Summer Reads for the Young (at Heart)

Wink Poppy Midnight
by April Genevieve Tucholke
Every story needs a hero, a villain, and a secret. Wink is the odd, mysterious neighbor girl, wild red hair and freckles. Poppy is the blond bully and the beautiful, manipulative high school queen bee. Midnight is the sweet, uncertain boy caught between them. Wink. Poppy. Midnight. Three voices that burst onto the page in short, sharp, bewitching chapters, and spiral swiftly and inexorably toward something terrible or tricky or tremendous. Perfect for fans of Holly Black, We Were Liars, and The Virgin Suicides, this mysterious tale will leave you entranced. Dial $17.99.

When We Collided
by Emery Lord
Jonah Daniels’s father has died. With a mother lost in depression, Jonah and his five siblings struggle to keep their home and the restaurant their dad left behind. But at the start of summer, Vivi Alexander comes to town. Vivi is in love with life and refuses to be held down by the medicine she’s told should make her feel better. But it’s not long before Vivi’s zest for life falters. Her adventurousness becomes danger-seeking, and Vivi and Jonah’s love is put to the test. What happens when love simply isn’t enough? Bloomsbury $17.99.

The Square Root of Summer
by Harriet Reuter Hapgood
Gottie H. Oppenheimer is losing time. Literally. When the fabric of the universe around her seaside town begins to fray, she’s hurtled through wormholes to her past: to last summer, when her grandfather Grey died, to the afternoon she fell in love with Jason, who wouldn’t hold her hand at the funeral. To the day her best friend Thomas moved away and left her with a scar on her hand and a black hole in her memory. Grey is still gone, but Jason and Thomas are back, and Gottie’s past, present, and future are about to collide. Roaring Brook $17.99.
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— Austin Phelps

Fountain Fabulousness with Food

Harper Lee Theme Dinner with Charles Shields

Wednesday, June 15, 6:30 pm
Location: Camden’s Dogtown Market, 201 W. 7th Street
• TICKETED EVENT (includes book) •

Enjoy a discussion about the controversy surrounding the publication of Go Set a Watchman led by the author of the newly updated Mockingbird: A Portrait of Harper Lee from Scout to Go Set a Watchman. Shields will present his research on the last chapter of Lee’s life and then take questions and comments in a private presentation room above the restaurant. Then we’ll all go downstairs for a Harper Lee themed dinner prepared by Chef Andy Howell inspired by food shared and talked about in the books. Get your tickets and more information at fountainbookstore.com.

Have Lunch with Elin Hilderbrand!

Friday, June 17, 12:30 pm
Location: Sam Miller’s Restaurant, 1210 E. Cary Street
• TICKETED EVENT (includes book) •

Enjoy a delicious lunch with the hilarious New York Times bestselling author Elin Hilderbrand including a copy of her latest book Here’s to Us. Elin is incredibly entertaining in person and we’re getting ready for beach/balcony/porch/park reading season. I can’t think of a more fun way to kick off the summer! So, bring your gal pal, your best friend, your book club, your daughter/mom and have a “lady date”! Tickets are on sale now. You will be sent an email with a choice of lunch preferences before the event once they have been finalized.

Howdy!

Ah... summer!
Actually... not a fan.

I make sure the bookstore AC is serviced and in tip top running order. So, come on in for some relief from the heat. We keep it nice and chilly! I used to be a penguin.

The best thing about summer and the best thing about not being a penguin anymore is that penguins can’t read and summer brings us the best books!

Hopefully, we have a little more time to read them: poolside, by the river, on the river, at the beach, on the porch, or sitting right next to the air conditioner vent in the kitchen looking out the window at all the bees that are not stinging you and admiring the beautiful flowers and vegetables that someone you love is watering daily because you gave up in May.

I want to thank Mulholland books for inviting me to a great dinner in D.C. with my fellow booksellers and some media folks. I was so impressed by authors Joe Ide (book IQ not coming out until October! Sob!), Ben H. Winters (already a favorite!), and David Swinson (new, shiny favorite!!), that I wanted to dedicate part of this newsletter to Mulholland. No, you can’t buy me dinner and get books in the newsletter. The books actually have to be amazing too.

Congratulations to New York Times bestseller Cathy Maxwell for another huge selling series off to a great start!

In this issue we say a BIG thank you to Maggie Stiefvater and her fans for taking us on the ride of our lives by being Maggie’s bookseller of choice for the exclusive editions of her books we sell online through fountainbookstore.com. We had to rent warehouse space for two months to ship them all. And I MUST thank my amazing booksellers, temps, and volunteers.

And thanks to all of you for being part of what makes the Fountain Family special whether you live with us in beautiful RVA, shop with us online, or are just visiting our fair city for business or pleasure.

Cheers,
Kelly
**Provocative New Fiction**

**What is Not Yours is Not Yours**
**by Helen Oyeyemi**
From the award-winning author of Boy, Snow, Bird and Mr. Fox comes an enchanting collection of intertwined stories. Playful, ambitious, and exquisitely imagined, What Is Not Yours Is Not Yours is cleverly built around the idea of keys, literal and metaphorical. The key to a house, a heart, a secret—Oyeyemi not only unlocks elements of her characters’ lives, she promises further labyrinths on the other side. “Flawless… another masterpiece from an author who seems incapable of writing anything that’s less than brilliant.” –NPR. Riverhead $27.

**Wild Lake**
**by Laura Lippman**
NYT bestselling author Laura Lippman challenges our notions of memory, loyalty, responsibility, and justice in this evocative story about a long-ago death that still haunts a family. Luisa Lu Brant is the first female state’s attorney of Howard County, Maryland and sees an opportunity to make her name by trying a man accused of beating a woman to death. But as she learns about the case, questions arise. What does it mean to be a man or woman of one’s times? Why do we ask our heroes of the past to conform to the present’s standards? Morrow $26.99.

**Inherited Disorders**
**by Adam Ehrlich Sachs**
A son receives an inheritance from his father and tries to dispose of it before it destroys him. Inherited Disorders tells this elemental story in over 100 hilarious, witty variations, laying bare the thwarted affection and mutual bafflement that have characterized the filial bond since the days of Davidic kings. Spanning time, culture, careers, and legacies, these surprisingly tender stories are keenly inventive, painfully familiar, and signal the arrival of a brilliant new comic voice and fresh hope for fathers and sons the world over. Reagan Arts $26.95.

**The Miracle on Monhegan Island**
**by Elizabeth Kelly**
When Spark the prodigal son returns to the family home on Maine’s Monhegan Island, he launches one unforgettable summer. During his absence, his gentle brother and fork-tongued father have cared for Spark’s son, Hally. A temperamentally adolescent emboldened by tales of his father’s mischief, Hally is careening through an identity crisis when he claims to have a spiritual vision. Narrated in cracking prose by the charismatic family dog, The Miracle on Monhegan Island is an uproarious must-read summer blockbuster. Liveright $25.95.

**The Summer Guest**
**by Alison Anderson**
What if Anton Chekhov, undisputed master of the short story, actually wrote a novel and the manuscript still existed? This tantalizing possibility drives The Summer Guest, a spellbinding narrative that draws together—across two centuries—the lives of three women through a diary written in 1888 and discovered in 2014. The diary suggests that Chekhov wrote a novel that has since been lost. What follows is an obsession to find the lost novel and the discovery that the manuscript is not the only mystery contained within the diary’s pages. Harper $27.99.

**The Girls**
**by Emma Cline**
Northern California, during the violent end of the 1960s. At the start of summer, a lonely and thoughtful teenager, Evie Boyd, sees a group of girls in the park, and is caught by their freedom, their careless dress, their aura of abandon. Soon, Evie is in thrall to Suzanne, a mesmerizing older girl, and is drawn into the circle of a soon-to-be infamous cult and the man who is its charismatic leader. As her obsession with Suzanne intensifies, Evie does not realize she is coming closer to unthinkable violence, and to that moment when everything can go horribly wrong. Random House $27. Avail. 6/14.

**The Defense**
**by Steve Cavanagh**
Former con-artist-turned-lawyer Eddie Flynn gave up the law a year ago after a disastrous case, and he vowed never to step foot in a courtroom again. But now he doesn’t have a choice. The head of the Russian mob in New York City, on trial for murder, has kidnapped Eddie’s ten-year-old daughter: Eddie has to take this case whether he likes it or not. Using his razor-sharp wit and every con, bluff, grift, and trick in the book, Eddie has only forty-eight hours to defend an impossible murder trial. And if he loses this case, he loses everything. Flatiron $25.99.

**The Drowned Detective**
**by Neil Jordan**
Jonathan is a detective in a decaying eastern European city. One night, as he contemplates his troubled marriage, he encounters a young woman crouched on a bridge—a woman who suddenly jumps into the icy water below. Plunging after her, Jonathan is dragged into her ghostly world of confusion, coincidence, and intrigue. Combining the language and imagery of film with those of an extremely gifted writer, Neil Jordan has created a haunting novel that intrigues and delights with its precise language, sly humor, imaginative range, and narrative flair. Bloomsbury $26.
Fantastic Tales

Springtime: A Ghost Story
by Michelle de Kretser
A young art historian, Frances is troubled by her lover Charlie’s unknowable past, who has left his marriage to move with Frances to Sydney. To cope, Frances takes mind-clearing walks around her neighborhood, and repeatedly sees a woman in an old-fashioned gown. But something is not right—no one else can see her. It’s as if the garden exists in a vacuum suspended in time. Springtime is a ghost story that unfolds in sunny, suburban Australia; the realism of the characters and events make the story’s ambiguities and eeriness all the more disquieting. Catapult $11.95.

Dreams of Distant Shores
by Patricia McKillip
Bestselling author Patricia A. McKillip is one of the most lyrical writers gracing the fantasy genre. And Dreams of Distant Shores is a true ode to her many talents. Within these pages you will find a youth who possesses his muse and seductive travelers from the sea enrapturing distant lovers. The statue of a mermaid comes suddenly to life, and two friends are transfixed by a haunted estate. Fans of McKillip’s ethereal fiction will find much to delight them; those lucky enough to be discovering her work will find much to enchant them. Tachyon $15.95. Avail. 6/14 ★

Every Heart a Doorway
by Seanan McGuire
Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes, and emerging somewhere else. But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children. Nancy tumbled once, but now she’s back and fundamentally changed. The children at Eleanor West’s Home for Wayward Children understand; each of them seeks a way back to their own fantasy world. But Nancy’s arrival marks a dark change at the Home, and it’s up to Nancy and her schoolmates to get to the heart of things. Tor $17.99.

Smoke
by Dan Vyleta
England, a century ago. Where wicked people are marked by the Smoke that pours forth from their bodies, a sign of their fallen state. The aristocracy do not smoke, proof of their virtue and right to rule, while the lower classes are drenched in sin and soot. This is an England with an elite boarding school where the sons of the wealthy are groomed to take power as their birthright. With revolutionaries and secret police. Religious fanatics and cold scientists. Murder. This is the world of Smoke, a tale of Dickensian intricacy and ferocious imaginative power. Doubleday $27.95. ★

Fictional Lives

Vexation Lullaby
by Justin Tussing
Peter Silver is an adventure-adverse young doctor. But a house call request introduces him to aging rock star Jimmy Cross, and Peter joins the mysteriously ailing celebrity on the road. The so-called “first physician embedded in a rock tour,” Peter is thrust into a life of disorder and risk. Trailling the band at every tour stop is Arthur Pennyman, Cross’s number-one fan who chronicles every show on his website. And when Pennyman hears a mythic, as-yet-unperformed song, he starts to piece together the puzzle of Peter’s role in Cross’s past. Catapult $16.95. ★

The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper
by Phaedra Patrick
Sixty-nine-year-old Arthur Pepper lives a simple life. He gets out of bed at precisely 7:30 a.m., just as he did when his wife, Miriam, was alive. He dresses in the same gray slacks and mustard sweater vest, waters his fern, and heads out to his garden. But on the one-year anniversary of Miriam’s death, he finds an unfamiliar bracelet while sorting through her possessions. What follows is an unforgettable odyssey that takes Arthur across the world in a quest to find the truth about his wife’s secret life before they met—a journey that leads him to find hope, healing and self-discovery. Mira $26.99.

The Atomic Weight of Love
by Elizabeth Church
For Meridian Wallace—and many women of the 1940s—being ambitious meant being an outlier. Meridian wants to get her PhD and become an ornithologist. But she falls in love with physics professor Alden Whetstone, defers her plans, and joins him in New Mexico. It’s not until years later that she realizes how much she has given up. Church’s debut novel about ambition and identity will ring true to every woman who has had to make the impossible choice between who she is and what circumstances demand. Algonquin $25.95.

The best moments in reading are when you come across something—a thought, a feeling, a way of looking at things—which you had thought special and particular to you. Now here it is, set down by someone else, a person you have never met, someone even who is long dead. And it is as if a hand has come out and taken yours.

– Alan Bennett
The May Queen Murders
by Sarah Jude

Stay on the roads. Don’t enter the woods. Never go out at night. Those are the rules in Rowan’s Glen, a remote community in the Missouri Ozarks. It’s an old-fashioned way of life, full of superstition, and sixteen-year-old Ivy loves it. The other kids at school think the Glen kids are weird, but Ivy doesn’t care—she has her cousin Heather. The two girls share everything, or so Ivy thinks. When Heather goes missing, Ivy discovers that both her cousin and her hometown are as full of secrets as the woods that surround them. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt $17.99.

The Safest Lies
by Megan Miranda

Kelsey has lived her life in a shadow of fear. Her mother hasn’t set foot outside in seventeen years, since she escaped from her kidnappers with nothing but her attacker’s baby growing inside her: Kelsey. Kelsey knows she’s to keep a low profile, but that plan is shattered with a dramatic car accident. A few days later, her mother goes missing. Now, to have a chance at a future, Kelsey must face her fears. Because someone is coming for her. And the truth about the past may end up being the most dangerous thing of all. Little Brown Books for YR $17.99.

Ask Me How I Got Here
by Christine Hepperman

Addie has always known what she was running toward, whether in cross country, in her all-girls Catholic school, or in love. When she accidentally gets pregnant, Addie makes the difficult choice to have an abortion. And after that, even though she knows it was the right decision, nothing is the same—and then she reconnects with Juliana, who’s going through her own dark places. Once again, Christine Heppermann writes with an unflinching honesty and a deep sensitivity about the complexities of being a teenager, being a woman. Greenwillow $17.99.

Girl Against the Universe
by Paula Stokes

Maguire knows she’s bad luck. No matter how many charms she buys off the internet, horrible things happen when Maguire is around. Like that time her brother, father, and uncle were all killed in a car crash and Maguire walked away with barely a scratch. But then on her way out of her therapist’s office, she meets Jordy, an aspiring tennis star, who wants to help Maguire break her unlucky streak. Maguire knows that the best thing she can do for Jordy is to stay away, but staying away may be harder than she thought. HarperTeen $17.99.

Faerie
by Eisha Marjara

Lila likens herself to a half-human fairy creature who does not belong in the earthly world; but in the cold light of day she is a psychiatric patient at a hospital, where she is being treated for anorexia. Lila tells the story of how she ended up on the Four East wing: we flash back to her childhood, growing up as the overweight brown kid of Punjabi immigrant parents. Faerie weaves these passages with Lila’s downward spiral into life-threatening illness, her budding sexuality, and her complicated recovery in the hospital that comes with a price. Arsenal Pulp $14.95. Avail. 6/7.

The Raven King
by Maggie Stiefvater

The fourth and final installment in the spellbinding series from the irrepressible, #1 New York Times bestselling author Maggie Stiefvater. All her life, Blue has been warned that she will cause her true love’s death. She doesn’t believe in true love and never thought this would be a problem, but as her life becomes caught up in the strange and sinister world of the Raven Boys, she’s not so sure anymore. In a starred review for Blue Lily, Lily Blue, Kirkus Reviews declared: “Expect this truly one-of-a-kind series to come to a thundering close.” Scholastic $18.99.

The Transatlantic Conspiracy
by G. D. Falksen

1908. Rosalind’s stay in England with her best friend, Cecily, has come to an abrupt end. Her father is unveiling his new Transatlantic Express, the world’s first underwater railway, and has booked her on the maiden voyage. She is furious until Cecily and her older brother, Charles, volunteer to accompany her. But Charles disappears. And Cecily is found stabbed to death in her room. Rosalind is now trapped on the train fighting to clear herself, to find the killer, and to uncover the truth behind the railway’s construction. Soho Teen $18.99. Avail. 6/14.

Genius: The Game
by Leopoldo Gout

“Trust no one. Every camera is an eye. Every microphone an ear. Find me and we can stop him together.” The Game. Get ready for Zero Hour as 200 geniuses from around the world go head to head in a competition with life and death stakes. The Players. Rex: 16-year-old Mexican-American, one of the best programmers in the world; Tunde: 14-year-old Nigerian, self-taught engineering genius; Painted Wolf: 16-year-old and one of China’s most respected activist bloggers. Welcome to the revolution. And get ready to run. Feiwel and Friends $17.99.
The Watermelon Seed
by Greg Pizzoli
Perfect for a happy summer gift, this new board book edition of The Watermelon Seed will delight your child all year long. With hilarious comic pacing, Greg Pizzoli introduces us to one funny crocodile who has one big fear: swallowing a watermelon seed. What will he do when his greatest fear is realized? Will vines sprout out his ears? Will his skin turn pink? This crocodile has a wild imagination that kids will love. And the book’s bold color and beautiful design makes it a feast for the eyes as well as the belly! Disney Hyperion $7.99. Ages 0-2.

Let’s Play
by Hervé Tullet
It’s only a yellow dot... but what a dot it is! Readers will love this jaunty, adventurous dot, and its invitation to play along. Take a ride of color, motion, shape, and imagination, filled with the artistry that we know and love so well from Press Here and Mix It Up! But on this journey, prepare to leap headlong into emotion as well. Connecting the mind and the heart, this dot expresses an extraordinary sense of humor, fear, joy, and more as it wiggles and slides its way through—and even off!—the pages. Chronicle Books $15.99. Ages 2-4.

Let’s Go to Sleep
by Maisie Reade
To ease the transition from active days to restful nights, Read Me to Sleep stories soothe the child and the adult, with calming text and prompts that encourage both reader and listener to “breathe deep and dream,” including opportunities for personalization, tips for sleepy narration, and deep breathing embedded in the story. The first story, Let’s Go to Sleep, is a journey through the magical Forest of Dreams, where Mama Bird leads a drowsy crew of friends on the journey to sleep. Little Brown $14.99. Ages 2-5.

Ninja! Attack of the Clan
by Arree Chung
A ninja must be ready for anything! Maxwell is a strong, courageous, silent ninja, but he also wants somebody to play with. Mama, Papa, and little sister Cassy are all too busy, leaving Maxwell disappointed and alone. When Maxwell gets called to dinner, he finds an empty dining room. Could his ninja clan be up to something? This sequel to Ninja! is both action-packed and heartwarming. Henry Holt and Co. $16.99. Ages 4-7. Avail. 6/7

A Fire Truck Named Red
by Randall de Sève illustrated by Bob Staake
Everything old is new again in this lively intergenerational story about a young boy and his grandfather fixing up a vintage toy fire truck. The boy has his heart set on a brand-new toy fire truck, and is disappointed when he gets his grandfather’s rusty old fire truck, Red, instead. But working together, the boy and his grandfather patch Red right up while Grandpa tells his grandson all about the adventures he had with Red when he was a boy. Farrar, Straus and Giroux $16.99. Ages 4-7.

Chicken in Space
by Adam Lehrhaupt illustrated by Shahar Kober
Zoey isn’t like the other chickens. She has big dreams. She also has a best friend, Sam the pig, who will join her on her wild adventures… if he gets some pie along the way. How will Zoey and Sam get from the barn to the stars? Will Zoey be the first chicken in space? Will Sam get a snack? One thing is certain: Zoey always finds a way. Adam Lehrhaupt and Shahar Kober bring out-of-this-world energy and humor to this funny tale of imagination and friendship—and one truly adventurous chicken. Harper Collins $17.99. Ages 4-8.

Thunder Boy, Jr.
by Sherman Alexie illustrated by Yuyi Morales
Thunder Boy Jr. is named after his dad, but he wants a name that’s all his own—a name that celebrates something cool he’s done, like Touch the Clouds, Not Afraid of Ten Thousand Teeth, or Full of Wonder. But just when Thunder Boy Jr. thinks all hope is lost, he and his dad pick one that will light up the sky. National Book Award-winner Sherman Alexie’s lyrical text and Caldecott Honor-winner Yuyi Morales’s striking illustrations celebrate the special relationship between father and son. Little Brown $17.99. Ages 5-8.

The Thank You Book
by Mo Willems
All of Elephant and Piggie’s friends come together for the final book in Mo Willems’ bestselling series. In this last installment, Piggie’s determination and spirit underscore the importance of saying thank you—a perfect message for kids to share with friends, teachers, family and more. Because Piggie wants to thank EVERYONE. But Gerald is worried Piggie will forget someone… someone important. The Thank You Book is as hilarious as it is touching, celebrating 25 wonderful books of friendship. Disney Hyperion $9.99. Ages 6-8.
The Worst Night Ever
by Dave Barry
Last year, Wyatt was the hero of middle school, having saved the U.S. President. But now he’s just an undersized freshman in high school. Things start to go wrong when Matt, Wyatt’s best friend and unfortunately an idiot, brings his ferret, Frank, to school. Frank is taken by the popular and nasty Bevin brothers. When Wyatt and Matt try to get Frank back, they stumble onto the Bevin family’s deadly secret. That’s when Wyatt learns that some things are much worse than being unpopular. Disney Hyperion $13.99. Ages 8-12.

Royal Wedding Disaster
by Meg Cabot
Join the Royal Wedding in this second book pulled From the Notebooks of a Middle School Princess, a Princess Diaries spin-off. Olivia still can’t believe she’s a princess. Of course, things aren’t going like she imagined. Her half-sister Mia is too busy learning how to take over the country while planning a wedding. And the palace is invaded by cousins and royals who all seem to be angry at Olivia. The wedding is getting closer, and things are going wrong. Can Olivia keep it from becoming a royal disaster? Feiwel and Friends $16.99. Ages 8-12.

Return to the Isle of the Lost
by Melissa de la Cruz
Mal’s an expert at intimidating her enemies, but she’s broken the habit since leaving her villainous roots behind. So when she and her friends Evie, Carlos, and Jay receive threatening demands to return home, Mal can’t believe it. Sure, she’s King Ben’s girlfriend now, but she didn’t think anyone would dare to push her around. Could their villainous parents be behind the messages? The friends must sneak back to the Isle to get their answers and face the evil bubbling at the Isle’s wicked core. Disney Hyperion $17.99. Ages 9-12.

The Hidden Oracle:
The Trials of Apollo, Book 1
by Rick Riordan
How do you punish an immortal? By making him human. After angering his father Zeus, the god Apollo is cast down from Olympus. Weak and disoriented, he lands in New York City as a teenage boy. Without his powers, the four-thousand-year-old deity must learn to survive in the modern world. But Apollo has many enemies who would love to see the him permanently destroyed. He needs help, and can think of only one place to go… an enclave of modern demigods known as Camp Half-Blood. Disney Hyperion $19.99. Ages 10-14.

The Underdogs
by Sara Hammel
When a popular teen beauty’s body is discovered by the pool at an elite tennis club, the regulars are shocked—especially twelve-year-old Evie and her best friend, Chelsea. The pair jumps on the case, dogging the footsteps of the lead detective as he investigates. As summer temperatures soar, tensions rise, fingers are pointed, and a heroic act sets in motion a chain of events readers will never see coming. In the tradition of The Westing Game comes a mystery with a breathtaking twist. Farrar, Straus and Giroux $16.99. Ages 10-14.

The Ninja Librarians:
Sword in the Stacks
by Jen Downey
After stumbling upon the secret society of time-traveling ninja librarians, Dorrie has joined as an apprentice! One day, she’ll go on missions to rescue people whose words have gotten them into trouble. For now she’s taking classes and learning the ropes. But on a training mission to 1912 England, Dorrie comes across one of the Library’s biggest enemies. This is her chance! Dorrie can spy on the enemy, find the key... and become a real Lybrarian! But one mistake could lead their enemy to the place she’s trying to save…. Jabberwocky $16.99. Ages 10-14. Avail. 6/1

Summerlost
by Ally Condie
It’s the first summer since the accident that killed Cedar’s father and brother. Cedar and her remaining family are returning to the town of Iron Creek for the summer. They’re just settling in when a boy named Leo, in costume, rides by on his bike. Intrigued, Cedar follows him to the Summerlost theatre festival. Soon, she befriends Leo and is immersed in the mystery of a ghost who haunts the theater. Infused with emotion, Summerlost is the touching new novel from the bestselling author of the Matched series. Dutton $17.99. Ages 10+.

Rebel of the Sands
by Alwyn Hamilton
Mortals rule the desert nation of Miraji, but mythical beasts still roam, and rumor has it that djinn still perform their magic. For humans, it’s an unforgiving place, especially if you’re poor, orphaned, or female. Amani Al Hiza is all three. She’s a gifted gunslinger, but she can’t shoot her way out of Dustwalk, where she’s destined to be wed or dead. When she meets rakish foreigner Jin in a shooting contest, she sees her escape. But she never imagined a foreign fugitive would show her the heart of the desert she thought she knew. Viking $18.99. Ages 12+.
New in Paperback

H is for Hawk
by Helen Macdonald
The instant NYT bestseller and award-winning sensation, Helen Macdonald’s story of adopting and raising one of nature’s most vicious predators has soared into the hearts of millions of readers worldwide. Fierce and feral, her goshawk Mabel’s temperament mirrors Helen’s own state of grief after her father’s death, and together raptor and human “discover the pain and beauty of being alive” (People). H Is for Hawk is a genre-defying debut from one of our most unique and transcendent voices. Grove Atlantic $16.

Every Fifteen Minutes
by Lisa Scottoline
Dr. Eric Parrish is the Chief of the Psychiatric Unit at the successful Havemeyer General Hospital. But when he takes on seventeen-year-old Max with OCD and violent thoughts about a girl, Eric’s world begins to crumble. Max can’t turn off the mental rituals he needs to perform every fifteen minutes that keep him calm. When the girl is murdered, Max is gone, and Eric goes looking for him, putting himself in danger. Next, one of his staff turns on him in a trumped up charge of sexual harassment. Is this chaos random? Or is someone trying to destroy Eric’s life? St. Martin’s Griffin $15.

The Harder They Come
by T.C. Boyle
On a cruise to Central America, seventy-year-old Sten Stensen kills an armed robber menacing a busload of tourists. The reluctant hero returns home to California to find that his delusional son, Adam, has become involved with a member of an anarchist group. As Adam’s mental state fractures, a schizophrenic breakdown leads him to shoot two people, spurring the biggest manhunt in California history. As T.C. Boyle explores a father’s violence and his powerlessness in relating to his equally violent son, he offers unparalleled insights into the American psyche. Ecco $15.99.

Leaving Berlin
by Joseph Kanon
Berlin, 1948. Almost four years after the war’s end, the city is still in ruins. Alex Meier, a young Jewish writer, fled the Nazis for America before the war. But the politics of his youth have now put him in the crosshairs of the McCarthy witch-hunts. Is this chaos random? Or is someone trying to destroy Eric’s life? St. Martin’s Griffin $15.

Serafina and the Black Cloak
by Robert Beatty
Serafina has never had a reason to venture beyond the grounds of Biltmore Estate. There’s plenty to explore in her grand home, although she must take care to never be seen. None of the rich folk upstairs know that Serafina exists; she and her pa, the estate’s maintenance man, have secretly lived in the basement for as long as Serafina can remember. But when children at the estate start disappearing, only Serafina knows who the culprit is: a terrifying man in a black cloak who stalks Biltmore’s corridors at night. Disney Hyperion $7.99. Avail. 6/14

Graphic Novels

Big Kids
by Michael DeForge
Big Kids follows a troubled teenage boy through the transformative years of high school as he redefines his friends and life path. He meets April, a college student, mysterious and cool, who quickly takes a shine to the boy. The boy’s interests quickly fade away: he stops engaging in casual sex, taking drugs, and testing the limits of socially acceptable (and legal) behavior. Instead, he hangs out with April and her friends, a bunch of highly evolved big kids who spend their days at the campus swimming pool. And slowly, the boy begins to change, too. Drawn and Quarterly $16.95.

Octopus Pie, Vol. 1
by Meredith Gran
In this first collected volume of the Octopus Pie series, we follow grumpy twenty-something Eve and her stoner roommate Hanna as they navigate post-college life. They’ll take on crazed childhood rivals, troubling art scenes, the discomfort of exes, and maybe even... friendship? All this and more in the fictional, totally made-up city of Brooklyn. “Well paced and grounded, ranging from funny ha-ha to odd observational humor, Octopus Pie’s ultimate hooks are its flawed but genuine characters.” —Booklist. Image Comics $14.99.

Munch:
Art Masters Series
by Steffen Kverneland
In Munch, Steffen Kverneland brings the story of one of the world’s most influential painters to vivid life. This extraordinary, inventive graphic novel uses text drawn exclusively from the quotes of Edvard Munch and his contemporaries. Filled with authenticity, Munch debunks the familiar myth of the half-mad expressionist painter anguished and ill-treated and draws out his neglected sense of humor and optimism. Kverneland’s project is the funniest, most entertaining portrait yet of a complex man and the pioneering artist behind The Scream. Selfmadehero $24.95.
The World Around Us

Morgue: A Life in Death
by Vincent DiMaio and Ron Franscell
Dr. Vincent DiMaio and veteran crime writer Ron Franscell guide us behind the morgue doors to tell a fascinating life story through the cases that have made DiMaio famous—from the exhumation of assassin Lee Harvey Oswald to the complex issues in the shooting of Florida teenager Trayvon Martin. Beginning with DiMaio’s origins in Brooklyn, the book spans 40 years of work and more than 9,000 autopsies, maintaining a flow of suspenseful stories, anecdotes, and enough macabre details to rivet the most fervent crime fans. St. Martin’s $26.99. ★

How to Listen to Jazz
by Ted Gioia
Covering everything from the music’s structure and history to the basic building blocks of improvisation, award-winning music scholar Ted Gioia shows exactly what to listen for in a jazz performance. He shares listening strategies that will help readers appreciate jazz, and provides a history of its major movements. He concludes with a guide to 150 elite musicians who are setting the tone for 21st-century jazz, making this a must-read for anyone who’s ever wanted to understand America’s greatest contribution to the world of music. Basic $24.99.

The Geek Feminist Revolution
by Kameron Hurley
The Geek Feminist Revolution is a collection of essays by double Hugo Award-winning essayist and fantasy novelist Kameron Hurley. The book collects dozens of Hurley’s essays on feminism, geek culture, and her experiences and insights as a genre writer, including “We Have Always Fought,” which won the 2013 Hugo for Best Related Work, and several new essays. Unapologetically outspoken, Hurley has contributed to The Atlantic, Locus, and others on the rise of women in genre, her passion for S/F, and the diversification of publishing. Tor $26.99. ★

A Rage For Order
by Robert F. Worth
A Rage for Order: The Middle East in Turmoil, from Tahrir Square to ISIS tracks the legacy of the Arab Spring. We meet a Libyan rebel who must decide whether to kill the torturer who murdered his brother; a Yemeni farmer who lives in servitude to a poetry-writing, dungeon-operating chieftain; and an Egyptian doctor caught between the Muslim Brotherhood and his hopes for a new democracy. Combining storytelling and analysis, Worth explains how the dream of an Arab renaissance gave way to an age of discord. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux $26. ★

Voyager: Travel Writings
by Russell Banks
Russell Banks has indulged his wanderlust for more than half a century. “Since childhood, I’ve longed for escape, for rejuvenation, for wealth untold, for erotic and narcotic sybaritic fresh starts, for high romance, mystery, and intrigue,” he writes in this compelling anthology. In each of these remarkable essays, Banks considers his life and the world. Pensive, frank, beautiful, and engaging, Voyager brings together the social, the personal, and the historical, opening a path into the heart and soul of this revered writer. Ecco $25.99. ★

Capture
by David A. Kessler
Why do we think and act in ways we wished we did not? Dr. David Kessler has studied this question with regard to tobacco, food, and drugs. Over the course of these investigations, he identified an underlying phenomenon—capture—as the process by which our attention is hijacked and commandeered by forces outside our control. Capture: Unraveling the Mystery of Mental Suffering, offers insight into how we form thoughts and emotions, providing insight into mental illness and our everyday worries and anxieties. HarperWave $27.99.

The Physics of Life
by Adrian Bejan
The Physics of Life: The Evolution of Everything examines the urges and properties of living things: how to live longer, with food, warmth, power, and movement. Breaking down concepts such as desire and power, health and culture, the economy, water and energy, politics and distribution, Bejan uses physics to explain how each system works. He empowers readers with a new view of the future, revealing that the urge to have better ideas has the same physical effect as the urge to have better laws and government. St. Martin’s $27.99.

The Jazz of Physics
by Stephon Alexander
Following the minds that first drew links between music and physics—a list including Pythagoras, Kepler, Newton, and Einstein—the Jazz of Physics: The Secret Link Between Music and the Structure of the Universe uses jazz to answer physics’ most vexing questions about the past and future of the universe. Playing the saxophone and improvising with equations, Stephon Alexander uncovered the connection between the waves that make up sound and those that make up everything else, unveiling mysteries of our universe, music, and life itself. Basic $27.99.
Jane Doe January
by Emily Winslow
Emily Winslow was a student in Pittsburgh when a man raped her in January 1992. The rapist remained undiscovered, and Emily reclaimed her life, marrying and writing mystery novels set in her new hometown of Cambridge, England. In 2013, the police found her rapist. This is Winslow’s intimate memoir—the story of a woman’s traumatic past catching up with her, in a country far from home. The restless crime novelist searches for clarity, and she recounts her quest for closure, in Jane Doe January: My Twenty-Year Search for Truth and Justice. William Morrow $26.99.

True Crime Addict
by James Renner
James Renner’s True Crime Addict: How I Lost Myself in the Mysterious Disappearance of Maura Murray is the story of his spellbinding investigation of the missing person’s case of Maura Murray, which has taken on a life of its own for armchair sleuths across the web since her unsolved disappearance in 2004. In the spirit of David Fincher’s Zodiac, True Crime Addict is an absorbing dual investigation of the complicated story of the All-American girl who went missing and Renner’s own equally complicated true crime addiction. Thomas Dunne $25.99.

Walking Point
by Perry A. Ulander
In this intimate memoir, Ulander chronicles the predicament he confronted and the fellowship that transformed him during the year he served as an American GI in the jungles of Vietnam. Written after a lifetime of reflection on the nature of war and the effect of violence on those forced to practice it, Walking Point: From the Ashes of the Vietnam War offers a powerful narrative for readers with an interest in the effects of war and violence, Vietnam, PTSD, and how trauma can be a catalyst for transformation. North Atlantic $18.95.

Pumpkinflowers
by Matti Friedman
It was just one hilltop in an unnamed war in the late 1990s, but it sent out ripples that are still felt worldwide today. Matti Friedman re-creates the experience of the Israeli soldiers charged with holding this outpost, a task that would wound the country and foreshadow the unwinnable conflicts the United States would confront in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. Pumpkinflowers: A Soldier’s Story captures the birth of today’s chaotic Middle East and the rise of a 21st-century type of war in which there is never a clear victor. Algonquin $25.95.

Meathead
by Meathead Goldwyn
For succulent results every time, it’s crucial to understand the interaction of food, fire, heat, and smoke. This is the definitive guide to barbecue and grilling. The founder of the world’s most popular BBQ and grilling website, AmazingRibs.com, Meathead Goldwyn applies the latest research to backyard cooking and 118 thoroughly tested recipes including regional barbecue sauces; rubs for meats and vegetables; Last Meal Ribs, Simon & Garfunkel Chicken; Schmancy Smoked Salmon; The Ultimate Turkey; Texas Brisket; and many more in Meathead: The Science of Great Barbeque and Grilling. Rux Martin $35.

Home Cooked
by Anya Fernald
Inspired by the frugal cooking of Italian peasants, Anya brings a forgotten pragmatism to home cooking in Home Cooked: Essential Recipes for a New Way to Cook; making use of seasonal bounty by preserving fruits and vegetables, salt curing fish, simmering flavorful broths with leftover bones, and transforming tough cuts of meat into supple stews with long cooking. These building blocks become the basis for a kitchen repertoire that is inspired, thrifty, environmentally sound, and most importantly, bursting with flavor. Ten Speed Press $35.

Bowl
by Lukas Volger
A restorative bowl of vegetarian ramen sent Lukas Volger on a quest to capture the full flavor of all the one-bowl meals that are the rage today but in vegetarian form. With the bowl as organizer, the possibilities for improvisational meals full of seasonal produce and herbs are nearly endless. In Bowl: Vegetarian Recipes for Ramen, PHO, Bibimbap, Dumplings, and Other One-Dish Meals, Volger includes summer ramen with corn broth, tomatoes, and basil, edamame dumplings with mint, and spicy carrot dumplings over toasted quinoa and kale. Rux Martin $25.

You don’t need a silver fork to eat good food. –Paul Prudhomme
Monday, June 6, 6:30 pm
HOWARD T. WEIR, III
A Paradise of Blood: The Creek War of 1813-14
Join us for an evening of Native American history. Attorney Weir digs into the little-discussed conflict that solidified Andrew Jackson’s place in the national spotlight. In 1813, an amateur army led by this amateur general invaded the Creek Nation, who were embroiled in a civil war. Weir presents Jackson as decisive and aggressive but more of a “brawler than a leader of men.” In his work, he shows how Creek capitulation ended effective Native American resistance east of the Mississippi, and opened the region to cotton and slavery thus “a new, peculiarly American, hell was born.”

Tuesday, June 7, 4:30 pm
BEN HATKE
Nobody Likes a Goblin
We are so excited to have New York Times bestselling author Ben Hatke for his only bookstore appearance in Richmond! Hatke is the author of the beloved Zita the Spacegirl and its sequels. He has published comics stories in the Flight series as well as Flight Explorer. In addition to writing and drawing comics, he also paints in the naturalist tradition and, occasionally, performs one-man fire shows. Hatke lives and works in the Shenandoah Valley with his wife and their boisterous pack of daughters. Julia’s House for Lost Creatures is his first picture book. Nobody Likes a Goblin is released on the date of this event!

Wednesday, June 8, 6:30 pm
QUINCY WHITNEY
American Luther: Carleen Hutchins The Art and Science of the Violin
Groundbreaking women’s history and music history book! From the time of Stradivari, violin making has been a closely guarded, masculine preserve. In the 1950s Carleen Malley Hutchins was a science teacher and amateur trumpet player. When asked to trade her trumpet for a $75 viola, she decided to make one, setting in motion a surprising career. A self-taught genius who went head to head with a closed and ancient guild, Hutchins carved nearly 500 instruments over half a century. American Luther chronicles the life of this unsung woman who altered everything in a world that had changed little in three centuries.

Saturday, June 11, 6:30 pm
T. JOHN HUGHES
Apparitions
Join John Hughes for this fascinating talk on architecture and preservation. Apparitions features a wide array of ghostly structures from the past overlaid over current buildings with multiple locations in more than sixty cities, including Richmond. Ghosted pictures of these structures are combined with current photos of their former locations in single images. This unique aesthetic approach provides an engaging way of telling stories of change in our built environments, exploring a historical narrative that commemorates architecture in space and time, a way to showcase the preservation of memory.

Sunday, June 12, 11:30 am
Location: St. James Episcopal Church
1205 W. Franklin Street
MARK COOPER
Book Launch
Mapping Your Adventure
Ordained Lutheran clergy, teacher, and organizational leader, Dr. Mark Cooper’s resume is extensive. But Dr. Cooper is also an adventurer, having twice biked across the U.S., a yoga teacher and marathon runner, and a hiker, traversing 177 miles in France and Spain. This is his second book, the first one being Get a Life: A Second Chance After Fifty. Come be inspired by Cooper, who learned early on about experiential learning: “the idea was that one learned from life and followed those things that were of the greatest interest to the individual.” He’s lived by this philosophy ever since.

Sunday, June 26, 2–5:00 pm
Location: Uptown Alley
6101 Brad McNeer Pkwy
Midlothian, VA
HEATHER WEIDNER
Book Launch for Secret Lives and Private Eyes at Uptown Alley
Welcome debut novelist Heather Weidner, whose short stories appear in Virginia is for Mysteries, Volumes 1 & 2. In her new novel, Private Investigator Delanie Fitzgerald is hired to find (previously assumed dead) rock star Johnny Velvet. Enter a murdered mayor, a loud-mouth strip club owner, and a landscaper, and Delanie finds herself racing to puzzle out the mysterious connections before another murder—possibly her own—takes place.

Tuesday, June 28, 6:30 pm
TIMBER HAWKEYE
Buddhist Boot Camp and Faithfully Religionless
We welcome back one of our favorite Fountain Friends: Timber Hawkeye! Come early if you want a seat or you can come late and practice your Half Lotus Pose on the floor. No joke. Bring your mat. It gets crowded. Timber Hawkeye offers a non-sectarian approach to being at peace with the world, both within and around us. His intention is to awaken, enlighten, enrich, and inspire. He is a wonderful guest, and I can say that I was personally moved to change some things for the better in my life after his last visit. I can’t wait to share that experience with you! –Kelly Justice, owner of Fountain

Thursday, July 7, 6:30 pm
JACOB APPEL & STEVE WEDDLE
In Conversation About the Dark Side of Fiction
Appel and Weddle cover some pretty grim territory in their artful fiction, so we thought we’d throw them together for an event to see if we can uncover some of the secrets of why we as readers and writers are compelled to visit these dark spaces. Jacob M. Appel is a physician, attorney, and bioethicist based in New York City. He is the author of more than two hundred published (and many of them award-winning) short stories. His new book is called Einstein’s Beach House. Steve Weddle is one of our favorite Fountain Friends! Entertaining and sharp, he is always a welcome guest. His newest book is called Country Hardball.

Wednesday, July 27, 8:15 am
WENDY SAND ECKEL
Death at the Day Lily Cafe
Join Wendy Sand Eckel for an evening of mystery! Degrees in criminology and social work, followed by years of clinical practice, helped Wendy Sand Eckel explore her fascination with how relationships impact motivation, desire, and inhibition. Combined with her passion for words and meaning, writing mysteries is a dream realized. Eckel’s mysteries are ideal for readers of Joanne Fluke and Diane Mott Davidson! Meet her now before she gets super famous like them!

Thursday, July 28, 6:30 pm
FIVE AUTHORS
DISCUSS
YA FICTION
We are pumped to welcome this amazing YA powerhouse lineup to Fountain: Megan Shepherd, Megan Miranda, Beth Revis, Gwenda Bond, and Renée Ahdieh! There is so much going on in the Young Adult Fiction world right now: the diversity initiative, Hollywood’s obsession with making the books into films, banning of books in school systems, the interplay between social media and the books and authors, crossing back and forth between writing for adults and young adults. Our stellar authors will discuss these and many other issues, including trends in popularity of subgenres, “making it” as an author, managing a life around a writing career.
Underground Airlines by Ben H. Winters

Underground Airlines is the most important book of the summer. Ben H. Winters (author of the Last Policeman Trilogy) has managed to aim a giant magnifying glass at the problem of institutionalized racism in America in a way that has never been done before. This Orwellian allegory takes place in present day, but in this United States Lincoln was assassinated before he ever became president, and slavery still exists in four states, known as the Hard Four. A former slave calling himself Victor has struck a bargain with law enforcement, keeping his freedom in exchange for infiltrating an abolitionist movement called the Underground Airlines.

In agile prose, managing to display the darkest of humors, Winters has us follow Victor as he confronts demons both inner and outer in a fast-paced, heart-pounding narrative. He tackles even the most sensitive of issues such as the motivations of misguided liberal whites’ involving themselves in racial politics, profiling, the influence of racism on the very young. Read it. Mulholland $26.

The Second Girl by David Swinson

Meet Frank Marr, a talented D.C. police detective who took early retirement and now pursues bad guys as a private investigator. Living with a host of addictions, Marr uses his skills to hunt down drug dealers, steal their stuff and their cash. Who are they going to call, right?

One of his targets leads him to an apartment where he not only finds the drugs he needs, but also an abducted girl. He gets drawn into a type of case he promised himself he would never take.

I hope there are many more in this series. For fans of Dennis Lehane, Michael Connelly, George Pelecanos. Mulholland $26.

Honky Tonk Samurai by Joe R. Lansdale

This is Lansdale’s first book with Mulholland. I am thrilled to see my beloved Hap and Leonard series enjoying continued success. I’ve been reading them since the beginning in 1990 when I was a little baby bookseller. This series is now also an excellent series on SundanceTV.

Hap, a former 60s activist and self-proclaimed white trash rebel, and Leonard, a tough black, gay Vietnam vet and Republican with an addiction to Dr. Pepper, are working a freelance surveillance job in East Texas. To oversimplify things, this series is about Hap and Leonard getting into trouble, getting out of trouble, and cussing and drinking a lot and having a lot of relationship issues. But that is oversimplifying things. These books are hilarious, biting, and full of heart. Glad to see the series still going strong. Mulholland $26.

Project Smoke by Steven Raichlen

We had such a great time with Steven Raichlen at our dinner event last year! We are delighted he has a new book!! Even I am not intimidated by smoking stuff using his book. Easy, cheap (though I do covet those Big Green Eggs, you don’t need one) and oh so much flavor from chicken to chocolate! Workman $22.95 paperback/$37.50 hardback.

The Natural Way of Things by Charlotte Wood

A group of young women is drugged and taken to a remote prison camp in Australia for reasons that are unclear. They are held by callous guards not much older than themselves. As the story unfolds, we discover that all of them have been involved in some sort of public shaming regarding a sexual act or relationship, or assault. As they gradually run out of food and options, some begin to turn on another, paralleling the verbal and other kinds of abuse they experienced on the outside. Some completely disassociate from their physical bodies. Some become obsessed with superficial appearance. This book is distressing, yes. But it is so in a way that is so necessary and compelling: messages that need to be heard again and again so women and girls lose no ground to sexism. For readers of The Handmaid’s Tale, of course, but also for anyone who is interested in the portrayal of women’s sexuality in the media and in public discourse. This novel shows us how far we still have to go. Highly recommended. An excellent, short, powerfully intense read. Europa $16.

Hope and Red by Jon Sovran

New series from another great former Fountain author guest! In a fracturing empire spread across savage seas, two people will find a common cause. Hope, the lone survivor when her village is massacred by the emperor’s forces is secretly trained by a master Vinchen warrior as an instrument of vengeance. Red, an orphan adopted by a notorious matriarch of the criminal underworld, learns to be an expert thief and con artist. TOGETHER THEY WILL TAKE DOWN AN EMPIRE. Escape! Orbit $9.99.

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts: Visitors Guide

I have been a member for many, many years and no matter how many times I go, I see something new that has been there the whole time. I have often wished for a book like this for myself as well as to sell. Finally, my wish has been granted! Time to thank the genie! Now about those other wishes… Scala Arts $9.95.