Your Heart is a Muscle the Size of Your Fist
by Sunil Yapa
Yapa’s dazzling debut novel is set during the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle. Over the course of one life-altering afternoon, the fates of seven people will change forever: foremost among them police Chief Bishop and his estranged son Victor. When Chief Bishop reluctantly unleashes tear gas on the unsuspecting crowd, it seems his hopes for reconciliation with his son, as well as the future of his city, are in serious peril. Lee Boudreaux $26.

The Love That Split the World
by Emily Henry
Natalie’s last summer in her small Kentucky hometown is off to a magical start until she starts seeing the wrong things. They’re just momentary glimpses at first: her front door is red instead of its usual green, there’s a pre-school where the garden store should be. But then her whole town disappears for hours, and that’s when she gets a visit from a kind but mysterious apparition who tells her: “You have three months to save him.” The next night, under the stadium lights of the high school football field, she meets a beautiful boy named Beau. Razorbill $17.99.

What Belongs to You
by Garth Greenwell
On an unseasonably warm autumn day, an American teacher walks down a stairwell beneath Sofia’s National Palace of Culture, looking for sex. Among the stalls of a public bathroom he encounters Mitko, a charismatic young hustler. He returns to Mitko again and again over the next few months, and their trysts grow increasingly intimate and unnerving as the enigma of this young man becomes inseparable from that of his homeland, a country with a difficult past and an uncertain future. Farrar, Straus, Giroux $23.
FOUNTAIN FLIRT

It’s the season of love, and we hope you’ll find your dream-come-true in this issue’s Fountain Flirt recommendations! Each month, we feature one romance author (or this time two!), and then ask that author to recommend another lovely title for lovers.

These are some of the books you can expect to receive if you sign up for the Fountain Flirt subscription club. You’ll find more information about the clubs on the back page of this newsletter and on our website at www.fountainbookstore.com/gifts. Treat yourself or somebody special! And stay tuned for more fun book flirting.

FEBRUARY FEATURED FLIRT AUTHORS

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This Census-Taker

by China Miéville

In a remote house on a hilltop, a lonely boy witnesses a profoundly traumatic event. Left alone with his increasingly deranged parent, he dreams of safety, of joining the other children in the town below, of escape. When at last a stranger knocks at his door, the boy senses that his days of isolation might be over. But by what authority does this man keep the meticulous records he carries? What is the purpose behind his questions? Is he friend? Enemy? Or something else altogether? Del Rey $24.

Barsk: The Elephants’ Graveyard

by Lawrence M. Schoen

In a distant future, the offspring of humanity’s genius-animals are uplifted into walking, talking, sentient beings. The Fant are one such species: anthropomorphic elephants who develop medicines upon which all species now depend. The most coveted of these drugs is koph, which allows a small number of users to interact with the recently deceased and learn their secrets. Jorl, a Fant Speaker with the dead, is compelled to question his deceased best friend, who years ago mysteriously committed suicide. Tor $25.99.

Can & Can’tankerous

by Harlan Ellison

Can & Can’tankerous gathers ten previously uncollected tales from the fifth and sixth decades of Harlan Ellison’s professional writing career: a written-in-the-window endeavor that invites re-reading before you’ve even finished it; a second entry in his abcedarian sequence; a melancholy meditation for departed friend and fellow legend, Ray Bradbury; a 200-word exercise in not following the directions as written (with an introduction by Neil Gaiman four times the word count of its subject); the 2011 Nebula Award-winning short story. Subterranean $45.
DAVID COOGAN
Writing Our Way Out
February 2nd, 6:30 pm
David Coogan’s Prison Writing Project is well-established as an outreach effort for residents at the Richmond City Jail, an engaged learning experience for VCU students, and a book project. Come hear Coogan in discussion about Writing Our Way Out: Memoirs from Jail based on the program. This is a full program. Please bring your questions for Coogan and at least one other contributor to this groundbreaking publication. Brandylane $16.95.

TAYLOR BROWN
Fallen Land
February 3rd, 2:30 pm
Taylor Brown presents his debut novel. Set in the final year of the Civil War, a young couple on horseback flees a dangerous band of marauders who seek a bounty reward. Callum, a seasoned horse thief at fifteen years old, came to America from his native Ireland as an orphan. Ava, her father and brother lost to the war, hides in her crumbling home until Callum determines to rescue her. Ava and Callum have only each other in the world and their remarkable horse, Reiver, who carries them through the destruction that is the South. St. Martin’s $25.99.

EDWARD LENGEL
First Entrepreneur
February 4th, 6:30 pm
Come meet renowned George Washington scholar Edward Lengel as he shares his book First Entrepreneur: How George Washington Built His—and the Nation’s—Prosperity. Using Washington’s extensive but often overlooked financial papers, Edward G. Lengel chronicles the fascinating and inspiring story of how this self-educated man built the Mount Vernon estate into a vast multi-layered enterprise, prudently managed meager resources to win the war of independence, and, as president, helped establish the national economy on a solid footing. DeCapo $25.99.

MARY FRANCES BERRY
Five Dollars and a Pork Chop Sandwich
February 11th, 6:30 pm
Professor and former chair of the U.S. Commission on Human Rights, Mary Frances Berry shares with us her timely and nonpartisan book on voter manipulation and electoral corruption and the importance of stimulating voter turnout and participation. In Five Dollars and a Pork Chop Sandwich: Vote Buying and the Corruption of Democracy, Berry focuses on forms of corruption including vote buying, vote hauling, the abuse of absentee ballots, and other illegal practices by candidates and their middlemen, often in collusion with local election officials. Beacon $24.95.

WHY WE LOVE ROMANCE NOVELS
Panel Discussion
February 16th, 7 pm
North Courthouse Road Library
What is the secret behind the most popular genre in the world? New York Times best-selling author Cathy Maxwell leads a panel discussion, including romantic suspense novelist Mary Burton, P.J. Ausdenmore of The Romance Dish blog, and NPR book editor Petra Mayer. Light refreshments will be served. Panelists’ books will be available for sale, and a book signing follows the discussion. Registration is free and required and begins January 19.

ROSS HOWELL in Conversation with HARRY KOLLATZ
Forsaken
February 23rd, 6:30 pm
Young Charlie tells the story of the trial of Virginia Christian and its aftermath. Woven into his narrative are actual court records, letters, newspaper stories, and personal accounts, reflecting the true arc of history in characters large and small, in events local and global. A unique opportunity to hear the author in conversation with Richmond Magazine journalist Harry Kollatz. NewSouth $27.95.

CHARLES TODD
No Shred of Evidence
March 17th, 6:30 pm
Mother-son writing duo Caroline and Charles Todd (who publish under Charles’ name) return to celebrate the publication of their 18th Ian Rutledge mystery. If you’ve never seen them before, please make sure to come out. They are charming and hilarious, and it’s quite a good show. William Morrow $25.99.

WOMANKIND 2016
February 26th-28th
St. James Episcopal Church
We are the proud booksellers for WomanKind 2016. We are deeply passionate about this event. A portion of all sales go to benefit the good works of WomanKind.

CHARLES SEDARIS
AN EVENING WITH
Monday, April 18, 2016 @ 7:30 pm
Carpenter Theatre
Fountain Bookstore is the Official Bookseller of the event.

GIFTS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription clubs are popping up everywhere—you can get clothing, wine, and even razors mailed to your house as regularly as you like. And now you can do that with your favorite books! We've got all sorts of categories: just select your favorite theme, sign up through our website or in the store, and like magic, you'll start receiving wonderful books in the mail. You'll find descriptions of each club below; what's inside will depend on the budget you choose and the preferences you set (you can specify online). For more information and to sign up, go to http://www.fountainbookstore.com/gifts.

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Fountain Welcome
Who: Newcomers to Richmond!
Types of items you’ll receive: Guide books, local magazines and information, RVA stickers
Why we love it: It’s perfect for folks just moving to the area, whether they’re your new neighbors or a new employee at your company. A literary welcome wagon!

Fountain Tot
Who: Kids ages 0-3
Types of items you’ll receive: Books and/or gift items, board books, picture books for the very young; you can also make specific book requests
Why we love it: This is an ideal gift for a new baby, or for a toddler from a parent or grandparent. You’ll both look forward to sharing the books and gifts together!

Fountain Kids
Who: Ages 4-12
Types of items you’ll receive: Books tailored to the child’s interests and reading ability; a returnable postcard lets the child share her thoughts about the selections
Why we love it: This is a great way to create life-long readers. And with every shipment, you’ll receive talking points to help you connect with your special kid!

Fountain Fanatics
Who: Ages 13+ and YA lovers of all ages
Types of items you’ll receive: The coolest Young Adult (YA) fiction on the market. Plus, the returnable postcard and talking points (see Fountain Kids above).
Why we love it: Too often teens get overlooked as readers. And with this club, you’ll be making your teen’s day, and keeping them turning the pages.

Fountain of Youth
Who: Seniors
Types of items you’ll receive: Books and other stimulating items. The mix may include pop science, light social issues, easy biography, quirky history; rarely fiction.
Why we love it: This is perfect gift for retirement, for active seniors, any of us that just want to keep the gray matter sharp without working too hard!

Fountain Fringe
Who: Risk-takers who like the strange and edgy
Types of items you’ll receive: Great, bizarre little books and gift items you would probably never pick out on your own.
Why we love it: As lovers of the unusual, we get you. We can’t wait to share items we guarantee to be odd and awesome!

Fountain of Flirt
Who: Lovers of Romance
Types of items you’ll receive: Romances curated by NYT best-selling Cathy Maxwell and friends! Each shipment includes one feature authors’ highly recommends. Sometimes we’ll tuck in little extras too!
Why we love it: Cathy Maxwell is a connoisseur of romance, and we love our partnership with her. Plus, it makes going to the mailbox exciting!

Fountain Book Club Tonic
Who: Book Clubs
Types of items you’ll receive: Fascinating, unusual, but accessible titles you may never have tried. Bonus materials and more!
Why we love it: We think book clubs are the bees’ knees, and sometimes picking the next title can be a lot of pressure! We’ll help yours be a success, overflowing with lively discussions and fabulous books.

Fountain Flavor
Who: Aspiring chefs
Types of items you’ll receive: Cookbooks and food-related gifts selected by the owner of the shop, Kelly, with the help of her restaurant buddies, food-lover friends, and food book publishing professionals.
Why we love it: This is a great gift for any style food lover: the single home cook, the entertainer, families looking for easier weeknight meals. It can be anything!

Fountain Fir
Who: Everybody, all year round!
Types of items you’ll receive: Totally customizable! Set a budget, select your recipient, and add information such as “likes cozy mysteries” or “my dad likes biographies.”
Why we love it: This club is the epitome of our mission to connect the right book with the right person, and we are downright giddy to help you select the perfect gifts for your loved ones, no matter the occasion!