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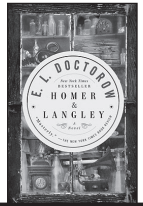
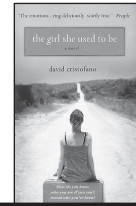
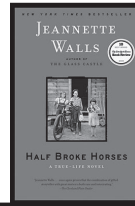
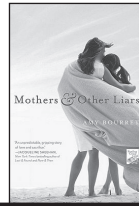
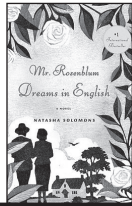
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# Notes From a Bookshop

Events, Reviews and News from Your Friendly Neighborhood Bookseller · Sept./Oct. 2010

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



## Five Fabulous Fall Sleepers!

“Sleepers.” They’re the books you might not have seen full-page ads for, but they seem to be on lots of indie booksellers staff picks lists. Or, maybe it’s a book that did well enough in hardcover, but has found new life in paperback. Here are just five “sleeper hits” Next Chapter booksellers are recommending this fall.

Fans of *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* and *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* should read *Mr. Rosenblum Dreams in English* by Natasha Solomon next, according to Next Chapter's book club coordinator, Jane Glaser: “Jack and Sadie Rosenblum, refugees from Hitler's Germany, arrive in London determined to become ‘properly English.’ Yet Jack's success is met with a setback when he is denied membership in a private golf club. Tenacious in the face of prejudice, Jack buys 60 rolling acres of land in the lavender-filled Dorset countryside in hopes of building a golf course in time to celebrate the Queen's Coronation in 1953. Raise a cup of Dorset cider and toast this charmingly provocative tale that celebrates the human spirit.”

Next Chapter bookseller Liz Corrado is strongly recommending Amy Bourret's *Mothers and Other Liars* (paperback), especially to fans of Jodi Picoult. The explosive novel packs an emotional punch. “At age 19, Ruby discovered a newborn baby abandoned at a rest stop,” Liz explains. “Ruby has made a life for Lark, now 9, but when a magazine article about a kidnapping surfaces, it changes their lives forever. *I loved* this book!”

Also available in paperback is the fiction debut by Jeanette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*. *Half Broke Horses* is

based on her grandmother's life in the American southwest. In the book, Lily helps her father break horses at the tender age of six, ventures out on her own on a 200 mile journey to become a teacher in a tough frontier town, and eventually works an Arizona ranch with her husband while raising two children. This story of adventurous and strong-willed Lily is a beautiful tribute to Walls' grandmother and the independent spirit in all of us.

A modern-day adventurer of sorts is the star of *The Girl She Used to Be* by David Christofano, recommended by Next Chapter bookseller Jenny Chou: “Melody McCartney has lived 20 of her 26 years under the witness protection program—and now she wants out! *The Girl She Used To Be* is a page-turner about self-sacrifice and love that you'll ponder long after you read the last line.”

Our buyer, Dave Mallmann, recommends picking up E.L. Doctorow's *Homer & Langley* (paperback). The novel imagines what life might have been like for the wealthy and reclusive Collyer brothers who, as Dave says, “spent most of the twentieth century barricaded in their Fifth Avenue brownstone in New York City. Through the story of their eccentric existence (narrated by Homer, who was blind), Doctorow creates a stunningly complete picture of 20th century America. It's easily one of the best novels of the year.”

Check out our staff picks in the shop or browse the IndieNext list on our website to find even more bookseller recommended, under-the-radar reads!

## Special Events!



**Emma Donoghue**  
author of *Room*  
Thursday, September 23  
7 p.m. reading

We are so excited for Emma Donoghue's visit that we're just going to say this: do not miss this event. *Room*, which is long-listed for the Man Booker Prize and the number one IndieNext pick for September (featuring Lanora's recommendation), is a powerful story of resilience, and the bond between a mother and child. Five-year-old Jack has lived his entire life imprisoned with his mother in a kidnapper's shed. His mother knows they must escape, but are they prepared for what happens when it actually works?



**Julia Glass**  
author of *The Widower's Tale*  
Sunday, September 26  
2 p.m. reading

Enjoy a special afternoon event with Julia Glass, author of *Three Junos* and *I See You Everywhere*. In her latest novel, life for seventy-year-old Percy Darling is mostly solitary and quiet until he decides to help his eldest daughter through a crisis. Forced back into the world, he can no longer remain aloof from his neighbors, his two grown daughters, or, to his shock, falling in love.

Tickets (\$5.00 per person, per event) are required for these events and include admission and refreshments. Purchase yours in the bookshop, by phone at 262-241-6220, or through [nextchapterbookshop.com](http://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:



**Jennifer Crusie** author of *Maybe This Time*  
 Tuesday, September 21 • 7 p.m. reading  
 Jennifer Crusie's latest novel is a modern twist on *The Turn of the Screw* that finds Andie Miller stuck in a creepy house looking after two strange children. It's a favor to her ex-husband, and of course, Andie's current fiancé isn't too pleased. Our booksellers are loving this book that is packed with ghosts, love, and second chances.



**Gwen Cooper**, author of *Homer's Odyssey*  
 Wednesday, September 22 • 7 p.m. reading  
 Animal lovers, don't miss this event with Gwen Cooper! Her memoir, *Homer's Odyssey*, is the story of how a reluctant Gwen adopted a blind kitten named Homer who transformed her life and taught her how to love. **Representatives (human and feline) from the Wisconsin Humane Society will be at this event.**



**Alexandra Ardonetto**, author of *Halo*  
 Friday, September 24 • 7 p.m. reading  
 There are a lot of YA novels out there these days, but there aren't many YA novels written by people who are YA themselves—until now. *Halo*, by 18-year-old author Alexandra Ardonetto, is the first plot-driven, exciting, romantic novel in a trilogy that follows a group of angels sent down to bring good to the world. *For readers ages 14 and up.*



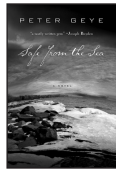
**Nancy Holder and Debbie Viguié**  
 authors of *Crusade*  
 Monday, September 27 • 7 p.m.  
 Fans of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* may recognize Nancy Holder as the author of several dozen books set in the Buffy universe. With *Crusade*, she and collaborator Debbie Viguié take vampire hunting to San Francisco where Jenn, a young woman who has trained at Spain's Sacred Heart Academy Against the Cursed Ones, discovers that the city is now a vampire stronghold. As a lone hunter apart from her team, Jenn is isolated and at risk. To survive, she must find the courage to trust herself—and her heart. *For readers ages 14 and up.*



**Lan Samantha Chang**, author of *All is Forgotten, Nothing is Lost*  
 Wednesday, September 29 • 7 p.m. reading  
 What are the personal costs of a life devoted to the pursuit of art? Lan Samantha Chang (author of *Hunger*, *Inheritance*, and director of the University of Iowa's Writer's Workshop), explores the question in her accessible, entertaining and literary new novel through the complex relationship between two students and their charismatic professor, Miranda Sturgis.



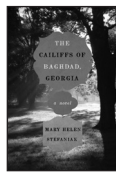
**Jerry Apps**, author of *Horse Drawn Days: A Century of Farming with Horses*  
 Thursday, October 7 • 7 p.m. talk  
 Find out what life was like on farms before tractors and steam engines from Wisconsin's Jerry Apps. From spring plowing to fall harvest, the mighty draft horse was relied upon to complete a multitude of tasks. Whether your ancestors farmed the land, or you're from generations of city-dwellers, you'll enjoy learning about an important era in Wisconsin's history.



**Peter Geye** author of *Safe from the Sea*  
 Wednesday, October 13 • 7 p.m. reading  
 Peter Geye's *Safe from the Sea* is one of our favorite novels out this fall. The powerful lake-shore landscape of Northern Minnesota and the rich traditions of its Norwegian immigrant culture bring this story of a father and son to life. When Noah's father finally reveals truths about a traumatic disaster at sea, it leads the men to reconsider each other and offers a last chance at reconciliation. Fans of Great Lakes fiction shouldn't miss this event!

**Jeanine M. Swenson, MD, LMFT**  
**Starting the Conversation: Taking the Sting Out of the Birds and the Bees**

Wednesday, October 20 • 7 p.m. talk  
 Our series of discussions with doctors from the North Shore Center is back! This fall, the educational series on the joys and challenges of parenting is titled: *Staying Ahead of the Curve: Ideas for Parenting Effectively in the Age of Facebook, Text Messaging and Exploding Technology*. Janine Swenson starts the solution-focused series with a talk about "The Talk." Bring your questions to this free event, and go home empowered.



**Mary Helen Stefaniak** author of *The Califfs of Baghdad, Georgia*  
 Thursday, October 21 • 7 p.m. reading  
 Milwaukee native Mary Helen Stefaniak will read from and sign her latest novel, *The Califfs of Baghdad, Georgia*. An IndieNext Pick for September, the book (set in the 1930s), is narrated by a spunky young Southern girl whose teacher, Miss Spivey, turns the small Georgia town upside-down. Miss Spivey doesn't believe black children should be segregated from white children, and aims to broaden her students' horizons by teaching them about other cultures. Though she succeeds, it is at a terrifying cost.



**Robert Grede** author of *The Spur and the Sash*  
 Thursday, October 26 • 7 p.m. reading  
 Milwaukee author Robert Grede's new novel inspired is inspired in part by his great-great-grandfather's life. Sergeant George Van Norman, a Yankee, was wounded in one of the last battles of the Civil War. While recovering, he was ordered to guard a local plantation where he fell in love with the owner's daughter. Meticulously researched using letters, diaries and official records, *The Spur and the Sash* is a story of love, passion, and betrayal amid the anarchy of postwar Tennessee.

## Antique Appraisal Fair

Sunday, October 24 • 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Wondering if that knick knack your great-aunt gave you for your birthday is really an authentic antique? Let certified appraiser Barbara J. Eash, and Mark F. Moran author of over 25 books on antiques and collectibles evaluate your attic treasures. Bring up to two (2) items in the following categories: Fine art (prints, paintings, statues, etc.), folk art, Americana, jewelry, glassware, toys or memorabilia. For furniture, please provide a photo—do not bring furniture to the store.

**No guns, knives, or other weaponry, please.**

Tickets to this event are \$10 per person and will be available at Next Chapter Bookshop beginning September 15.

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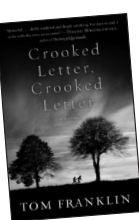
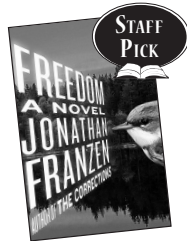
FICTION

Freedom

Jontahan Franzen  
Macmillian

"This darkly comedic look into the lives of Walter and Patty Berglund, their children, and their various friends and lovers wickedly dissects the state of family, love, and marriage in America today. If you relished reading about the ultra-dysfunctional Lambert family in *The Corrections*, just wait 'till you meet the Berglunds!"

- Dave Mallmann, buyer



Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

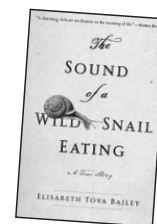
Tom Franklin  
William Morrow

The author of the critically acclaimed and bookseller favorite, *Smunk*, tells the riveting story of two boyhood friends in his new novel, *Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter*. Torn apart by circumstance, the boys are bought together again by a terrible crime in a small Mississippi town. Franklin is brilliant as he seamlessly blends elements of crime writing and Southern literary fiction, making this novel a must-read this season. *October 5.*

Sound of a Wild Snail Eating

Elisabeth Tova Bailey  
Algonquin Books

While an illness keeps her bedridden, Elisabeth Tova Bailey watches a wild snail that has taken up residence on her night-stand. In doing so, she discovers the solace and sense of wonder that this mysterious creature brings and comes to a greater understanding of her own place in the world. Told with wit and grace, Bailey's story is a journey of survival and resilience, and an appreciation of what it means to be fully alive.



Ape House

Sara Gruen  
Spiegel & Grau

"Sara Gruen returns with a bold new novel that is completely different from her runaway bestseller, *Water*

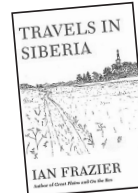
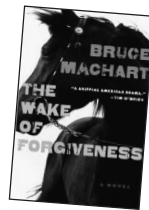
*For Elephants*. This story of John Thigpen, a down and out journalist, and Isabel Duncan, a linguistic scientist working with Bonobos is more than just a great read. *Ape House* tackles contemporary issues from our obsession with reality TV and our treatment of animals to the difficult sacrifices we must sometimes make to do the right thing. A thought provoking book worthy of much praise."

- Lanora Hurley, owner  
September 7.

Wake of Forgiveness

Bruce Machart  
Houghton Mifflin

In Texas, 1895, a mother dies giving birth to her fourth son, devastating the boy's father. From an early age, Karel proves talented on horseback, but he's haunted by his past and feels the blame in his father's gaze. Will the high-stakes horse race 15-year-old Karel enters win his father's respect, or will it drive the wedge further between them? *Wake of Forgiveness* is a riveting debut perfect for fans of Cormac McCarthy. *October 21.*



Travels in Siberia

Ian Frazier  
Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Ian Frazier trains his eye for detail on Siberia, that vast expanse of Asiatic Russia. He explores many aspects of this storied, often grim region, writing about the geography, the native peoples, the history, and the forty-below midwinter afternoons. The book is brimming with tales of fortune-seekers, prisoners, and exiles of every kind—like Natalie Lopukhin, banished by the czarina for copying her dresses. Frazier also offers an account of Russia since the end of the Soviet Union and a personal reflection on the fascinating country. *October 12.*

Russian Winter

Daphne Kalotay  
Harper

When a famed ballerina, Nina Revskaya, decided to auction off her jewelry she thought she was leaving the past behind. For one young associate at the Boston auction house, and a professor of Russian, however, the jewels and their mysterious provenance raise questions. *Russian Winter* is a literary page-turner, interweaving past and present, Moscow and New England, the backstage tumult of the dance world and the transformative power of art. *September 7.*



NONFICTION

The Junior Officer's Reading Club

Patrick Hennessey  
Riverhead Trade

Attempting to stave off the tedium and pressures of army life in the Iraqi desert, Patrick Hennessey and a handful of his pals form the Junior Officers' Reading Club. By the time he reaches Afghanistan, they are no longer cheerfully overconfident young recruits, hungering for action. Hennessey captures how boys grow into men amid the violence, frequent boredom, and almost overwhelming responsibilities that frame a soldier's experience. *September 7.*

Perfect One-Dish Dinners

Pam Anderson  
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

How do you have friends and family over for dinner without spending all day in the kitchen? Make just one dish, like the delicious paella or tasty, homey stew! Bestselling author Pam Anderson offers over 40 tasty one-dish recipes perfect for every season and occasion to get you out of the kitchen and off to a great night. *September 20.*



Half Empty

David Rakoff  
Doubleday

In this funny and wise book, humorist David Rakoff (contributor to NPR's *This American Life*) examines the realities of our sunny, everyone-can-be-a-star contemporary culture and finds that, pretty much as a universal rule, the best is not yet to come, and your dreams won't come true. Whether he's lacerating the musical *Rent* for its cutesy depiction of AIDS or dealing with personal tragedy, his sharp observations and humorist's flair for the absurd will have you positively reveling in the power of negativity. *September 21.*



Fannie's Last Supper

Christopher Kimball  
Harper

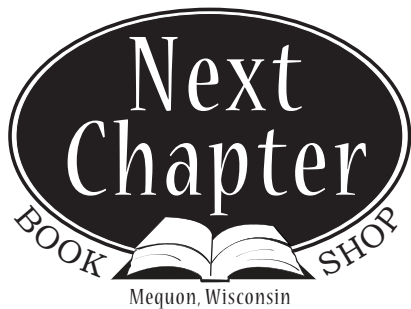
When Chris Kimball moved into a Victorian townhouse built in 1859 and became accustomed to the quirks of the house, he began to wonder what it was like to cook in that era. In particular, he became fascinated with *Fannie Farmer's Boston Cooking-School Cook Book*. Kimball's research leads to many hilarious scenes, bizarre tastings, and an incredible armchair experience for any reader interested in food and the Victorian era. *October 5.*



Skippy Dies

Paul Murray  
Faber & Faber

Why does Skippy, a fourteen-year-old boy at Dublin's venerable Seabrook College, end up dead on the floor of the local doughnut shop? Why Skippy dies and what happens next is the subject of this dazzling novel, that unravels a mystery linking the boys of Seabrook College to their parents and teachers in ways nobody could have imagined. *Skippy Dies* is a heartfelt, hilarious portrait of the pain, joy, and occasional beauty of adolescence.



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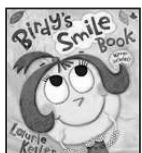


### If You're a Monster & You Know It

Rebecca Emberly  
Illustrated by Ed Emberly  
*Orchard Books*

Stomp your paws, twitch your tail, snort, growl, wiggle and wriggle along with this bright and bold picture book twist on “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” Lively and fun, this book by Rebecca Emberly and her father, Caldecott Medalist Ed Emberly, is perfect for children ready for a rollicking good time!

*For readers ages 3-5.*



### Birdy's Smile Book

Laurie Keller  
*Henry Holt & Co*

Birdy starts every day by smiling at herself in the mirror. She says you can smile while doing just about anything—brushing your teeth, taking out the garbage, or eating broccoli. Okay, maybe not while eating broccoli. Even people with bad teeth (like our first president, George Washington) should show their toothy grins because there’s no such thing as a bad smile. So heed Birdy’s advice and practice your smile—you’ll need it while reading this book! *For readers ages 5-8.*

*September 28.*

### Late For School

Steve Martin  
Illustrated by C.F. Payne  
*Grand Central Publishing*

Getting to school has never been quite this difficult—or hilarious! Celebrated writer and performer Steve Martin and artist C.F. Payne have teamed up to tell a story of the adventure, danger and laughs found on the journey to school. A CD of Steve Martin singing the book’s story is included.

*For readers ages 9-12.*



### The Search for WondLa

Tony DiTerlizzi  
*Simon & Schuster*

The co-creator of *The Spiderwick Chronicles* takes you into the world of Eva Nine, a twelve-year-old girl who was raised by a robot, Muthr. When her underground sanctuary is destroyed, Eva is forced above ground where she searches for anyone else like her. *The Search for WondLa* is both an original adventure, and a classic tale of a child yearning to belong. *For readers ages 9-12.*

*September 21.*



### The Candymakers

Wendy Mass  
*Little, Brown*

“Welcome to the Life is Sweet Candy Factory where ‘Some More S’Mores’ are created and you can have chocolate pizza for lunch! Logan, Daisy, Miles and Philip each have two days to invent their own candy creation for the annual candy-making contest. But all is not as it seems. Surprises are around every corner in this remarkable story that is sure to make you smile and say ‘life is sweet!’”

-Joyce Tiber, Children’s & YA Bookseller  
*For readers ages 8-12. October 5.*



### The Scorch Trials

James Dashner  
*Delacorte*

Solving the Maze was supposed to be the end. Thomas was sure that escape meant he and the Gladers would get their lives back, but nobody knew what sort of life they were in for. In this suspenseful novel, the Gladers must navigate a brutal new climate full of danger, and arrive at their safe haven in just two weeks. But, there are forces working hard to make sure they fail. Will Thomas and the Gladers ever find freedom?

*For readers ages 12 and up.*  
*October 2.*



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