The Vanishing Velazquez
by Laura Cumming
When John Snare, a nineteenth-century provincial bookseller, traveled to a liquidation auction, he stumbled on a vivid portrait of King Charles I that defied any explanation. The Charles of the painting was young—too young to be king and yet also too young to be painted by the Flemish painter to which the work was attributed. The Vanishing Velazquez: a 19th Century Bookseller’s Obsession with a Lost Masterpiece is a magnificently crafted page-turner, a testimony to how and why great works of art can affect us to the point of obsession. Scribner $28. Avail. 4/12 ★

At the Existentialist Café
by Sarah Bakewell
Paris, 1933: three contemporaries meet over apricot cocktails at the Bec-de-Gaz bar on the rue Montparnasse. They are the young Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, and longtime friend Raymond Aron, a fellow philosopher who raves to them about a new conceptual framework from Berlin called Phenomenology. At the Existentialist Café: Freedom, Being, and Apricot Cocktails follows the existentialists’ story, from the first rebellious spark through the Second World War, to its role in postwar liberation movements such as anticolonialism, feminism, and gay rights. Other Press $25. ★★★

Margaret the First
by Danielle Dutton
Very much a contemporary novel set in the past, Margaret the First dramatizes the life of Margaret Cavendish, the shy, gifted, and wildly unconventional 17th-century Duchess. The eccentric Margaret wrote and published volumes of poems, philosophy, feminist plays, and utopian science fiction at a time when being a writer was not an option open to women. Written with lucid precision and sharp cuts through narrative time, it is a gorgeous and wholly new approach to imagining the life of a historical woman. Catapult $15.95. ★

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Howdy!

Ah... Spring! There is no city I have ever seen that is more beautiful as Richmond is in the Spring. Our collective backyard of Maymont Park is stunning, everyone’s gardening (see my gardening picks for 2016), and the college students are sunbathing on Texas Beach.

On Monument Avenue, the azaleas blooming in front of the old Victorian homes are ready to provide a backdrop for the Easter Parade, our annual showcase of creative headgear sported by debutantes, dowagers, drag queens, and doggies alike as the whole town gets together in the spirit of celebration and all differences are washed away by the sunshine, at least for an afternoon.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support. With your purchases, your attendance at our events, by telling your friends about us, you provide the things so essential for us to grow and to continue to serve our community.

This season we bring you events designed to delight, educate, and bring us together as readers and as fellow human beings. We are particularly proud of our contributions to local charities including the Junior League. This is our single largest contribution to charity yearly, and the funds go to supporting educational and literacy efforts in the Richmond Metro area. We are proud to be their partners in this endeavor again.

We have a wide variety of events this season, starting with a great free workshop on raising your kids to be healthy eaters. We’ve got a couple of events for National Poetry Month. Independent Bookstore Day is on the way.

And my absolute new favorite, our first JABBIES™ event! Learn about the book industry from international experts in the field. Our first guests will be Michael Reynolds, executive editor at Europa Publishing, and Craig Popelars, marketing director for Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill. Both Michael and Craig have made many books bestsellers. Read more about them at fountainbookstore.com/jabbies1.

While you’re there, check out all of our events. An updated list is always on our website and Facebook.

Spring is a season for discovery! So, come on down and discover your next favorite book or just hang out and chat. We can’t wait to see you!

Cheers,
Kelly

Fountain as Official Bookseller

RavenCon is the Con of Opportunity
Friday April 29, 10 am through Sunday May 1, 3 pm
50 Kingsmill Road, Doubletree Hotel, Williamsburg, VA
• TICKETED EVENT •
Fountain is the bookseller for Bishop O’Connell and Jack Heckel and more! With nine continuous tracks of programming (over 400 hours!), attendees will always have something to do or see. Gaming, literary programming, panels on filming, podcasting, media, or science, shopping, parties, art, kids’ programming, Cosplay, workshops, concerts, and more! Come say hi to Fountain, and pack up your bag with awesome books. We can’t wait!

Junior League of Richmond Book and Author Dinner
Tuesday, May 3, 12:30 pm (luncheon) and 7 pm (dinner)
Location: Greater Richmond Convention Center
• TICKETED EVENT •
We invite you to join us for the 71st Junior League of Richmond Book and Author Dinner! As the official bookseller for this event, Fountain continues our commitment to the Junior League and its literacy programs, donating most of day’s proceeds back to the organization. Enjoy a day of events celebrating stories of hope, humor, and inspiration with best-selling authors. Last year’s event raised over $53,000 to assist the League in its mission to promote voluntarism, develop the potential of women, and improve communities.

For a full listing of events, see page 11, FountainBookstore.com or our Facebook page!

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~ APRIL FLIRT ~

SOPHIE JORDAN
All Chained Up

Sophie Jordan is known for her entertaining historicals and as the author of the popular Young Adult Firelight series. She is a master at forbidden love and proves it with the first book of her contemporary Devil’s Rock series All Chained Up. Steamy, provocative, and never dull a moment….

Laura Griffin
Twisted

“Allison Doyle is everything I love in a heroine—smart, feisty, and determined to prove herself. The story opens with a bang, too (no spoilers!). The high/dangerous stakes only make everything about the romance more intense and emotional. Oh, and the chemistry between Allison and her hero Mark—sizzles!! There is one scene in particular that still makes my heart sigh when I think about it. You’ll thank me later.”

~ MAY FLIRT ~

LORRAINE HEATH
The Earl Takes All

The very best romance novels open us to not just the complications of love, but of life as well. Lorraine Heath is one of the finest authors in the genre. Her historical romance, The Earl Takes All, will linger in your memory long after you've finish the final page.

Lorraine’s Flirt choice

Addison Fox
The Royal Spy’s Redemption

“I love a hero with a charming British accent. Knox St. Germain is dangerous on so many levels. He’ll not only take down the bad guy but conquer your heart while doing it.”
Provocative New Fiction

The Nest
by Cynthia Sweeney
Years of simmering tensions finally reach a breaking point on an unseasonably cold afternoon in New York City as Melody, Beatrice, and Jack Plumb gather to confront their charismatic and reckless older brother, Leo, freshly released from rehab. Months earlier, an inebriated Leo got behind the wheel of a car with a nineteen-year-old waitress as his passenger. The ensuing accident has endangered the Plumbs’ joint trust fund, The Nest, which they are months away from finally receiving. Ecco $26.99.

Fallen Land
by Taylor Brown
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.

Tuesday Nights in 1980
by Molly Prentiss
Welcome to SoHo at the onset of the eighties: a gritty, quickly gentrifying playground for artists and writers looking to make it in the big city. Among them: James Bennett, a synesthetic art critic for the New York Times whose unlikely condition enables him to describe art in profound, magical ways, and Raul Engales, an exiled Argentinian painter running from his past and the Dirty War that has enveloped his country. As the two men ascend in the downtown arts scene, dual tragedies strike, and each is faced with a loss that acutely affects his relationship to life and to art. Gallery/Scout $26. Avail. 4/6 ★★★

Only Love Can Break Your Heart
by Ed Tarkington
It’s 1977, and eight-year-old Rocky worships his older brother, Paul, who is happy to have his younger brother as his sidekick, until one day, Paul disappears. When, seven years later, a mysterious double murder brings terror and suspicion to Rocky’s small town, Rocky and his family must reckon with the past and find out how much forgiveness their hearts can hold. Algonquin $25.95.

The Lake
by Perrine LeBlanc
In the heart of the forest in the village of Malabourg there’s a lake the kids call the tomb. It’s the place where three young women have disappeared, one by one. As rumors and allegations spread through the village, Alexis and Mina struggle to make sense of the tragedies before deciding the only way to forget is to leave. Alexis relocates to France to learn how to compose perfume, and Mina moves hundreds of kilometers away from the sea. But, in spite of the distance, Alexis and Mina can’t forget Malabourg, or each other. House of Anansi $15.95. Avail. 4/12 ★★★

Mr. Splitfoot
by Samantha Hunt
Ruth and Nat are orphans, packed into a house full of abandoned children run by a religious fanatic. To entertain their siblings, they channel the dead. Decades later, Ruth’s niece, Cora, finds herself accidentally pregnant. After years of absence, Aunt Ruth appears, mute and full of intention. She is on a mysterious mission, leading Cora on an odyssey across the entire state of New York on foot. Where is Ruth taking them? Where has she been? And who—or what—has she hidden in the woods at the end of the road? Houghton Mifflin $24. ★★★

The Year of the Runaways
by Sunjeev Sahota
In a dilapidated shared house in Sheffield, Tarlochan, a former rickshaw driver, will say nothing about his life in Bihar. Avtar and Randep are middle-class boys whose families are slowly sinking into financial ruin, bound together by Avtar’s secret. Randep, in turn, has a visa wife across town, whose cupboards are full of her husband’s clothes in case the immigration agents surprise her with a visit. She is Narinder, and her story is the most surprising of them all. Knopf $27.95.

Interior Darkness
by Peter Straub
Celebrated author Peter Straub’s mastery of the short form shines in this wide-ranging collection of his most chilling, intense, and compelling tales from the past twenty-five years. Peter Straub has spent forty years at the forefront of modern literary horror. The stories assembled here represent his astonishing range and his ability to terrify, transport, and hold a reader hostage. Each story cracks the foundation of our reality and opens our eyes, taking us further and further into the darkness that normally remains deeply, and safely, hidden. Doubleday $28.95. ★★★
Exciting New Fantasy

Nettle King
Katherine Harbour
When her beloved Jack disappears, Finn vows to find him even if it means a daring odyssey into the land of the dead. But saving Jack comes at a terrible price: giving the dead access to the true world. And then their friend Moth returns from Sombrus, the magical house once owned by Seth Lot, bearing shocking news. A fearsome creature bearing a striking resemblance to Jack has escaped Sombrus and is now stalking Fair Hollow, killing everyone it encounters, transforming them into terrifying Jacks and Jills and recruiting the Unseelie. Voyager $12.99. Avail. 4/19

A Gathering of Shadows
by V.E. Schwab
Four months have passed since the shadow stone fell into Kell’s possession. Four months since his path crossed with Delilah Bard. Four months since Rhy was wounded and the Dane twins fell, and the stone was cast with Holland’s dying body through the rift, and into Black London. But while Red London is caught up in the pageantry and thrills of the Element Games, another London is coming back to life, and those who were thought to be forever gone have returned. Tor $25.99. ★

A Shadow All of Light
by Fred Chappell
Fred Chappell’s A Shadow all of Light is a stylish, episodic fantasy novel, in the mode of classic Jack Vance, which follows the exploits of Falco, a young man from the country, who arrives in the port city of Tardocco with the ambition of becoming an apprentice to a master shadow thief. Maestro Astolfo, whose mysterious powers of observation would rival those of Sherlock Holmes, sees Falco’s potential and puts him through a grueling series of physical lessons and intellectual tests. Tor $27.99. Avail. 4/12

Borderline
by Mishell Baker
A year ago, Millie lost her legs and her filmmaking career in a failed suicide attempt. Just when she’s sure the credits have rolled on her life story, she gets a second chance with the Arcadia Project: a secret organization that polices the traffic to and from a parallel reality filled with creatures straight out of myth and fairy tales. For her first assignment, Millie is tasked with tracking down a missing movie star who also happens to be a nobleman of the Seelie Court. Saga $25.99 ★

Thrilling Crime

The Quality of Silence
by Rosamund Lupton
Yasmin, a beautiful astrophysicist, and her precocious deaf daughter, Ruby, arrive in a remote part of Alaska to be told that Ruby’s father, Matt, has been the victim of a catastrophic accident. Yasmin and Ruby set out into the hostile winter of the Alaskan tundra in search of answers. But as a storm closes in, Yasmin realizes that a very human danger may be keeping pace with them. And with no one else on the road to help, they must keep moving, alone and terrified, through an endless Alaskan night. Crown $26. ★

The Unfortunate Englishman
by John Lawton
When the Russians started building the Berlin wall in 1961, two unfortunate Englishmen were trapped on opposite sides. In 1965 there is a new plan: To exchange the prisoners, a swap upon Berlin’s bridge of spies. But, as ever, Joe Wilderness has something on the side, just to make it interesting, just to make it profitable. The Unfortunate Englishman is a thrilling tale of Khrushchev, Kennedy, a spy exchange, and ten thousand bottles of fine Bordeaux. What can possibly go wrong? Atlantic Monthly $26. ★

The Midwife and the Assassin
by Sam Thomas
Midwife Bridget Hodgson and her deputy Martha Hawkins fled York for the safety of the English countryside. But when a mysterious letter from London brings them to the capital, they are forced into service under Jonathan Marlowe, Oliver Cromwell’s chief spymaster. Marlowe’s first mission for Bridget is to spy upon Katherine Chidley, a notorious political radical and a rebel against Parliament. But when Katherine’s husband Daniel is murdered, Bridget and Martha join in the search for the killer. Minotaur $25.99. ★

Never trust anyone who has not brought a book with them.”

– Lemony Snicket
The Smell of Other People’s Houses
by Bonnie-Sue Hitchcock
Being a teenager in 1970 Alaska isn’t like being a teenager anywhere else. Ruth has a secret she can’t hide. Dora wonders if she can ever truly escape where she comes from. Alyce is trying to reconcile her desire to dance with her life on her family’s fishing boat. Hank and his brothers decide it’s safer to run away than to stay home. Four very different lives are about to become entangled. This unforgettable book is about people who try to save each other and how sometimes, when they least expect it, they succeed. Wendy Lamb $17.99.

Salt to the Sea
by Ruth Sepetys
World War II is drawing to a close in East Prussia, and thousands of refugees are on a desperate trek toward freedom. Among them are Joana, Emilia, and Florian, whose paths converge en route to the ship that promises salvation, the “Wilhelm Gustloff.” But just when it seems freedom is within their grasp, tragedy strikes, and all ten thousand people aboard must fight for survival. Told in alternating points of view, this masterful historical fiction is inspired by the real-life tragedy that was the greatest maritime disaster in history. Philomel $18.99.

A Study in Charlotte
by Brittany Cavallaro
Jamie Watson has always been intrigued by Charlotte Holmes; after all, their great-great-grandfathers are one of the most infamous pairs in history. But the Holmes family is odd, and Charlotte has inherited Sherlock’s volatility and some of his vices. When the two end up at the same boarding school, Charlotte makes it clear she’s not looking for friends. But then a classmate dies under circumstances ripped straight from the most terrifying of the Sherlock Holmes stories, and Jamie can no longer afford to keep his distance. Katherine Tegen $17.99.

On the Edge of Gone
by Corinne Duyvis
January 29, 2035: the day the comet is scheduled to hit the big one. Denise, her sister Iris, and her drug-addicted mother are seeking temporary shelter from the blast, when they find something better: a generation ship, scheduled to leave Earth and colonize new worlds after the comet hits. But everyone on board has been chosen for their usefulness. Denise is autistic. Can she obtain a spot before the ship takes flight? What about her mother and sister? When the future of the human race is at stake, whose lives matter most? Amulet $17.95.

Passenger
by Alexander Bracken
Etta Spencer has lost everything. Now she’s certain of only one thing: she has traveled not just miles, but years from home. And she’s inherited a legacy she knows nothing about. Nicholas Carter is content with his life at sea, free from his servitude to the Ironwoods—a powerful family in the Colonies. But Etta appears on his ship, and the Ironwoods are after her. Together, Etta and Nicholas embark on a journey across centuries and continents, searching for truth that may separate Etta not only from Nicholas but from her path home forever. Disney-Hyperion $17.99.

Scar Girl
by Len Vlahos
Love, music, and heartbreak take the stage in the follow-up to The Scar Boys. Told as an interview with the band after they reach the pinnacle of success, readers will hear from Cheyenne, Harry, and Richie as they discover the ups and downs of being a rock musician. This is the Scar Boys in their own words. “What defines you?” Harbinger Jones: You mean aside from my face? Cheyenne Belle: I guess I’d say that I’m not good at asking people for help. Richie McGill: How the hell should I know? What defines you? Carolrhoda $17.99.

Into the Dim
by Janet Taylor
When Hope Walton loses her mom to an earthquake overseas, her world crumbles. Spending the summer in Scotland, Hope discovers her mother was a member of a secret society of time travelers. And she’s “alive,” though trapped in the twelfth century. To rescue her mother and get back to their own time, Hope enters a medieval world of intrigue and danger, where interference could alter the very course of history. And when she meets a boy with a familiar face, she must decide between her mission and her heart. Harcourt Brace $17.99.
Guess Who, Haiku
by Deanna Caswell, illustrated by Bob Shea
Deanna Caswell's playful take on the inventive Japanese form of poetry offers clues about the creatures hiding on every page in this creative and clever picture book of charmingly illustrated poems for the very young. As readers meet a cow, a bee, a horse, a bird, a frog, a fish, a mouse, a cat, and a dog, they will be delighted to learn that they are the subject of the final poem. Parents will appreciate the simple guide to understanding the haiku. Perfect for story time and for National Poetry Month! Abrams Appleseed $14.95. Ages 3-5. ★

Are We There Yet?
by Dan Santat
Caldecott Medalist Dan Santat takes readers on the road trip of a lifetime! “Are we there yet?” Every parent has heard this question on a long car ride—and after reading this inventive new book (that even turns upside down for several pages!), you’ll never look at being bored the same way again. In this story, a boy feels time slowing down so much that it starts going backward—into the time of pirates! Of princesses! Of dinosaurs! When time flies, who knows where—or when—he’ll end up. Little, Brown Books for YR $17.99. Ages 3-6. Avail. 4/12 ★

Good Night Owl
by Greg Pizzoli
Beloved and critically acclaimed author of Templeton Gets His Wish, Number One Sam, and The Watermelon Seed bring us Owl, who is ready for bed. But as soon as he settles in, he hears a strange noise. He’ll never get to sleep unless he can figure out what’s going on! He looks everywhere—in his cupboard, underneath the floorboards—even in his walls. But while he’s busy tearing his house apart, he doesn’t notice one tiny, squeaky, mouse-shaped detail…. Will Owl ever get a good night’s sleep? Disney-Hyperion $16.99. Ages 3-6. Avail. 4/19 ★

Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run!
by Mike Twohy
In the vein of Tom and Jerry, Bugs Bunny, and other classic cartoons, Oops, Pounce, Quick, Run! is a hilariously clever alphabet caper, perfect for fans of LMNO Peas and Z Is for Moose. A little mouse is asleep until a ball suddenly bounces into his home, setting off an epic chase from A to Z. This charming picture book is from celebrated New Yorker cartoonist Mike Twohy. What better way to teach the alphabet than to add some laughter? This is book to be enjoyed again and again. Balzer & Bray $17.99. Ages 4-8. ★

When Spring Comes
by Kevin Henkes, illustrated by Laura Dronzek
The award-winning, bestselling husband-and-wife team of Kevin Henkes and Laura Dronzek collaborate for the first time since their acclaimed picture book Birds. Before spring comes, the trees are dark sticks, the grass is brown, and the ground is covered in snow. But if you wait, leaves unfurl and flowers blossom, the grass turns green, and the mounds of snow shrink and shrink. Spring brings baby birds, sprouting seeds, rain and mud, and puddles. You can feel it and smell it and hear it and you can read it! Greenwillow $17.99. Ages 4-8. ★★★

The Night Gardener
by Terry and Eric Fan
In the spirit of Goodnight Moon and The Curious Garden comes a stunning picture book filled with whimsy and creativity from brothers Terry and Eric Fan. One day, William discovers that the tree outside his window has been sculpted into a wise owl. In the following days, more topiaries appear, and each one is more beautiful than the last. Soon, William’s gray little town is full of color and life. And though the mysterious night gardener disappears as suddenly as he appeared, William and his town are changed forever. Simon & Schuster $17.99. Ages 4-8. ★★★

Shrunken Treasures
by Scott Nash
Can’t stomach all of Frankenstein? Lacking the strength to read The Odyssey? Never fear, Shrunken Treasures are here! Nine of the world’s best-known stories have been reduced, like slowly simmered cherries, to tart and tasty mouthfuls. Lighthearted verse turns Moby-Dick into song. Outrageous color makes even gloomy Hamlet fun. The Metamorphosis, Don Quixote, and others have been delivered from dense duty to delightful ditty in Scott Nash’s collection of classics, featuring notes about the original texts at the end. Candlewick $15.99. Ages 5-8. Avail. 4/12 ★★★

Waylon! One Awesome Thing
by Sara Pennypacker
From the author of the best-selling Clementine series comes Waylon, a kid with lots of ideas for making life awesome through science, like teleportation and human gills. But it’s hard for him to concentrate on inventions when he’s experiencing his own Big Bang. Arlo Brody is dividing the fourth grade boys. But Waylon would rather be friends with everyone. Just when it looks as though Waylon’s universe is exploding, something happens to bring it all together again, and it is One Awesome Thing. Disney-Hyperion $15.99. Ages 6-8. Avail. 4/5 ★★★
Kids, Tweens, and Teens

**Just My Luck**
*by Cammie McGovern*
Critically acclaimed author Cammie McGovern’s middle grade debut is a powerful story that will appeal to fans of R. J. Palacio’s *Wonder*, and Ann M. Martin’s *Rain Reign*. Fourth grade is not going how Benny hoped. He hasn’t found a new best friend. He’s not a great bike rider. And worst, he worries his dad’s accident might be his fault. *Just My Luck* is a moving novel about a down-on-his-luck boy whose caring heart ultimately helps him cope with tragedy and realize how much he truly has to offer. Harper Collins $16.99. Ages 8-12.

**Shadow Magic**
*by Joshua Khan*
Thorn wasn’t supposed to be a slave. He’s been sold to an executioner, and they’re headed to Gehenna, the land of undead, where Thorn will probably be fed to a vampire. Lilith Shadow wasn’t supposed to be ruler of Gehenna. But after the murder of her family, she became the last member of House Shadow, a line of dark sorcerers. Now the only way she can save her country is by embracing her heritage and practicing the magic of the undead. But how can she when, as a girl, magic is forbidden? Disney-Hyperion $16.99. Ages 8-12. Avail. 4/12

**Forest of Wonders**
*by Linda Sue Park*
Newbery Medal winning author Linda Sue Park brings us a captivating fantasy-adventure about a boy, a bat, and an amazing transformation. Young apothecary Raffa Santana loves the Forest of Wonders. When an injured bat crashes into his life, Raffa invents a cure from a rare vine he finds deep in the Forest. But his remedy transforms the animal, with far-reaching consequences. The first in an enchanting trilogy, *Forest of Wonders* explores the links between magic and botany, family and duty, environment and home. Harper Collins $16.99. Ages 8-12.

**Raymie Nightingale**
*by Kate DiCamillo*
Raymie Clarke has a plan. If she can win the Little Miss Central Florida Tire competition, her father, who left town with a dental hygienist, will (maybe) come home. To win, Raymie has to contend with wispy Louisiana Elefante, who has a show-business background, and fiery Beverly Tapinski, who’s determined to sabotage the contest. But as the competition approaches, loneliness, loss, and unanswerable questions draw the three into an unlikely friendship and challenge them to come to the rescue in unexpected ways. Candlewick $16.99. Ages 8-12. Avail. 4/12

**The Girl in the Well is Me**
*by Karen Rivers*
Longing to be one of the popular girls, Kammie has fallen into a well during a fake initiation into their club. Now she’s trapped, waiting for rescue. As hours pass, Kammie’s real-life predicament mixes with her memories, including the awful reasons her family moved to this new town in the first place. Karen Rivers has created a unique narrator with an authentic, sympathetic, sharp, funny voice who will have readers laughing and crying and laugh-crying over the course of suspenseful, utterly believable events. Algonquin $16.95. Ages 10-13.

**Hour of the Bees**
*by Lindsay Eager*
Twelve-year-old Carolina Carol is spending her summer in the New Mexico desert, helping her parents move the grandfather she’s never met into a home for people with dementia. At first, Carol avoids Grandpa Serge. But as the summer wears on, Carol finds herself drawn to him, fascinated by the crazy stories he tells her about a healing tree, a green-glass lake, and the bees that will bring back the rain and end a hundred years of drought. And the thin line between magic and reality starts to blur. Candlewick $16.99. Ages 10-14.

**The Girl Who Raced Fairyland All the Way Home**
*by Catherynne Valente*
This final book in the *NYT*-bestselling *Fairyland* series finds September accidentally crowned the Queen of Fairyland. But there are others who believe they have a fair claim on the throne, so there is a Royal Race—whoever wins will seize the crown. Along the way, beloved characters including the Wyverary, A-Through-L, Saturday are caught up in the madness. Who will win? And what will become of our friends? The answers are as bewitching as fans of the series have come to expect. Feiwel & Friends $16.99. Ages 10-14.

**The Greatest Zombie Movie Ever**
*by Jeff Strand*
After producing three horror movies that went mostly ignored on YouTube, Justin and his buddies decide it’s time they create something epic: the Greatest Zombie Movie Ever. They may not have money or a script, but they have passion. And, after a rash text message, they also have the beautiful Alicia Howtz as the lead. With a script that can’t possibly get worse, uncooperative extras, and incompetent assistants, Justin must face the sad truth: he may actually be producing The Worst Zombie Movie Ever…. Sourcebooks Fire $9.99. Ages 12-17.

New in Paperback

A Little Life
by Hanya Yanagihara

*A Little Life* follows four college classmates broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition as they move to New York in search of fame and fortune. While their relationships, which are tinged by addiction, success, and pride, deepen over the decades, the men are held together by their devotion to the brilliant, enigmatic Jude, a man scarred by an unspeakable childhood trauma. Hanya Yanagihara’s stunning novel is a hymn to brotherly bonds and a masterful depiction of love in the twenty-first century. Anchor $17.

Of Things Gone Astray
by Janina Matthewson

On a seemingly normal morning in London, a group of people all lose something dear to them, something dear but peculiar: the front of their house, their piano keys, their sense of direction, their place of work. Meanwhile, Jake, a young boy whose father brings him to London following his mother’s sudden death in an earthquake, finds himself strangely attracted to other people’s lost things. But little does he realize that his most valuable possession, his relationship with his dad, is slipping away from him. Friday Project $14.99.

Orhan’s Inheritance
by Aline Ohanesian

When Orhan’s brilliant and eccentric grandfather Kemal is found dead, Orhan inherits the decades-old business. But Kemal has left the family estate to a stranger thousands of miles away. Intent on righting this wrong, Orhan unearths a story of the Armenian Genocide that, if told, has the power to undo the legacy upon which Orhan’s family is built. “A harrowing tale of unimaginable sacrifice…. A novel that delves into the darkest corners of human history and emerges with a tenuous sense of hope.” – Kirkus Algonquin $15.95.

The Dead Lands
by Benjamin Percy

A super flu and nuclear fallout have made a husk of the world we know. A few humans carry on in outposts such as the Sanctuary. Then a rider comes from the wasteland and reports on the outside world: west of the Cascades, rain falls, crops grow, civilization thrives. Against the wishes of the Sanctuary, a small group sets out in secrecy. Led by Lewis Meriwether and Mina Clark, they hope to expand their infant nation, and to reunite the States. But the Sanctuary will not allow them to escape without a fight. Grand Central $15.99.

Prudence
by Gail Carriger

When Prudence Alessandra Maccon Akeldama (“Rue” to her friends) is bequeathed an unexpected dirigible, she does what any sensible female under similar circumstances would do—she christens it the “Spotted Custard” and floats off to India. Soon, she stumbles upon a plot involving local dissidents, a kidnapped brigadier’s wife, and some awfully familiar Scottish werewolves. Faced with a dire crisis (and an embarrassing lack of bloomers), Rue must rely on her good breeding and her metanatural abilities to get to the bottom of it all. Orbit $14.99.

Pieces of My Mother: a Memoir
by Melissa Cistaro

One summer, Melissa Cistaro’s mother drove off without explanation. Devastated, Melissa and her brothers were left to pick up the pieces, always tormented by the thought: Why did their mother abandon them? Thirty-five years later, Melissa finds herself in Olympia, Washington, as her mother is dying, with just days to find out what happened and confront the fear she could do the same to her kids. But she never expects to stumble across a cache of letters her mother wrote to her but never sent, which could hold the answers she seeks. Sourcebook $14.99.

Where the Dead Pause and the Japanese Say Goodbye
by Marie Mutsuki Mockett

Marie Mutsuki Mockett’s family owns a Buddhist temple 25 miles from the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant. In March 2011, after the earthquake and tsunami, radiation levels prohibited the burial of her Japanese grandfather’s bones. As Japan mourned thousands of people lost in the disaster, Mockett also grieved for her American father, who had died unexpectedly. Mockett’s unpretentious and engaging voice makes her the kind of companion a reader wants to stay with wherever she goes, even into the heart of grief itself. Norton $16.95.

Books are a uniquely portable magic.
– Stephen King
## Best New Poetry

### Green Migraine
**by Michael Dickman**

“My master plan is happiness,” writes Michael Dickman in this wonderfully strange book. Here, imagination and reality swirl in the juxtaposition between beauty and violence in the natural world. Dickman uses hyper-real, dreamlike images to encapsulate and illuminate how we access internal and external landscapes. The result is a fantastic, modern-day fairy tale. “Reading Michael is like stepping out of an overheated apartment building to be met, unexpectedly, by an exhilaratingly chill gust of wind.”—*The New Yorker*

Copper Canyon Press $16.

### The Darkening Trapeze
**by Larry Levis**

*The Darkening Trapeze: Last Poems* collects Larry Levis’s works written during the extraordinary blaze of his final years when his poetry expanded into the ambitious operatic masterpieces he is known for. Edited by David St. John, this collection contains major unpublished works, including elegies, lyrics, and a coda believed to be the last poem Levis wrote, a heart-wrenching poem about his son. This is an astonishing collection by a man many consider to be among the greatest of late-twentieth-century American poets. Graywolf $16.

### Ark
**by Ed Madden**

In a spring of floods, a son returns to rural Arkansas to help care for his dying father. A difficult and beautiful book about a father’s death, *Ark* is also a story about family, old wounds and new rituals, the extraordinary importance of ordinary things at the end of life, and the gifts of healing to be found in the care of the dying. At once a memoir in verse and a lament for a father, *Ark* is a book about things that can be fixed, and things that can’t. Ed Madden is the Poet Laureate of Columbia, South Carolina. Sibling Rivalry Press $14.95.

### Incidents of Travel in Poetry
**by Frank Lima**

Protege of Frank O’Hara, Kenneth Koch, and Allen Ginsberg, Frank Lima (1939-2013) was the only Latino member of the New York School during its historical heyday. After a violent childhood, Lima discovered poetry in a juvenile drug treatment center under the tutelage of painter Sherman Drexler. Lima appeared in key New York School anthologies and published two full-length collections of his own. *Incidents of Travel in Poetry: New and Selected Poems* is a landmark re-introduction to the work of this major Latino poet. City Lights $18.95.

## Memoirs

### Lust & Wonder
**by Augusten Burroughs**

In chronicling the development and demise of the different relationships he’s had while living in New York, Augusten Burroughs examines what it means to be in love, what it means to be in lust, and what it means to be figuring it all out. With Augusten’s unique and singular observations and his own unabashed way of detailing both the horrific and the humorous, *Lust & Wonder: a Memoir* is an intimate and honest memoir that his legions of fans have been waiting for. St. Martin’s $26.99.

### No Dream is Too High
**by Buzz Aldrin**

American hero Buzz Aldrin reflects on the wisdom, principles, and irreverent anecdotes he’s gathered through his event-filled life in this inspiring guide for the next generation. Everywhere he goes, crowds gather to meet Buzz Aldrin. He is a world-class hero, best known of a generation of astronauts whose achievements surged from first man in space to first men on the Moon. Now he pauses to share what he has learned in this beautiful memento, *No Dream Is Too High: Life Lessons from a Man Who Walked on the Moon*. National Geographic $22.

Avail. 4/5

### I Swear I’ll Make It Up to You
**by Mishka Shubaly**

An odyssey of family, heartbreak, violence, punk rock, sex, love, loss, drinking, and… distance running. Mishka Shubaly was lost to alcohol in 1992 after he survived a mass shooting, then learned his parents were getting divorced. Two decades later, Shubaly reconnected with his father and discovered the true story of his childhood. *I Swear I’ll Make It Up to You: A Life on the Low Road* is a fiercely honest, emotional, and witty apology for a journey so far down the low road it took years of running to claw his way back. Public Affairs $26.99.

### Playing Hurt
**by John Saunders**

In *Playing Hurt: a Memoir*, John Saunders, stellar athlete and respected sportscaster, welcomes readers into the heart of his desperate struggle against depression: from insights into the illness’s root causes to the nature of modern treatments. His story unfolds among family, friends, and colleagues, but it also peers into places we don’t often discuss openly: psych wards and hospitals. Here is the honest story of a public figure facing his own mental illness head on, and emerging far better off for his effort. De Capo $26.99. Avail. 4/11
**Being Human**

**Do Big Small Things**
by Bruce Poon Tip

Armed with this rough-and-tumble field journal, prepare to embark on a wondrous journey packed with inspiration and activities from around the globe. Page by page, it will challenge you to write, rip, make, and share as you blast out of your comfort zone, dream big, and pay it forward. Full of playful prompts and eye-opening visuals, and brimming with worldly wisdom, healthy irreverence, and a sense of boundless possibility, this book is your map, your companion, your record of the small things you do that add up to something bigger. Running Press $18. Avail. 4/5

**The Golden Condom**
by Jennifer Safer

Dr. Jeanne Safer has dedicated much of her career in psychotherapy to exploring taboo subjects we all think about in private but seldom discuss in public. In *The Golden Condom: And Other Essays on Love Lost and Found*, Safer turns her fearless eye to love, telling a series of tales that investigate relationships including traumatic friendships, love after loss, unrequited or obsessive love and more. Always entertaining, these stories will inspire you with the range of possibilities that exist to find love, however unconventional, and at any age. Picador $26. Avail. 4/5 ★

**The Silk Roads**
by Peter Frankopan

*The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* captures the importance of the networks that crisscrossed Asia and linked the Atlantic with the Pacific, the Mediterranean with India, America with the Persian Gulf. By way of events as disparate as the American Revolution and the 20th century world wars, Frankopan orients us eastwards, illuminating how the rise of the West 500 years ago resulted from its efforts to gain access to these Eurasian trading networks. In an increasingly globalized planet, this magnificent work of history is a work of our times. Knopf $30.

**Growing Things**

**The Bee-Friendly Garden**
by Kate Frey and Gretchen LeBruhn

In *The Bee-Friendly Garden: Design an Abundant, Flower-Filled Yard That Nurtures Bees and Supports Biodiversity*, award-winning garden designer Kate Frey and bee expert Gretchen LeBuhn provide everything you need to know to create a dazzling garden that helps the threatened honeybee and native bees. Illustrated with spectacular full-color photos, this book debunks myths about bees, explains seasonal flower progression, and provides detailed instructions for nest boxes and water features. Ten Speed Press $19.99.

**The Flower Chef**
by Carly Cylinder

*The Flower Chef: A Modern Guide to Do-It-Yourself Floral Arrangements* is a comprehensive guide to floral design that caters to all readers—from beginners to decorators, party planners, and photographers looking to liven up their spaces. Even professionals will find ways to update their techniques! Filled with beautiful photographs and easy-to-follow instructions on how to create over 80 different arrangements, this is the go-to guide to floral design that every flower lover will want to add to their collection. Grand Central $28.

**Gardens of Awe and Folly**
by Vivian Swift

Vivian Swift sees the extraordinary in the ordinary, whether in her own backyard, as lovingly detailed in *When Wanderers Cease to Roam*, or on the road in France, which she described in *Le Road Trip. Gardens of Awe and Folly: A Traveler’s Journal on the Meaning of Life and Gardening* is an non-gardeners gardening book. Readers won’t find tips on planting or soil. Instead, Vivian takes us to ten gardens around the world, providing a metaphor for cultivation of a grander sort: of self, desire, and contentment. Bloomsbury $28.

**The Rooftop Growing Guide**
by Annie Novak

As more people experiment with growing food in urban and suburban areas, farms and edible gardens are popping up on rooftops across the country. Annie Novak founded America’s first fully landscaped green roof farm, and her expertise shines in *The Rooftop Growing Guide: How to Transform Your Roof into a Vegetable Garden or Farm*. With crop plans, case studies, and notes on harvesting, fertilizing, and more, she provides inspiration and practical advice for a new generation of urban farmers and gardeners. Ten Speed Press $23.

**In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.**

— Margaret Atwood
Thursday, March 31, 1 pm – 1:45 pm
**Raising a Healthy, Happy Eater**
**Lunchtime Demo Event with Authors!**
Make eating healthy easy, fun, and inexpensive for yourself, your kids, or the whole family. *How to Raise a Healthy, Adventurous Eater (in a Chicken-Nugget World)* pediatrician Nimali Fernando and feeding therapist Melanie Potock (aka Dr. Yum and Coach Mel) know the importance of giving your child the right start on his or her food journey for good health, motor skills, and even cognitive and emotional development. In *Raising a Healthy, Happy Eater* they explain how to expand your family’s food horizons, avoid the picky eater trap, identify special feeding needs, and put joy back into mealtimes. Yum!

Tuesday, April 5, 6:30 pm
**BRETT BUSANG**
*I Shot Bruce: A Novel*
Brett Busang describes himself as a prolific essayist, a moderately interesting playwright, a lapsed painter, an ambivalent anglophile, and a failed ballplayer. Having turned his attention to writing fiction, Brett says, “I like writing fiction because I never know what’s going to happen; and because it is always autobiographical and never autobiographical enough. I like to write in various genres because I am easily bored, relentlessly curious, and also because my tendency to ‘dart around’ is an asset in no other place.”

Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 pm
**DR. JASON MILLER**
*Origins of the Dream: Hughes’s Poetry and King’s Rhetoric*
A National Poetry Month Event
For years, some scholars have suspected Martin Luther King Jr.’s *I Have a Dream* speech was connected to Langston Hughes’ poetry, and the link between the two was veiled through careful allusions in King’s orations. In *Origins of the Dream*, W. Jason Miller lifts that veil to demonstrate how Hughes’s poetry became an inflection in King’s voice. Miller has been featured on CBS and ABC, the BBC, and in *The Huffington Post, New York Post, The Guardian*, and *USA Today*, among others. We are honored to welcome Dr. Miller.

Thursday, April 14, 6:30 pm
**JABBIES™: Judge-A-Book-By-Its-Spine with CRAIG POPELARS and MICHAEL REYNOLDS**
Bookstore: In response to your requests to learn more about the publishing industry as well as individual authors, may I present JABBIES™: Judge-A-Book-By-Its-Spine. I will host these informal Q&A conversations with publishing professionals. For our inaugural event, I have invited Craig Popelars, Marketing Director of Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill and Michael Reynolds, Editor in Chief of Europa Editions. Thank you in advance for supporting experimental programming at Fountain. This is going to be great!

Monday, April 18, 7 pm
Location: Carpenter Center—Center Stage
**DAVID SEDARIS!!!!!!!**
• Ticketed Event •
Need we say more? What are you waiting for? Buy your tickets now!

Thursday, April 21, 6:30 pm
**JOHN GUZLOWSKI**
*Echoes of Tattered Tongues*
A National Poetry Month Event
Guzlowski traces the arc of one of millions of American immigrant families, survivors of WWII in *Echoes of Tattered Tongues: Memory Unfolded*. Raw, eloquent, and intimate, he illuminates the many faces of war, the toll taken on innocent civilians, and the trauma that echoes down through generations. The narrative structure mirrors fractured dislocation experienced by war refugees—frozen moments of time, sometimes dreamlike and surreal, other times realistic and graphic.

Saturday, April 30, 10 am – 6 pm
**INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORE DAY 2016!**
**SURPRISE GUEST AUTHORS! PRIZES! CELEBRATION! WOO HOO!**

Thursday, May 26, 6:30 pm
Location: To Be Announced
**Reverend Billy Talen & The Stop Shopping Choir Rock Richmond**
• Ticketed Event •
This event, which is a complete show, is not to be missed! A self-proclaimed “Earth radical,” Reverend Billy campaigns against chain stores, sweatshop products, and climate villains. The ministry of a “new kind of American preacher” debuted on the sidewalk at Times Square in 1998, in front of Disney and Mickey Mouse. Crowds nearby began to join in while he was rocking, and the choir was born. We are tremendously honored to host Reverend Billy and his choir!
Great Gardening Books Hand-Picked by Kelly

The Downsized Veggie Garden
by Kate Copsey
I overdid it last year and got discouraged. My tomato plants, all 8 of them (I’m in a household of two and our cat does not like tomatoes), got some disease and all croaked within a week, so I just stopped watering the whole garden. This was early June. We looked at dead plants for the rest of the summer. So, with a more realistic goal and this handy volume, we’re planning a less voluminous garden. Even though we have the space, we don’t have the time. For people with a small amount of space or a small amount of time that still want to grow fresh veggies, The Downsized Veggie Garden: How to Garden Small Wherever You Live, Whatever Your Space is for you. Very handy. Even covers containers, balcony railing gardening, and indoor ideas. Great for a beginner or anyone transitioning to a smaller household. St. Lynn’s Press $19.95.

The Cocktail Hour Garden
by C.L. Fornari
Isn’t that the best time to be in the garden? As the sun starts to go down, we have a chance to reflect on the day, with or without a cocktail. Mood setting plants, botanical drinks recipes and inspiring photographs. Ahhhh. The Cocktail Hour Garden: Creating Evening Landscapes for Relaxation and Entertaining is at the cutting edge of the “garden-to-glass” (part of the farm-to-table movement) and the “garden-tainment” trend of enjoyment of your garden by moonlight. Also a lovely host or hostess gift. St. Lynn’s Press $19.95.

The Plant Lover’s Guide to Tulips
by Richard Wilford
I do love tulips. I think they are underrated. This guide is from Richard Wilford, a big shot at Kew Gardens and a member of the Royal Horticultural Society’s Bulb Committee. Hm. I wonder what that job’s like? Anyway. Even though this book is British, you should be able to get most of the more common bulbs at your locally-owned garden shop. I like Boulevard Flower Gardens and Cross Creek Garden Center. They can probably find you sources for the more obscure ones too! Timber Press $24.95.

1001 Plants to Dream of Growing
by Liz Dobbs
There are just a lot of things I’m never going to grow. Too difficult, too busy, wrong climate, etc. But this is a fun book to dream on. This is also such a wonderful gift for any spring holiday or occasion. Included are childhood favorites, rediscovered heirlooms, and curiosities to the latest introductions from hybridizers and plant hunters! This book is not just a dreamer’s book, there are tons of helpful facts and tips too. Universe $36.95.

Maureen Recommends:
The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Gardner Berry
In medieval France, Botille is a matchmaker who lives a quiet village life with her sisters. Dolssa has an unshakeable faith and unique gift that cause her to be labeled a heretic and go on the run. When their paths cross, a series of events are set in motion that could bring France’s religious structure to its knees. Berry manages to take a very foreign time and place and make it not just relatable but thrilling for young readers and old. Viking Books for Young Readers $18.99. Avail. 4/12

Kelly Recommends:
Woman with a Secret by Sophie Hannah
This is the ninth installment in the Waterhouse and Zailer mystery series and, I think, one of the best. I have read them all. I usually stop a series about three in, either bored or realizing that I need to be reading other authors! That’s the job. But I cannot resist Sophie Hannah. Comparable to Ruth Rendell, but in a class all her own, the author begins this novel with a woman accused of murder. And while Nicki Clements may not be guilty of killing the despicable Damon Blundy, she is certainly guilty of something. Extraordinary! Chewed all my nails off! William Morrow & Co. $14.99. Available New in Paperback 4/12

Diane Recommends:
Unidentified Suburban Object by Mike Jung
Chloe Cho is a Korean American seventh-grader who would like to get in touch with many of the aspects of her heritage, but her parents are unwilling to talk about it—then when a class assignment forces Chloe to confront them directly, they finally tell her the truth about her family, which may just be too much for one girl to handle. This hilarious middle-grade novel is an absolute must-read and one of my favorites of this season! A unique exploration of dealing with cultural identity. Arthur A. Levine Books $16.99. Avail. 4/26