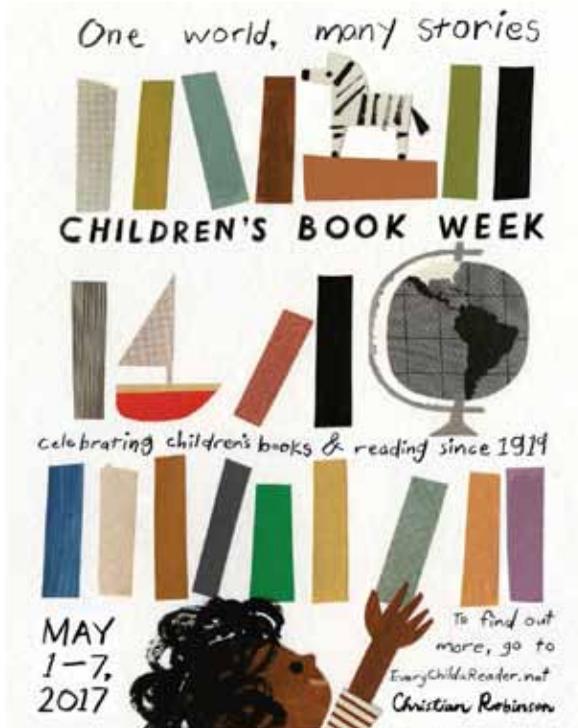
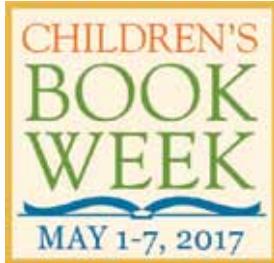


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Monday, May 1



Confetti Foundation Book Drive

The Confetti Foundation provides parties to children who have to spend their birthdays in the hospital. **All books purchased for the book drive will receive a 20% discount.**
confettifoundation.org

Story Time @ 10:30am

With special guest, **Sierra Zschirnt** from the **Confetti Foundation**.

Saturday, May 6

Story Time @ 11:00am with **Chris Byrnes**

Sunday, May 7

Vote!

Last day to vote for the **Children's and Teen Choice Awards!**

Scavenger Hunts all day long!

Face Painting 1:00-3:00pm

All Week!

2017 Children's and Teen Choice Awards!

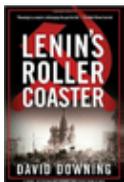
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Reading Without Walls

Sign up to participate in the challenge issued by the National Ambassador of Children's Literature, Gene Luen Yang!

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STAFF PICKS



Lenin's Roller Coaster

by David Downing

(Soho Crime)

David Downing has lots going on within the plot of *Lenin's Roller Coaster*. There is an improbable escape by a man accompanied by a young boy through a Russia roiling with revolution during 1917. Since the man is a most capable spy named Jack McColl, perhaps this is not completely impossible. Then there is the woman he loves who is striving to have a career as a reporter. Caitlin is a strong character whose story alternates with that of the spy, Jack, in cliffhanger fashion. She is in the heart of Leningrad and must decide if she is a journalist or revolutionary. There are lots of factions fighting each other and they are all eager to get their hands on either of the protagonists. Excitement to spare, I found this a tough book to put down.

- Dora Truong



Salt Houses

by Hala Alyan

(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

Hala Alyan's debut novel is a piercing portrayal of war, displacement, and belonging that begins during the Six Day War. In *Salt Houses*, Alyan portrays the impact of exile on the individual, the family, and the generations that follow. The Youcab's, a Palestinian family, are uprooted time and again over a span of fifty years. Told through the perspective of different characters, *Salt Houses* is an intimate portrayal of love, loyalty and loss. At times heartrending, this is a lyrical, powerful, and timely novel.

- Susan Schlesinger



The Giant Jumperee

by Julia Donaldson

Illustrated by Helen Oxenbury

(Dial Books)

A more perfect book does not exist! A favorite of mine for spring 2017, this book is ideal for ages 3-6 years old. All the animals try their hand (paw) at getting the Giant Jumperee to come out of the burrow, with no results until Mama Frog comes along. Scary (but not too scary), pitch perfect and oh so fun, this is sure to be a well loved classic.

- Robin Gross

SHELF TALKERS

A new Zeitgeist display highlights the books that people are talking about.

Many of our customers know Chris Byrnes from story time on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. But when he's not delighting children with his reading, he is keeping his finger on the pulse of culture and trends. A little while ago, he carved out a space in the bookstore to share some of the books that either represent or connect with the spirit of the times. It's an ever changing selection, which currently includes:



A Handmaid's Tale by Margaret Atwood –

This harrowing tale of set in dystopian world replaces George Orwell's 1984 as this month's "book that is scarily prescient".

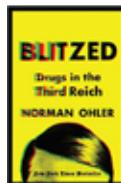
Jane Mayer's **Dark Money** has been a hugely popular examination of class, money and the corruption of politics in America since it was released last year and has just been issued in paperback.



The other issue that has taken center stage in the national dialogue is race. And among the many great titles that have engaged race in America from several angles, the book that is currently resonating is National Book Award Winner **Stamped From the Beginning**. In his book, Ibram X. Kendi takes a bold approach by deeply investigating what racism is and how it has been formulated. And, although he presents racist thought as an insidious virus, he also opens the door for treatment by uncovering that pathogen.



And, if you are in the mood for something a bit less close to home, Norman Ohler's **Blitzed** is a fascinating account of drug use during the Third Reich, from amphetamines for the tank crew to opioids for the fuhrer, Ohler asks questions and makes claims that have people buzzing on both sides of the Atlantic.



And sometimes a small story about a person that no one has ever heard of is the exact story that people want to know. This spring, Christopher Thomas Knight has finally emerged from the northern woods of Maine and onto reading lists everywhere. Michael Finkel is the author that has brought Knight's story out of obscurity his book, **The Stranger in the Woods: the Extraordinary Story of the Last True Hermit**



Keep an eye out for new selections in our Zeitgeist display and share with us your thoughts on books that capture or create the spirit of the our times.

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Sunday, May 7 at 3pm
Kate Hanley, **Stress Less**
Signing and Chocolate-Eating Meditation

Local author Kate Hanley will teach a few of the quick, powerful, and effective stress busters from her latest book, *Stress Less: Stop Stressing, Start Living*, including a chocolate-eating meditation! With chocolate provided by local company Laughing Gull Chocolates, this event is the perfect way to have a chill Sunday and buy gifts for the moms, Dads, and grads in your life who could use a little light-hearted help in dealing with stress (can't we all?).

Mindset coach Kate Hanley helps busy people use the principles of mindfulness to do more good while trying less hard. Kate comments regularly on stress relief and emotional wellness for outlets such as Women's Day, People Stylewatch, Allure, Seventeen, Fortune and the Harvard Business Review.



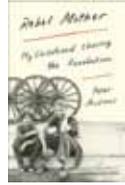
Saturday May 20
Richard Kelly, **Max the Flying Sausage Dog**

in conjunction with our 11am storytime

When 7-year old Tom rescues a funny looking little dachshund from the dog pound, he has no idea that they're about to take off on a series of high-flying adventures—literally. Max has a tail that spins instead of wagging. When he hears the name of his favorite food, sausages, it spins so fast he can actually fly!

Working with famed illustrator, Arthur Robins, and award-winning film director, John O'Driscoll, Richard Kelly's Max The Flying Sausage Dog children's book series has garnered rave reviews.

Writing under the pseudonym, Edward H. Essex, his first novel, Remains To Be Seen and the accompanying book of poems, Love Poems We Love, also met with strong reviews.



Saturday May 20
Peter Andreas, **Rebel Mother**
SPECIAL EVENT WITH **BOTTLES**
6:30pm: reception
7pm: author reading/signing

Peter Andreas's unique upbringing is recounted with candor and courage in *Rebel Mother: My Childhood Chasing the Revolution*, an extraordinary tale of a deep parent-child bond and the joy and toll of growing up with a radical mother in a radical age.

When the author's mother unexpectedly died in 2004, he found boxes of her diaries—spanning over thirty years—scattered around her house. Andreas spent weeks reading through dozens of notebooks, many of which covered the years he spent with his mother in South America as they fled, time and again, across borders in search of her elusive revolution.

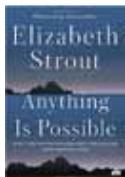
But the more they chased it, the more distant the revolution became. By age eleven, Peter had attended more than a dozen schools and lived in as many homes, moving from the bland suburbs of Detroit to a hippie commune in Berkeley, to a socialist collective farm in Chile to highland villages and coastal shantytowns in Peru.

Peter Andreas is the John Hay Professor of International Studies at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University. Previously, he was an academy scholar at Harvard University, a research fellow at the Brookings Institution, and an SSRC-MacArthur Foundation Fellow on International Peace and Security. He is the author, co-author, or co-editor of ten books and has also written for a wide range of scholarly and policy publications.



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.

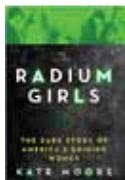


Anything Is Possible
by **Elizabeth Strout**
(Random House)

Anything Is Possible merges the interlocking story form of Strout's Olive Kitteridge with the characters from My Name Is Lucy Barton.

No one captures both the decency and cruelty of small towns the way Strout does — the kindness of a school janitor, the merciless taunts an impoverished child must endure. Mothers and daughters are a frequent theme, too, and the story of Mississippi Mary, about a woman visiting her mother in Italy, just might break your heart. Every story in this amazing collection is about the events that can make or break us — war, abuse, poverty, illness — and how we respond. I loved this marvelous book, and you should absolutely read it.”

- Jill Zimmerman, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI



The Radium Girls
by **Kate Moore**
(Sourcebooks)

“The harrowing true story of The Radium Girls is a compelling and forthright portrayal of a dark, insidious mystery and the ‘shining girls’

who revealed it. Author Kate Moore takes the reader from Orange, New Jersey, to Ottawa, Illinois, following several women who work at factories that specialize in painting watch faces and instrument dials with the glow-in-the-dark wonder element radium. As these women fall ill in various and dire ways in the ensuing years, they seek answers and relief from the very companies that would deny them. In *The Radium Girls*, Moore, like the ‘shining girls’ before her, casts a bright light on these lives lost too young.”

- Heather Herbaugh, Mitzi's Books, Rapid City, SD

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

5/1 @ 7pm **Orphan #8**,
Kim Van Alkemade

6/5 @ 7pm **Margot**, Jillian Cantor

QUEER BOOK CLUB

5/17 @ 7pm **The Right Side of History**,
Adrian Brooks

6/21 @ 7pm **The Cosmopolitans**,
Sarah Schulman

WAYLAND SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

5/24 @ 7pm & 6/28 @ 7pm

WATERMAN STREET DOG PARK MEETING

5/9 @ 7pm & 6/13 @ 7pm

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.*