

Notes From a Bookshop

Events, Reviews and News from Your Friendly Neighborhood Bookseller · March/April

AN INDEPENDENT BOOKSHOP SERVING OZAUKEE COUNTY AND MILWAUKEE'S NORTH SHORE

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

SATURDAY: 9 A.M. - 8 P.M.

SUNDAY: 10 A.M. - 5 P.M.



Dear Reader,

As I am sure you have now heard, Borders is closing all of their Milwaukee locations. My staff and I are very saddened by the loss of jobs in our area; we are all too familiar with the pain and difficulty of watching our fellow booksellers lose a job they are very passionate about.

However, we at Next Chapter Bookshop want to thank you, our loyal customers, for realizing that there is immense value in supporting a locally owned, independent bookshop. Next Chapter Bookshop has been serving our community for almost two years now, bolstered by a tradition of independent bookselling that has roots in our community going back more than 80 years. We take great pride in this, and from the beginning have striven to create a strong neighborhood-focused community bookstore with exceptional customer service. We are committed to serving the Ozaukee County and North Shore Milwaukee area, and the support of our community has meant more to us than we can even express.

As a part of this commitment, we would very much like to hear from you. What are you looking for in a local bookstore? What kinds of books do you like to buy? Soon, Next Chapter will be sending out a customer satisfaction survey; we hope you will take the time to fill it out and let us know how we can continue to serve you as your community bookstore. As always, I welcome direct feedback and anyone is welcome to e-mail me at lanora@nextchapterbookshop.com.

Finally, please take the time to tell someone you know about Next Chapter Bookshop. Your loyalty in purchasing your books from us not only allows us to be a great general bookstore, it also allows us to offer you amazing author events and contribute metro-Milwaukee's vibrant literary community. Ask your friends who shop at Borders to please give us a chance to win them over. Perhaps they can find a home with us just as you have.

Sincerely,
Lanora Hurley
Owner, Next Chapter Bookshop

Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:



Elizabeth Berg

author of

Once Upon a

Time, There Was You

Monday, April 18 • 7 p.m.

Next Chapter Bookshop

Bring your book club and join us for this special, ticketed event with Elizabeth Berg. The bestselling author of explores unconditional love, the unshakable bonds of family, and the wonder of second chances in her latest novel, *Once Upon a Time, There Was You*.

On their wedding day, John and Irene sensed they were about to make a mistake. Years later, divorced, and dating other people, they seem to have nothing in common except for their eighteen-year-old daughter, Sadie. Feeling distanced from her father and smothered by her mother, Sadie is becoming very attached to her new boyfriend. When tragedy strikes, John and Irene come together to support the daughter they love so dearly.

Berg vividly renders the varying shades of the human spirit in this powerful novel about the rediscovery of family and love in the midst of a crisis.

Tickets to this event are \$27.50 and include admission and a signed hardcover copy of *Once Upon a Time, There Was You*. Tickets will be available **beginning March 18** in person at Next Chapter Bookshop, by phone at (262) 241-6220, or online via nextchapterbookshop.com

Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:

Rita Mae Brown
author of *Hiss of Death*

Friday, April 15 • 7 p.m. • Next Chapter Bookshop



Mystery fans and animal lovers shouldn't miss this special, ticketed event with bestselling author Rita Mae Brown! In her latest novel in the Mrs. Murphy Mystery series, the onset of spring ushers in more than hay fever for Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen, sleuthing cats Mrs. Murphy, Pewter, and corgi Tee Tucker. The animals must come to the aid of an ailing Harry to sniff out the season's first blossom of murder. Harry is especially excited to get to work in her garden, but a health crisis lands her in the world of hospitals, doctors, and procedures. Surviving the journey will be tough, but her animals will help see her through – as will her husband. Others won't be so lucky. When a body of a promising young nurse is discovered, followed soon by the death of another seemingly healthy young hospital employee, it's clear there's a mystery afoot—and that's one thing Harry and her menagerie can't keep their noses out of!



Tickets are \$28.00 and include admission for up to two (2) people and one (1) signed hardcover copy of *Hiss of Death*. Purchase yours now at Next Chapter Bookshop, by phone at (262) 241-6220, or online via nextchapterbookshop.com.

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Can't make it to an event?

Did you know that if you can't attend an author event you can still reserve an autographed copy of the author's book? Call us for details!



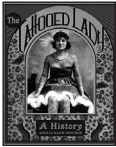
Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:



Douglas Armstrong author of *Even Sunflowers Cast Shadows*

Tuesday, March 15 • 7 p.m. reading & signing

Whitefish Bay's own Douglas Armstrong will read from and sign his debut novel, *Even Sunflowers Cast Shadows*, a poignant and funny coming-of-age story inspired in part by his own mother's girlhood in 1920s Kansas. When spunky Emma Starkey befriends a Yankee transplant, the girls' friendship sets off a chain of events that have tragic and unexpected consequences.



Amelia Klem Osterud author of *The Tattooed Lady: A History*

Tuesday, March 29 • 7 p.m. talk & signing

Wisconsin native Amelia Klem Osterud will discuss her fascinating new book, *The Tattooed Lady: A History*.

In a time when it was scandalous to show just a little bit of ankle, a small number of courageous women covered their bodies in tattoos and traveled the country performing nearly nude on carnival stages. Find out what inspired the women to take to the carnival circuit, learn about the social history of tattoos, and much more!



Nina Revoyr, author of *Wingshooters*

Friday, April 1 • 7 p.m. reading & signing

Family loyalty and racial tensions clash in Nina Revoyr's fantastic new novel, *Wingshooters*, set in Deerhorn, Wisconsin in the 1970s. Through the life of young Michelle LeBeau (the daughter of a white father and Japanese mother), Revoyr deftly examines the effect of change on the small, isolated town. Our booksellers are loving this book, and we know you will too! **Next Chapter Bookshop will also be celebrating our 2nd anniversary at this event!**



Hannah Pittard, author of *The Fates Will Find Their Way*

Wednesday, April 6 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

Award-winning short story author Hannah Pittard's debut novel, already a favorite among our booksellers, is a haunting story of a young woman's disappearance and the lasting effect it has on a group of boys she grew up with. Years go by, and the boys become men struggling with their own shortcomings, yet the fascination with what could have happened only deepens. Perfect for fans of Jeffery Eugenides and Heidi Julavits.

Special Seminar on Social Security with Jess Henrickson, Ryan Bostwick, Dan McDermott & Bob Trotter

Thursday, April 7 • 7:00 p.m. • hosted by Robert W. Baird & Co.

Everyone should have an estate plan, but planning for retirement especially necessitates proper legal planning to coordinate your personal and financial goals. We will provide an overview of some critical estate planning considerations, including understanding: (1) the new estate tax laws, (2) the significance of Powers of Attorney for finances and health care, and (3) when to use a will or revocable trust and minimize the probate process. *Jess Henrickson is a Financial Advisor at Robert W. Baird & Co; Ryan Bostwick, CIMA®, CRPC is Regional Vice President at Transamerica Capital Inc.; Dan McDermott is an estate planning attorney at McDermott, Foley, Johnson & Wilson, LLP; Bob Trotter is with the Social Security Administration.*



Monday, April 11 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

Darien Gee will discuss and sign her charming new novel, which opens as Julia Everts finds an unexpected gift of bread on her front porch. Along with a few slices is a bag of starter batter, instructions, and a note. To make her young daughter happy she prepares the bread. Soon, sharing the bread leads to new friendships and in no time the mysterious bread is bringing people together in ways nobody could have ever dreamed possible. Fans of Jennifer Chiaverini and Kate Jacobos won't want to miss this deliciously fun event!

Amanda Hodgkinson, author of *22 Britannia Road*

Tuesday, May 10 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

If you loved *Suite Française* and *The Postmistress*, you won't want to miss Amanda Hodgkinson. In her searing debut, Silvana and eight-year-old Aurek spent World War II hiding in the forests of Poland. She knows her husband, Janusz, is waiting for her at the little house at 22 Britannia Road in England, but the war has changed them so completely that she knows they'll barely recognize one another. Janusz wants only to forget Poland, but for Silvana, forgetting is not an option.



Rebecca Rasmussen, author of *The Bird Sisters*

Wednesday, May 11 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

At the heart of Rebecca Rasmussen's novel, set in Spring Green, Wisconsin, are two spinster sisters – Milly and Twiss – who have spent their lives nursing birds and people back to health. But back in the summer of 1947, the sisters knew nothing of trying to mend what had been broken. *The Bird Sisters* is a novel of hope, beauty, heartbreak, sacrifice, love, and the power of sisterhood that's a perfect pick for book clubs.

Alamelu Vairavan, author of *Chettinad Kitchen: Food and Flavors from South India*

Thursday, May 12 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

Learn about preparing delicious meals with the flavors of South India from Wisconsin's own Alamelu Vairavan. Her latest book showcases delightful, easy-to-prepare recipes from the great cuisine of the famous Chettinad region of South India. From seasoned home cooks, to those just getting started, this is the perfect event for anyone interested in bringing international flair to their food.



Jennifer Haigh, author of *Faith*

Friday, May 13 • 7:00 p.m. reading & signing

Special ticketed in-store event!

We are pleased to welcome the author of *The Condition* and *Mrs. Kimble* to Next Chapter for a special event in support of her latest novel (which is already a bookseller favorite), *Faith*. When Sheila McGann sets out to redeem her disgraced brother, a once-beloved Catholic priest in suburban Boston, her quest will force her to confront cataclysmic truths about her fractured Irish-American family, her beliefs, and, ultimately, herself. *Ticket information coming soon! Keep an eye on our website and e-newsletter for details.*

Also coming in May: Julia Pandl, author of *Memoir of the Sunday Brunch* (May 18); Dr. John Duffy, author of *The Available Parent: Radical Optimism for Raising Teens and Tweens* (May 19).

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FICTION

The Tiger's Wife

Tea Obreht

Free Press

"This complex and beautifully crafted debut novel is not one to miss. Obreht explores the power of myth, storytelling and memory through the eyes of young Natalia, a doctor living in the post-war Balkans. Natalia learns of her beloved grandfather's death and crosses the border in search of answers. The novel is a rich multi-layered narrative and a truly pleasurable read about faith and the power of story in our lives." - Lanora Hurley, owner



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When the Killing's Done

T.C. Boyle

Viking Adult

In his latest, bestselling author T.C. Boyle pits National Park Service biologist Alma Takesue against local businessman Dave LaJoy and his girlfriend, folksinger Anise Reed. Alma is trying to save the endangered native creatures of the Channel Islands from invasive species, which Alma believes must be eliminated. Dave and Anise are fiercely opposed to the plan. In a series of confrontations, the three violently confront one another and tempt the awesome destructive power of nature itself.

The Sweet Relief of Missing Children

Sarah Braunstein

W.W. Norton & Co.

In this suspenseful novel about the power of running and the desire for reinvention, young Leonora vanishes from New York City without a trace. Years earlier and miles upstate, a wild, negligent mother searches for a man to help her raise her son, Paul, who believes that the only way to save his soul is to run away. As the story moves back and forth in time, interconnections between the stories and clues about the missing Leonora are revealed.



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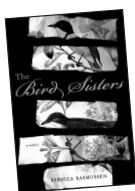


Say Her Name

Francisco Goldman
Grove Press

"The words lyrical, powerful, painful, beautiful, are like shadows on a cave wall and do not come close to describing the true light that surrounds the experience of reading it. Goldman's story of loss and love filled my heart in the same way my spirit can soar when viewing a masterful work of art. I simply would love everyone in the world to read this book, if only to taste for a moment the exquisite pleasure of glimpsing the true beauty of love, told by a master storyteller." - Lanora Hurley, owner

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The Bird Sisters

Rebecca Rasmussen

Crown

Whenever a bird flies into a window in Spring Green, Wisconsin, Twiss listens to the bird's heartbeat, assessing what she can fix and what she can't, while Milly listens to the heartaches of the people who brought the bird. They've spent their lives nursing birds and people back to health, but back in the summer of 1947 things were different. Inspired by her grandmother's journals, Rasmussen's debut is heartbreaking, full of hope and beauty, and not to be missed. *Meet Rebecca at Next Chapter Bookshop on May 11!*

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The Free World

David Bezmozgis

Macmillan

"No matter how much praise David Bezmozgis may have received in the past, nothing could have prepared me for the complete mastery he demonstrates in his first novel, *The Free World*. This story of Soviet Jews in the late 1970s stuck in Italy for months as they try to make their way to America, Canada, Australia – anywhere in the "free world" – is a glorious work that recalls many of the great Russian novelists of the 19th century. What an impressive and lovely book!"

- Dave Mallmann, lead buyer



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NONFICTION



Tiger Tiger

Margaux Fragoso

Farrar, Straus and Giroux

One summer day, Margaux Fragoso meets Peter Curran at the neighborhood swimming pool, and they begin to play. She is seven; he is fifty-one. In time, he insidiously takes on the role of Margaux's playmate, father, and lover. This memoir is an unprecedented glimpse into the psyche of a young girl in free fall and conveys to readers how completely a pedophile binds his victim to him. Told with lyricism, depth, and clarity, *Tiger, Tiger* vividly illustrates the healing power of memory and disclosure.

Deep Future

Curt Stager

Thomas Dunne Books

Most of us have accepted that we've played a key role in causing climate change, yet few of us realize the magnitude of what's happened. Paleoclimatologist Curt Stager draws on the planet's geological history to provide a view of where we may be headed and offers a new perspective that will change the way climate skeptics, activists, and everyone in between thinks about what we're doing to our planet.

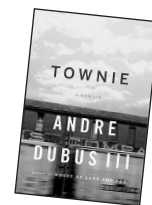


Townie

Andre Dubus III

W.W. Norton & Co.

After their parents divorced, Andre Dubus III and his siblings grew up with their mother in a crime-riddled Massachusetts town. To protect himself and those he loved, Andre learned to use his fists. Nearby, his father, an eminent author, taught on a college campus and took the kids out on Sundays. Only by becoming a writer himself could Andre begin to bridge the abyss. *Townie* is a riveting, visceral, profound meditation on physical violence and the failures and triumphs of love.



Fire Season

Philip Connors

Ecco

A decade ago Philip Connors left work as an editor at the *Wall Street Journal* and talked his way into a job far from the streets of lower Manhattan: working as one of the last fire lookouts in America. *Fire Season* is Connors's remarkable reflection on work, our place in the wild, and the charms of solitude. Connors recounts the eerie pleasure of being alone in his glass-walled perch with only his dog, Alice, for company, and always the majesty and might of lightning storms and untamed fire. *April 1*

The World As It Is

Chris Hedges

Nation Books

Drawing on two decades of experience as a war correspondent and based on his numerous columns for Truthdig, Chris Hedges presents a panorama of the American empire at home and abroad, from the coarsening effect of America's War on Terror to the front lines in the Middle East and South Asia and the continuing Israeli-Palestinian conflict. Underlying his reportage is a constant struggle with the nature of war and its impact on human civilization. *April 1*



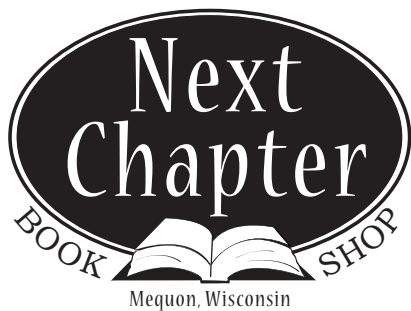
The Reading Promise

Alice Ozma

Grand Central Publishing

"This touching memoir by Alice Ozma tells the story of "The Streak." For over 3,000 days, Alice's father read aloud to her. More than just an exercise, this bonding experience helped Alice through the trials and tribulations of growing up with her single parent father. *The Reading Promise* is a true testament to the love between a father and daughter. The idea of dedicating time between a parent and child bonded by books is also inspiring, and hopefully the beginning of a national trend." - Lanora Hurley, owner *May 1*

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Book Clubs at Next Chapter Bookshop

Join the discussion—attend one of our free in-store book clubs!

Literature Book Club:

Meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Mystery Book Club:

Meets the last Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

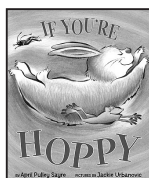
YA/Teen Book Club

Meets the last Sunday of each month at 2:30 p.m.

Storytime at Next Chapter Bookshop

Kids! Don't miss Pre-school Storytime with Miss Joyce and Mooshie every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

It's free, and it's a lot of fun!



If You're Hoppy

April Pulley Sayre

Illustrated by

Jackie Urbanovic

Greenwillow Books

Are you feeling hoppy? Then hop like a rabbit, or a kangaroo, or frog. If not, this charming, upbeat picture book will make you feel happy and hoppy in no time! Let your little one hop up on your lap so you can enjoy this book together.
For readers ages 5-8



Cloulette

Tom Lichtenheld

Henry Holt & Company

Sometimes being small can

have its advantages. If you're a

little cloud like Cloulette, people call you cute nicknames, and you can always find a good spot to watch the fireworks. But what about when you want to do something big? Kids big and small will cheer as they follow Cloulette on her pursuit for greatness.

For readers ages 3-7

Liar Liar

Gary Paulsen

Wendy Lamb Books

In the latest from the beloved author of *Woods Runner*, Kevin doesn't mean to make trouble when he lies. He just happens to be really good at it, and it makes life so much easier. Until, that is, he finds himself in big—and funny—trouble with his friends, family and teachers. Will Kevin be able to end his lying streak forever?

For readers ages 8-12



The Emerald Atlas

John Stephens

Knopf Books for Young Readers

In this funny and action-packed adventure, young Kate, Michael, and Emma have been in one orphanage after another for the last ten years. Ripped from their parents as babies, they are being protected from a horrible evil of devastating power, an evil they know nothing about. But before long, they are on a journey to dangerous and secret corners of the world. If an ancient prophesy is correct they can change history, and it will be up to them to set things right.

For readers ages 8-12. April 5



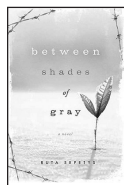
Between Shades of Gray

Ruta Sepetys

Philomel

Lina is just like any other fifteen-year-old Lithuanian girl in 1941, until one night when Soviet officers barge into her home. Separated from her father, Lina, her mother, and her young brother are taken to a work camp in Siberia. Lina finds solace in meticulously documenting events by drawing, hoping these messages will make their way to her father. It is a long and harrowing journey, but through incredible strength, love, and hope that Lina ultimately survives.

For readers ages 12 and up. March 22.



Where She Went

Gayle Forman

Dutton

It's been three years since the accident, and three years since Mia walked out of Adam's life forever. Now living on opposite coasts, Mia is Juilliard's rising star and Adam is L.A. tabloid fodder, thanks to his new rock star status and celebrity girlfriend. When Adam gets stuck in New York by himself, chance brings the couple together again, for one last night. As they explore the city that has become Mia's home, Adam and Mia revisit the past and open their hearts to the future—and each other. *For readers ages 14 and up. April 5.*



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