedonia, West Virginia, to write a

history of the town under the auspices of the Writers' Project of America. She boards with the unconventional Romeyn family, whose many members live under one roof. Willa, who is 12 years old and the inner voice of this intriguing story, will remind readers of Scout in *To Kill a Mockingbird* with her bravado and curiosity. As Macedonia's history is written in an upstairs room, downstairs the family's long-held secrets begin to unravel, and eventually each person has to take responsibility for events long kept under wraps. A compelling page-turner!"

- Susan Diffenderfer, Tall Tales Book Shop, Atlanta, GA



Seveneves by Neal Stephenson (William Morrow)

"In this exciting and cerebral epic spanning 5,000 years, Stephenson explores the effects of a devastating catastrophe on the course of humanity.

After the moon is shattered by an unknown agent, small groups of humans survive the ensuing holocaust — some by digging deep underground, others by seeking refuge in space. Millennia later, the separate branches of mankind converge, inexorably changed. I was completely consumed by this book, terrified and awed by Stephenson's vision of our future. This is essential science fiction."

- Emily Ring, Inklings Bookshop, Yakima, WA

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Elizabeth Strout

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6/17 @ 7pm The Paying Guest,
Sarah Waters

7/15 @ 7pm Gay Berlin,
Robert Beachys

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