

May & June Events at Next Chapter Bookshop



Elizabeth Berg author of *The Last Time I Saw You*
Monday, May 3 • 7 p.m. reading
Meet bestselling author Elizabeth Berg whose latest

beautifully written novel, *The Last Time I Saw You*, is about men and women reconnecting with one another, and themselves, at their fortieth high school reunion. Berg deftly weaves together stories of roads taken and not taken, choices made and opportunities missed, and the possibilities of second chances.



Michael Perry, author of *Coop: A Family, A Farm, and the Pursuit of One Good Egg*

Friday, May 7 • 7 p.m. talk • ticketed event

Wisconsin's own Michael Perry visits in support of his latest book, *Coop: A Family, A Farm, and the Pursuit of One Good Egg*. Now available in paperback, *Coop* is Perry's account of life on the farm where he's in a bit over his head with two pigs, a dozen chickens and a new baby on the way. It's funny, heartfelt, and perfect for new readers and long-time Michael Perry fans alike.

Tickets to this event are \$5.00 each and available in person at Next Chapter Bookshop or by phone at (262) 241-6220.



Diana Joseph author of *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way*
Monday, May 10 • 7 p.m. talk

Diana Joseph's memoir is not your mother's memoir, but if you love David Sedaris's family stories you'll be right at home with *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way*. Joseph is laugh-out-loud funny when she recounts her auto-mechanic father explaining to his young daughter why she doesn't want to be one of *those* girls. Though not for the faint of heart or easily offended, Joseph's *I'm Sorry You Feel That Way* is fresh, engaging and a lot of fun!



Jean Kwok author of *Girl in Translation*

Thursday, May 13 • 7 p.m. reading

Jean Kwok's debut novel, which is perfect for book clubs, explores themes of identity and place through the eyes of Kimberly Chang, a young Chinese girl who emigrates to Brooklyn with her mother. Throughout her life Kimberly learns to translate not only her language, but herself back and forth between the worlds she straddles. Kwok, who also emigrated from Hong Kong as a child, brings the common, though rarely discussed story of many immigrants to life on the page.

Dr. Craig Abrams from the North Shore Center

Wednesday, May 19 • 7 p.m. discussion

Our series of discussions on parenting with doctors from the North Shore Center concludes with a visit from Dr. Craig Abrams. Parents, bring your questions and join us for this **free**, informative event!



Robin Hobb, author of *Dragon Haven*

Tuesday, May 25 • 7 p.m. reading

The bestselling author of *Dragon Keeper* is back with part two in the spellbinding Rain Winds Chronicles. A lost generation of sea serpents have returned to the world of Rain Winds River hoping to be reborn as powerful dragons of legend. Instead, they emerge half-formed and reliant on humans to provide for them. With their survival at stake a group of dragons, accompanied by a band of humans, set out on a quest to find an ancient haven for dragons. It's a dangerous journey, but the biggest threat may come from one of their own.



Robin Oliveira, author of *My Name is Mary Sutter*

Wednesday, May 26 • 7 p.m. reading

Fans of *The Widow of the South* and *Cold Mountain* won't want to miss this event with Robin Oliveira.

Her debut novel, *My Name is Mary Sutter* (which Next Chapter booksellers Morgan & Jenny loved), is a sweeping Civil War drama with a determined, headstrong young midwife at its center. Mary, eager to escape her recent heartbreak, travels to Washington D.C. where she helps tend to wounded soldiers. While resisting her mother's pleas to come home, she pursues her career in the overwhelmed hospitals of the capital.



Isabel Sharpe, author of *Knit in Comfort*

Thursday, June 3 • 7 p.m. reading

Wisconsin author Isabel Sharpe (*As Good as it Got*,

Women on the Edge of a Nervous Breakthrough), is back with a novel of knitting and friendship set in the quiet town of Comfort, North Carolina. Megan Morgan has settled into a stable life with her picture-perfect family and friends, with whom she formed the knitting club Pearls Before Wine. But, when Elizabeth Detlaff comes to town, Megan learns that some secrets can't be kept forever.



Glenn Taylor, author of *The Marrowbone Marble Company*

Wednesday, June 9 • 7 p.m. reading

If your bookshelves are home to novels by David Wroblewski, John Irving, and Cormac McCarthy, put this event with Glenn Taylor on your calendar now. Taylor (whose previous novel was a National Book Critic's Circle Award finalist) offers a look at post-World War II America through one man and one community's transformative journey. *The Marrowbone Marble Company* is an epic story of race and class, struggle and redemption that should not be missed.



Jenna Blum, author of *The Stormchasers*

Thursday, June 10 • 7 p.m. reading

In her first novel since the bestselling *Those Who Save Us*, Jenna Blum turns her eye to family relationships with *The Stormchasers*. Karena has always been a fierce protector of her twin brother, George. But when, as a teen, he refuses medication for his bipolar disorder, Karena finds herself caught between her loyalty to her brother and her fear for his life. Always obsessed with the weather, Charles starts chasing storms. His behavior grows increasingly erratic, until a terrifying storm chase with Karena tears the twins apart and changes their lives forever.



Sebastian Junger, author of *War*

Saturday, June 12 • 7 p.m. talk

For one year, in 2007-2008, Sebastian Junger accompanied a platoon from the storied 2nd battalion of the U.S. Army as they fought their way through a remote valley in eastern Afghanistan. *War* is his account of that year in which he explores the neurological, psychological and social elements of combat, as well as the incredible bonds that form between these small groups of men.

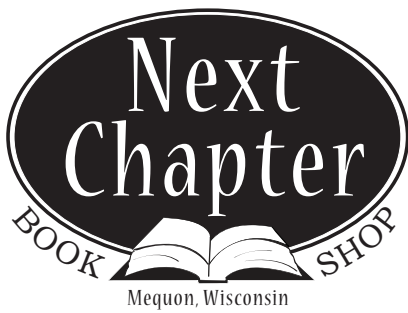


Joshilyn Jackson, author of *Backseat Saints*

Thursday, June 24 • 7 p.m. reading

Ro Grandee is the perfect Texas housewife. She's determined to be nothing like her long-missing mother, so Ro keeps quiet and takes her husband's abuse like a lady. But, when a seer's tarot cards foretell doom for dutiful Ro, she hightails it out of Texas and embarks on a harrowing, exhilarating, and illuminating journey. Both longtime fans of Joshilyn Jackson (*Gods in Alabama*) and new readers won't want to miss this event.

Visit our events calendar at www.nextchapterbookshop.com to get the latest info on authors visiting the bookshop.



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Notes From a Bookshop (Mini-Edition!)

May, 2010

From the Editor:

If you get our print newsletter, *Notes From a Bookshop*, regularly, this issue might look a little odd. We decided to focus on our May and June events this time around with what we're calling our "mini-newsletter." Inside you will find information on all of our upcoming author events for the next two months, including events with **Michael Perry, Jean Kwok, Robin Oliveira, and Sebastian Junger** among others. (Because things do change from time to time, we encourage you to visit the bookshop in person, visit our website, or sign up for our free email newsletter to make sure you have the most up-to-date information about upcoming events).

We'll get back to our usual format in our next issue, but for now please enjoy this look at what we have going on in the bookshop over the next few weeks.

-Rebecca Rick

The Life and Culture of Afghanistan with Professor Bruce Browne

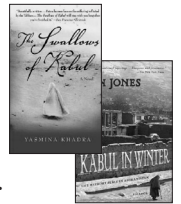
Learn about the history, people, and culture of Afghanistan from U.W.-Sheboygan Professor Bruce Browne.

The three-week course will focus on two books, *The Swallows of Kabul* by Yasmina Khadra, and *Kabul in Winter* by Ann Jones. Professor Browne will lead discussions of the books, share slides from Afghanistan, and provide unique, firsthand insight into the region.

Classes meet Tuesdays on May 11, 18, and 25 at 6 p.m.

Tuition is \$70.00 and includes the two course books, and presentations by Professor Browne.

Register for this class at Next Chapter Bookshop, or by phone at (262) 241-6220.



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We'll be at the Iron Cupcake event at the Harley Davidson Museum on May 28! Will you? Visit our website or bookshop for info!