

Mequon, Wisconsin

MON - WED: 10 - 7

THURS - SAT: 10-8

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(WE WILL STAY OPEN LATER FOR EVENTS)

Notes From a Bookshop

Events, Reviews and News from Your Friendly Neighborhood Bookseller · May/June 2011

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



Dear Reader,

You may notice that this newsletter has fewer book recommendations. This is not because we don't have any great books to recommend to you. On the contrary! However, we have managed to line up a very exciting and vibrant author event schedule this spring and I wanted to make sure that you knew about all of them. We love books, and we love connecting you with great stories and the authors that write them.

Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:



Jennifer Haigh

author of
Faith

Friday, May 13 • 7 p.m.
Next Chapter Bookshop

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.

Tickets to this event are \$5.00 and include admission and light refreshments.

Tickets are available in person at Next Chapter Bookshop, by phone at (262) 241-6220, or online via nextchapterbookshop.com.

We will be closed to the general public during this event.

Special Events!

I am personally thrilled at the caliber and variety of authors that will be visiting our little Midwestern burg. It is a testament to our great community of people who love books. The more enthusiastically you support your neighborhood independent bookstore, the more authors we will be able to attract to our community.

I hope that you will come to meet some of these great authors. Most of our events are free, and they make a great evening out! Come have dinner at one of our great local restaurants (Dave, our head buyer and foodie says the new Fila Bene on Mequon Rd. is great!), grab a cup of coffee from Caribou and bring it in. Grab a chair and get comfortable. And be prepared to be entertained, informed and moved. Books will always be powerful. Everytime we put readers and authors in a room together, magic happens.

As for those book recommendations? There are some wonderful books coming out this spring that are not to be missed. And all you have to do is stop in and see us. We will be happy to tell you all about them!

Happy Reading!

Lanora Haradon Hurley
Owner, Next Chapter Bookshop

Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:

The Junie B Jones Stupid Smelly Bus Tour!

Saturday, June 11 • 2 p.m. • Next Chapter Bookshop



Next Chapter Bookshop is excited to host the "Junie B. Jones® Stupid Smelly Bus Tour" — a national tour, sponsored by Random House Children's Books, that brings Junie B. live and in-person, across the country to meet her fans. She will arrive in her Stupid, Smelly Bus to Mequon on June 11th, just in time to kick off the summer! Fans will enjoy Junie B.'s hilarious antics through live, theatrical performances based on the bestselling Junie B. Jones® series.

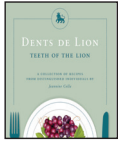
The event will also include cool Junie B. giveaways, and an official "book stamping." Come along for the ride!

This event is free and open to the public. Please arrive early as seating is first come, first served. Only one book per child may be brought to the event from home, however books will be available for purchase.

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Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:



Jeannine Colla author of *Dentes De Lion*
Wednesday, May 4 • 7 p.m. talk & signing
 Do our culinary tastes reflect our personalities? Wisconsin author Jeannine Colla thinks so, and using the idea as a guide, has created a beautiful cookbook that takes a look at some of history's most influential people and the dishes they loved. Her compilation of treats from influential leaders in the arts and public affairs is sure to tantalize your taste buds and spark your imagination.



John Domagalski, author of *Lost at Guadalcanal*
Thursday, May 5 • 7 p.m. talk & signing
 History buffs, put this event on your calendar now!

John Domagalski's *Lost at Guadalcanal* is the dramatic account of two American warships--the Astoria and Chicago--in the South Pacific during World War II. Domagalski tells the story from the perspective of the men aboard the ships. Stories of heroism, sacrifice, and survival on the sea are interspersed with personal stories of the sailors--the everyday Americans who answered the call to duty.



Cathrine Goldstein, author of *Sleeping With Mortals*
Friday, May 6 • 7 p.m. talk & signing

What is it like to be "the other woman?" In her new novel, Cathrine Goldstein draws from her own experiences to create the story of Victoria Messing, a self-proclaimed gold digger. Victoria boldly pursues and snags a string of wealthy, married men. But, as she ages and her prospects grow increasingly dim, Victoria begins to reassess her life and must decide whether to continue her life as a "career mistress" or forge a new path for herself. Join Cathrine Goldstein when she visits to read from and discuss her scandalous, funny, and ultimately redemptive, debut.



Amanda Hodgkinson, author of *22 Britannia Road*
Tuesday, May 10 • 7 p.m. reading & signing

Fans of modern classics like *Suite Française* and *The Postmistress* will love this book. Her searing debut novel is the story of a family torn apart by World War II. At the end of the war, Silvana and eight-year-old Aurek are boarding a ship that will take them from Poland to England where Silvana's husband, Janusz, is waiting for them in a little house at 22 Britannia Road. Janusz, now thoroughly English, is determined to forget the ghosts of the past, and instead focus on being a proper English family. But for Silvana forgetting is not an option. Bring your bookclub to this one!



Rebecca Rasmussen, author of *The Bird Sisters*
Wednesday, May 11 • 7 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 p.m. talk & 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.

Local Author Showcase!

Tuesday, May 17 • 7 p.m. reading & signing

- Lisa Anne, author of *The Awakening*
- Scott Stoll, author of *Falling Uphill*
- Robert Townsend, author of *Spirit Falls*

Local authors are in the spotlight at this event with Lisa Anne, Scott Stoll, and Robert Townsend. Each author's book deals with a journey, though they approach the topic in their own unique ways. Lisa Anne's novel, *The Awakening*, follows a woman searching for truth after a mysterious letter arrives and tears her life apart. Scott Stoll's journey is literally a trip around the world. His memoir, *Falling Uphill*, is the uplifting story of how, after losing his job and girlfriend in one day, he decided to live his dream and take a bicycling trip around the globe. Robert Townsend brings us back to the fictional journey with his book, *Spirit Falls*--a coming-of-age novel set in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Northern Wisconsin.



Julie Pandl author of *Memoir of a Sunday Brunch*
Wednesday, May 18 • 7:00 p.m. talk & signing

Pandl's restaurant in Bayside was a fixture on the North Shore and a favorite destination for many. The restaurant, which had served the area since 1968, closed in 2009. Now, Julia Pandl, the youngest of nine children, has written a funny, moving memoir about her experience growing up in a boisterous clan and learning the restaurant business from the inside. Her memoir offers tender moments and wisdom regarding the simple pleasures that lie in the daily ritual of baking bread, and reminds us all that life's lessons are found in the most unlikely places-- among shrimp and potato peels, and in a parking lot littered with yesterday's cigarettes.



Dr. John Duffy, author of *The Available Parent: Radical Optimism for Raising Teens & Tweens*
Thursday, May 19 • 7 p.m. talk & signing

Parents know all too well that adolescents often feel unheard and misunderstood. Parents can feel bewildered by the changes in their children and their sudden lack of effectiveness as parents, and some parents today have a tendency to over-parent, micro-manage, and under-appreciate their teens. Dr. John Duffy suggests parents work on being available parents to their teens. Duffy will discuss his approach to parenting, offer tips and advice, and answer your parenting questions at this free event.

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Next Chapter Bookshop Presents:



**Sandra Dallas, author of *The Bride's House*
Monday, May 23 • 7 p.m. reading & signing**

In the latest by bestselling author Sandra Dallas, it's 1880, and for Nealie Bent, the splendid Victorian house under construction in Georgetown, Colorado, is like a fairy tale come to life. She dreams of living in "the Bride's House," as she calls it, with Will Spaulding, the young entrepreneur sent from the East by his grandfather to learn about the mining business. But Will is not the only one who courts Nealie. Ultimately, Nealie must deal with lies, secrets, and heartache before choosing the man who will give her the Bride's House.



**Candice Gaukel Andrews, author of
*Beyond the Trees:***

Stories of Wisconsin's Forests

Thursday, June 9 • 7 p.m. talk & signing

Nature writer Candice Gaukel Andrews weaves together contemporary observations and historical reminiscences in her new book. Readers will journey to some of the most pristine and notable places in the Upper Midwest--Wisconsin's state and national forests. Please join us for a very interesting evening as Candice comes to tell you about one Wisconsin's treasures!



**Mary Doria Russell, author of *Doc*
Wednesday, May 25 • 7 p.m.
reading & signing**

Mary Doria Russell, author of NCB staff favorite *The Sparrow*, turns her keen eye for historical detail to the wild West in her latest novel, *Doc*. In 1878, Dodge City is a saloon-filled cow town jammed with liquored up cowboys. When the burned up body of a boy named Johnnie Sanders is discovered, his death shocks a part-time policeman Wyatt Earp. The boy's death is also a matter of personal importance to Doc Holliday, the frail twenty-six year old dentist who has just opened his office in town. Please join us for this special event with one of Next Chapter's favorite authors!



**Craig Johnson, author of *Hell is Empty*
Monday, June 13 • 7 p.m. reading & signing**

Craig Johnson's mysteries have been bookseller favorites for a long time. In the new book, Sheriff Walt Longmire has been maintaining order in Wyoming's Absaroka County for more than thirty years, but in *Hell is Empty*, he is pushed to his limits. Raynaud

Shade, an adopted Crow Indian, has just confessed to murdering a boy ten years ago. Walt is informed by the FBI that the body is buried in his jurisdiction and the victim's name is White Buffalo. Walt pursues Shade and his fellow escapees into the icy hell of the Cloud Peak Wilderness Area, cheating death to ensure that justice--both civil and spiritual is served.



**Wayne Breitbarth, author of
Power Formula for Linked In Success
Wednesday, June 1 • 7 p.m. talk & signing**

Many of us have LinkedIn accounts, but are we really getting the most out of them? LinkedIn expert Wayne Breitbarth will explain how to really make the powerful networking website work for you. Whether you're just entering the job market or are a seasoned professional, Wayne can help you get more out your LinkedIn experience.

**Brandilyn Collins, author of *Over the Edge*
Thursday, June 16 • 7 p.m. reading & signing**

Brandilyn Collins, author of more than 25 Christian fiction novels, has written a new thriller, *Over the Edge*, based on her struggles with Chronic Lyme disease. The book pits protagonist Janessa McNeil against her physician husband in a mainstream thriller that marks a departure from Collins' other novels. In *Over the Edge*, Collins creates a villain who is every doctor's nightmare: An embittered man who is so angry at the doctor's misdiagnosis of Lyme disease that he strikes back at those closest to the doctor--his wife and child.



**Ursula Hegi, author of *Children and Fire*
Thursday, June 2 • 7 p.m. reading & signing**

Ursula Hegi's *Stones from the River* captivated readers and became a beloved book club selection. Now, Hegi continues the story with *Children and Fire*. Teacher Thekla Jansen and the townspeople are still reeling from the Reichstag fire the year before. She has always taken her courage for granted, but as her silent agreement chips away at that courage, she knows she must reclaim it.



**Darin Strauss, author of *Half a Life*
Monday, June 20 • 7 p.m. reading & signing**

In his powerful memoir, Darin Strauss recounts a tragedy and its aftermath. In the last month of high school, Strauss is behind the wheel of his father's car, out driving with friends. Out of the blue: a collision that results in the death of a bicycling classmate that will shadow the rest of his life. In spare, elegant, piercing prose, Darin Strauss explores loss and guilt, hope and acceptance. *Half a Life* was the winner of the National Book Critics Circle Award. Darin Strauss is also the author of the acclaimed novels *Chang & Eng*, and *The Real McCoy*.



**Francisco Goldman, author of
Say Her Name
Wednesday, June 8 • 7 p.m.
reading & signing**

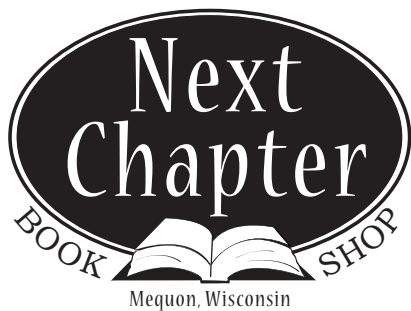
In the summer of 2007, acclaimed writer Francisco Goldman's young wife Aura Estrada died from injuries sustained in a surfing accident on a beach in Mexico. Blamed for Aura's death by her family and blaming himself, Goldman wanted to die too. But instead, he wrote *Say Her Name*--a deeply personal novel about Aura and his life with her, weighing the glorious gifts of their shared journey against its heavy costs. It's a gorgeously written book and this is an event not to be missed.



**Ann Brashares, author of
*Sisterhood Everlasting***

Tuesday, June 21 • 7 p.m. reading & signing

You grew up with the girls from *Sisterhood of the Travelling Pants*, now find out what happened once they grew up! Ann Brashares reunites her beloved characters 10 years later. Bring your best friends and your sisters to this very special appearance at Next Chapter Bookshop.



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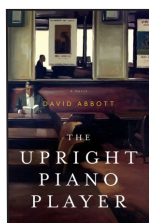
Badgerland Bluegrass Jam at

Next Chapter Bookshop

Sunday, May 8 • 2 p.m.

(Mother's Day)

Tap your toes as you browse the shelves, or pull up a chair and enjoy the show when the Badgerland Bluegrass Music Association's jam session fills the bookshop with their energetic and authentic bluegrass sound. The jam will be led by Linda Sandersen and Poul Sandersen of Pickin' Up Speed, a Milwaukee based Bluegrass band that has been playing together since 1982.



The Upright Piano Player

David Abbott

Knopf

Henry Cage seems to have it all. But public virtues can conceal private failings, and as Henry faces retirement, his well-ordered life begins to

unravel. *The Upright Piano Player* is a wise and acutely observed novel about the myriad ways in which life tests us—no matter how carefully we have constructed our own little fortresses.

(On sale June 11)

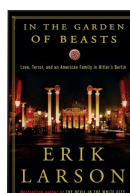
In The Garden of Beasts

Erik Larson

Crown

Erik Larson has been widely acclaimed as a master of narrative non-fiction, and in his new book, the bestselling author of *Devil in the White City* turns his hand to a remarkable story set during Hitler's rise to power.

(On sale May 10)



Hooray for Amanda & Her Alligator!

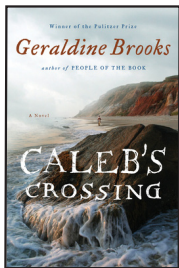
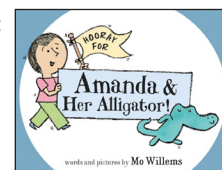
Mo Willems

HarperCollins

Having a stuffed alligator for a best friend can be surprising.

Sometimes Amanda surprises her alligator with books. Sometimes Alligator surprises Amanda by eating them. But what happens when Amanda brings home a special—and not entirely welcome—surprise? The result might be unexpected indeed.

(On Sale April 26)



Caleb's Crossing

Geraldine Brooks

Viking

Once again, Geraldine Brooks takes a remarkable shard of history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young man from Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate

from Harvard College. Upon this slender factual scaffold, Brooks has created a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure.

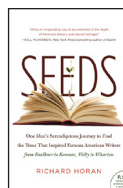
(On Sale May 3)

Seeds

Richard Horan

Harper Perennial

From the wooded road made of golden hemlock running past L. Frank Baum's childhood home to the lonely stump of Scout's oak in Harper Lee's Alabama, author Richard Horan gathers tree seeds—and stories—from the homes of America's most treasured authors. The book is both a heartfelt paean to literature and a wise, funny, and uplifting account of one man's reconnection with nature.



Throne of Fire: Kane Chronicles #2

Rick Riordan

Disney Hyperion

Ever since the gods of Ancient

Egypt were unleashed in the modern world, Carter Kane and his sister Sadie have been in trouble. As descendants of the House of Life, the Kanes have some powers at their command, but the devious gods haven't given them much time to master their skills at Brooklyn House, which has become a training ground for young magicians. And now their most threatening enemy yet - the chaos snake Apophis - is rising.

(On Sale May 3)



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