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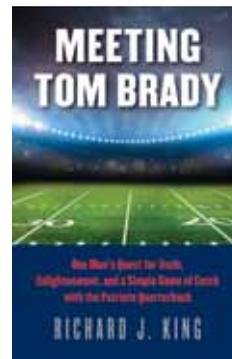
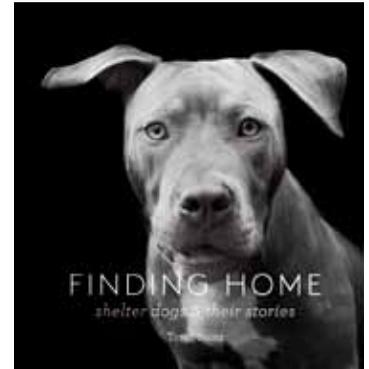
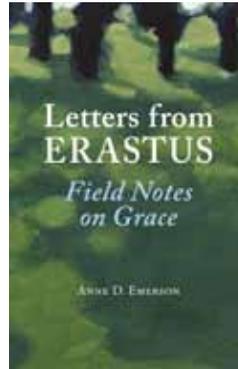
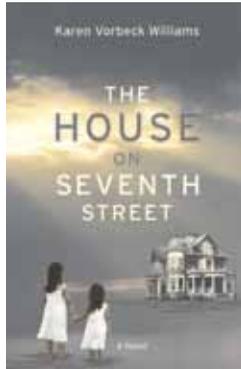
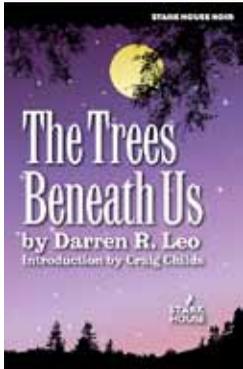
News & Reviews

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# Author & Special Events



Sat. Oct. 3 at 2pm

**MarcyKate Connolly, *Monstrous* and Mackenzi Lee, *This Monstrous Thing***

The city of Bryre suffers under the magic of an evil wizard. Because of his curse, girls sicken and disappear without a trace, and all live in fear. No one is allowed outside after dark. Night is when

Kymera comes to the city, with a cloak disguising her wings, the bolts in her neck, and her spiky tail. Her mission is to rescue the girls of Bryre. Despite Kym's caution in going secretly, a boy named Ren sees and befriends her . . . but what he knows will change her world forever.

MarcyKate Connolly is a writer and arts administrator living in New England with her husband and pugs. She's a coffee addict and voracious reader. This is her first novel.



In an alternative fantasy world where some men are made from clockwork parts and carriages are steam powered, Alasdair Finch, a young mechanic, does the unthinkable after his brother dies: he uses clockwork pieces to bring Oliver back from the dead. But the resurrection does not go as planned, and Oliver returns more monster than man.

Even worse, the novel *Frankenstein* is published and the townsfolk are determined to find the real-life doctor and his monster. With few places to turn for help, the dangers may ultimately bring the brothers together—or ruin them forever.

Mackenzi Lee holds a BA in history and an MFA from Simmons College in writing for children and young adults.



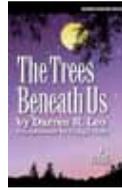
Sat. Oct. 3 at 4pm

**R.C. Fisher, *Savage Seven Eve***

What could be the result of our inability to control the dark side of human nature? Despite our greatest efforts, current events seem to be bringing us to a jagged precipice from which we may never return. The God of the Bible says He knows the

answers to our predicament as well as the future of humanity, and has written them down for us in His Word. The future is bright, but to get there we must go through the worst seven years of human history ever recorded. ***Savage Seven Eve*** is a fictional account of coming events that lead up to, and through these horrible years. This futuristic thriller captivates the reader with the faulty but realistic actions of characters who will rise to the world stage and covers events that result from their actions that will occur in the not-to-distant future.

R.C. Fisher is an ordained minister with the American Baptist Churches. He is a writer, composer, and researcher of current events from a Biblical standpoint. R.C. lives in the greater Boston area.



Sat. Oct. 10 at 4pm

**Darren R. Leo, *The Trees Beneath Us***

A startling new author with an eco-noir of one man's journey of self-discovery on the hike to Hell along the Appalachian Trail. "His debut novel is simply brilliant. It is humorous and poignant and above all else, it is an important novel everyone should read" —Charlie Stella, author of ***Johnny Porno***.

Darren R. Leo grew up in Salt Lake City, Utah, attending the University of Utah as an English major. Leo has hiked the length of the Appalachian Trail, which inspired to write his first novel. He currently lives in Lincoln, RI.



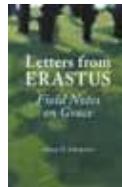
Thurs. Oct. 15 at 7pm

**Karen Vorbeck Williams, *The House on Seventh Street***

Winna returns to her Colorado hometown and her father's last residence to settle his estate.

As Winna shares memories with her married daughter, reconciles with her disinherited sister Chloe, and becomes reacquainted with old classmates, the old house gives up its secrets. A handwritten will, old love letters, an unfinished story in a notebook, and a diamond ring hidden among her childhood marbles call into question everything Winna knows about her beloved grandmother. Then come footsteps on the stairs, numerous break-ins, her car's brake failure on a mountain road, a fall down the basement stairs. Someone is trying to kill Winna.

Karen Vorbeck Williams is author of *My Enemy's Tears*: ***The Witch of Northampton***, a historical novel based on the life of her eleventh great-grandmother. She is a prize-winning photographer and Master Gardener living in Rumford, RI.



Fri. Oct. 16 at 7pm

**Anne D. Emerson, *Letters from Erastus: Field Notes on Grace***

***Letters from Erastus: Field Notes on Grace***, written by Erastus Hopkins' great-great granddaughter Anne D. Emerson of Boston, is woven around twenty-two letters written by Hopkins to his daughters in the 1850s and 60s in Northampton, MA. Hopkins was a founder of the Free Soil Party in Massachusetts and its most eloquent advocate. A stirring orator, he was an effective legislator for Western Massachusetts on Beacon Hill. He was a Presbyterian minister in a sea of Congregationalists, founding president of the Connecticut River Railroad and an active agent of the Underground Railroad. The letters reveal an unexpected sensitivity and attempt to provide firm but gentle guidance to a family coping with years of domestic tragedy.

Anne Emerson attended Brown University where she studied writing with John Hawkes. She has had a long career in university and museum administration, at Harvard, Boston University and the Bostonian Society.

# Author & Special Events



Sat. Oct. 17 at 3pm

## Traer Scott, **Finding Home: Shelter Dogs and their Stories**

In conjunction with **PARL and Handsome Dan's Rescue for Pit Bull Type Dogs**

A portion of sales will be donated to these two organizations.

Bold, retiring, serious, sparkling, quirky, or lovable—the dogs in Traer Scott's remarkable photographs regard us with humor, dignity, and an abundance of feeling. Scott began photographing these dogs in 2005 as a volunteer at animal shelters. Through extended features we become better acquainted with the personalities and life stories of selected dogs and watch as they experience the sometimes rocky and always emotional transition to new homes. The portraits in **Finding Home** form an eloquent plea for the urgent need for more adoptive families, as well as a tribute to dogs everywhere.

Traer Scott is an award-winning fine art and commercial photographer and the bestselling author of several books, including **Nocturne**, **Shelter Dogs** and **Newborn Puppies**. Her work has been featured in *National Geographic*, *Life*, *Vogue*, *O*, and dozens of other major national and international publications.



Thurs. Oct. 22 at 7pm

## Anthony M. Amore, **The Art of the Con: The Most Notorious Fakes, Frauds, and Forgeries in the Art World**

Anthony M. Amore's *The Art of the Con* tells the stories of some of history's most notorious yet untold cons. They involve stolen art hidden

for decades; elaborate ruses that involve the Nazis and allegedly plundered art; the theft of a conceptual prototype from a well-known artist by his assistant to be used later to create copies; the use of online and television auction sites to scam buyers out of millions; and other confidence scams incredible not only for their boldness but more so because they actually worked. Using interviews and newly released court documents, *The Art of the Con* will also take the reader into the investigations that led to the capture of the con men, who oftentimes return back to the world of crime. For some, it's an irresistible urge because their innocent dupes all share something in common: they want to believe.

Anthony M. Amore is an expert in security matters and head of security and chief investigator at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. He is the co-author of **Stealing Rembrandts**, which was a *Wall Street Journal* True Crime Best Seller.

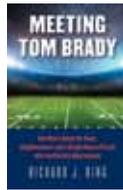


Fri. Oct. 23 at 7pm

## Karen Lee Boren, **Mother Tongue: Stories**

Karen Lee Boren, drawing on her midwestern roots, explores the complex relationship between language and intimacy, between the heritage we're born with and our chosen paths. Each character is adrift in her life, searching for a place to land. She is lost when her mother tongue fails her, struggling to find a new connection to her loved ones and her life.

Karen Lee Boren was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, with these Midwestern roots serving as inspiration for some of her stories and characters. Currently, Karen is working as a professor at Rhode Island College.



Sat. Oct. 24 at 7pm

## Richard J. King, **Meeting Tom Brady: One Man's Quest for Truth, Enlightenment and a Simple Game of Catch with the Patriots Quarterback**

Imagine that you are an average American man. You work hard and love football. Your present is

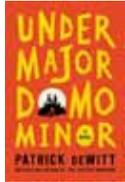
a highway of unbounded opportunity, your future a far horizon unclouded by doubt. Then comes middle age. Who can you look to when the highway begins to crack, when opportunity shrinks to the size of a cubicle, and the horizon looms close? For Richard J. King, the answer is clear: Tom Brady. The legendary quarterback of the New England Patriots is not just a four-time Super Bowl champion, three-time MVP, and certain Hall of Famer. He is a male epitome. Gifted but humble. Driven but balanced. Aging but youthful. Devoted to both career and family. At the pinnacle of success but somehow still one of us. If anyone can point the way to living a worthy life, Tom Brady can. And so, at the start of the 2013 football season, King sets off in an '88 Volkswagen minibus in a time-honored quest to answer life's pressing questions—and to meet his hero.

Richard J. King teaches literature at Williams College at Mystic Seaport. He is the author of **The Devil's Cormorant** and **Lobster**.



## 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**.



### Undermajordomo Minor

by Patrick deWitt  
(Ecco)

“With dry and witty dialogue worthy of a Monty Python movie, this wonderful novel takes some getting used to, but once you fall into this world

you will not want to come back out. A remote castle, a crazy Baron, an incredibly incompetent cook, and a lovely village girl — what else could the young narrator Lucien, known as Lucy, need for a good story? Of course, the fact that he’s a compulsive liar makes things more interesting, too. Dewitt, the author of **The Sisters Brothers**, once again crafts an unusual and wholly entertaining story that is sure to surprise and delight his growing legion of fans.”

- Dana Schulz, Snowbound Books, Marquette, MI



### Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear

by Elizabeth Gilbert  
(Riverhead)

“In her latest book, Gilbert will completely change the way you think about the creative process. Whether the medium is a canvas, a

pastry, a garden, or a page, everyone has a creative genius, but not everyone is brave enough to recognize it within themselves. In **Big Magic**, Gilbert advocates for the magical and divine creative muse that is ultimately a gift to both the creator and the audience. In doing so, she dispels the myth that an artist must suffer for his or her craft, affirms the paths of those who have already allowed their creative geniuses to have a voice within their lives, and inspires those who thought they needed to be completely free of their fear in order to begin.”

- Tamara Michelson, Inklings Bookshop, Yakima, WA

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### HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

10/13 @ 7pm All the Light We Cannot See,  
Anthony Doerr

11/2 @ 7pm The Marriage of Opposites,  
Alice Hoffman

### QUEER BOOK CLUB

10/21 @ 7pm The Underground Girls of Kabul,  
Jenny Nordberg

11/18 @ 7pm On the Move,  
Oliver Sacks

### TUESDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

10/27 @ 2pm Florence Gordon,  
Brian Morton

11/24 @ 2pm The Traitor's Wife,  
Allison Pataki

### WAYLAND SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

10/28 @ 7pm

### KIDS' STORY HOURS

Mon., Babies 10:30-11:00

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

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