Shady, Scary, Strange, and Silly

**KELLY SHOUTS ABOUT:**
**Hotel Scarface**
by Roben Farzad
Roben Farzad's debut is a fast-paced tale of drugs, sex, and Dom Perignon set in a swanky Miami hotel called The Mutiny. The book seems destined for the silver screen until you realize that it's too ridiculous to believe. But that's the thing: every freaky cocaine-fueled moment, each kingpin-ordered assassination, every larger-than-life character, every celebrity cameo actually happened. So, put the soundtrack to Miami Vice on in the background, grab yourself a decadent drink, and settle in for a ripping good read!

We are throwing his release party on 10/17... and it is going to be a party. Berkley $26. Avail. 10/17

**MAUREEN SERVES UP:**
**Spliced**
by Jon McGoran
When people can splice animal DNA into their own to become chimeras, are they still human? McGoran examines issues of discrimination and oppression through the eyes of teenage Jimi, whose best friend has decided to become a chimera to rebel against and escape his difficult home. This is a great read for teens that adults should enjoy as well. Holiday House $18.95.

**CARL SUGGESTS:**
**I am Bat**
by Morag Hood
Just in time for the spookiest season, this book is hilarious, snarky, and very cute! I might be a little biased since I have this tremendous love of bats, but I dare you to read it without cracking up. Seriously, you won’t be able to resist. I showed it to my boss at the end of a very difficult day, and I watched the weight lift off her shoulders in front of me. You will be a hit at story time. The kids will call for this one again and again (or at least I will!). Sourcebooks Jabberwocky $17.99.

**KATIE SAYS:**
**Strange Weather**
by Joe Hill
You will never look at rain the same way, I guarantee it. These four novellas are absolutely brilliant! Joe Hill won me over a long time ago with his short stories and novels, but it turns out that he’s equally as good as his dad (Stephen King) at churning out heart stopping, mind bending, soul shattering novellas as well. Thought provoking and chilling, *Strange Weather* is definitely going on my Best of 2017 list! William Morrow $27.99. Avail. 10/24

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Howdy!

If you’ve been to an event here at Fountain, you’ve most likely heard me talk about why I do my job: books are nice, books are great, whatever… but what really keeps me engaged every day for the last 29 years is the connections we make with each other over the written word. I love people, and talking about books is my favorite way to get to know my fellow humans.

I am filled with joy when I see the connections in the store that are made when we talk about books, whether it’s customer to bookseller, bookseller to bookseller, bookseller to author, author to customer, customer to customer, random sales rep or the UPS guy wandering through to any and all of the above.

Books give us a way to talk to each other a little bit “sideways.” We can share our opinions or thoughts by talking about a book, which is not exactly like talking about things “in real life.” We’re just talking about a book, right?

My second favorite way to connect with friends and strangers alike is over delicious food and beverages. If you’re chewing something tasty, you have to listen when someone else is talking to you… unless you talk with your mouth full and that’s just gross… please don’t come to our events.

Back to listening: over a relaxed meal or cocktail hour there is a rhythm of conversational exchange naturally reinforced by enjoying the experience of the tastes, smells, sights. You take a bite, chew and savor (with your mouth shut, thank you very much), and your companions have a chance to wax on about their day, share a story, be themselves. Then it’s your turn.

Most of my best friends are in the food and bev industry and since we all work so much, about the only way we can see each other is to work together. This fall we are greatly expanding our Fountain Flavor programming. What is that you may ask? All our meal programs that tie in a book (not necessarily a cookbook) with the meal as a total package.

See the back page for our four (so far… keep checking back) this fall. We’re working mostly with Camden’s Dogtown Market this season because it’s one of our favorite venues, and Chef Andy Howell and his staff some of our favorite partners! Our upcoming offerings feature vegetarian, Southern, chocolate, and beer-themed dinners! We have even more planned for winter and spring for a number of different venues and even more variety.

Also, check out our Fountain Flavor feature titles next to this column. If you want even more food news, please ask your bookseller to sign up for our specialty newsletter (in your inbox about once a month) and get advanced notice of all ticket sales or go to fountainbookstore.com and sign up there!

Happy Fall, Y’all!

Cheers,
Kelly

The Cocktail Guide to the Galaxy
by Andy Heidel

Andy Heidel is the owner of a Doctor Who-themed bar in Brooklyn, but his nerd-passion doesn’t stop there (which is a good thing, since I never really got into Doctor Who)! Here are cocktails based on comics and science fiction movies, books and TV shows. Drinks include things like the George R.R. Martini, Blade Rummer, Cognac the Barbarian, and Close Encounters of the Third Lime. This isn’t a book of fancy mixology. These are fun cocktails that are simple to make, with easy directions and no crazy ingredients. The Vermouth Is Out There! St. Martin’s Griffin $22.99.

Easy Soups from Scratch with Quick Breads to Match
by Ivy Manning

Highly anticipating this cookbook! I think it fills a gap in my collection (which is substantial). 70 recipes and breads to mix and match, all made in under an hour?? Count me in! Lots of international offerings accompanied by plenty of down-home classics. Farro Minestrone with Roasted Garlic Focaccia or international flavors like Barbecue Pork and Miso Ramen with Flaky Green Onion Pancakes, anyone? Yum! Chronicle $24.95.

Jamie Oliver’s Christmas Cookbook
by Jamie Oliver

I can’t wait to cook from this book this holiday season! Jamie Oliver appeared on the scene as The Naked Chef 20 years ago. Here he is reunited with his original US editor, Will Scwalbe, for what he promises will be his only Christmas cookbook ever. He wants it to be perfect and it sure is. Another feature of this cookbook that I’ve never seen before is nutritional information for each recipe. I love this! Being indulgent is part of the holidays, but it doesn’t mean you have to indulge in ignorance. There are also recipes for food gifts! Oliver’s obsession with Christmas comes across in this highly detailed and beautiful book. So does his love for his family, his fans, and spectacular food. Flatiron $35. Avail. 10/10

Friendsgiving
by Alexandra Shytsman

What is Friendsgiving? It’s that trending, stress-free holiday with your friends and family of choice a few days before (or sometimes after) Thanksgiving with no awkward conversations or nagging relatives. This guide book offers several different meal plans from Classic, Latin, Modern, Vegan, Gluten-Free, even Southern themes! Strategies and playlists will help you have the perfect party with your buds. William Morrow $16.99.
Exciting New Fiction

Sleeping Beauties
by Stephen King and Owen King
In a future so real and near it might be now, something happens when women go to sleep; they become shrouded in a cocoon-like gauze. If they are awakened or the gauze is disturbed, the women become feral and violent; while they sleep they go to another place.... The men of our world are abandoned, left to their increasingly primal devices. One woman, however, the mysterious Evie, is immune to the blessing or curse of the sleeping disease. Is Evie a medical anomaly to be studied? Or is she a demon who must be slain? Scribner $32.50.

The Golden House
by Salman Rushdie
On the day of Barack Obama’s inauguration, an enigmatic billionaire from foreign shores takes up residence in “the Gardens,” a cloistered community in New York’s Greenwich Village. Along with his improbable name, untraceable accent, and whiff of danger, Nero Golden has brought along his three adult sons. Meanwhile, a certain comic-book villain embarks upon a crass presidential run. Set against the backdrop of modern America, The Golden House is an epic of love and terrorism, loss and reinvention. Random House $28.99.

It Devours
by Joseph Fink
From the creators of Welcome to Night Vale comes a mystery exploring the intersections of faith and science, the growing relationship between two people who want to trust each other, and the terrifying, toothy power of the Smiling God. Nilanjana Sikdar is an outsider to the town of Night Vale. Working for Carlos, the town’s scientist, she relies on fact and logic as guiding principles… until Carlos gives her an assignment investigating a mysterious rumbling in the desert wasteland outside of town. Harper Perennial $21.99. Avail. 10/17

The Witches’ Tree
by M. C. Beaton
In this continuation of the Agatha Raisin mystery series, the new vicar and his wife are driving home from a dinner party in their village of Sumpton Harcourt when they come upon a body hanging from a gnarled tree at the edge of town. Margaret Darby, an elderly spinster, has been murdered. Agatha Raisin rises to the occasion. But when two more murders follow, Agatha begins to fear for her reputation and her life. That the village has its own coven of witches certainly doesn’t make her feel any better.... Minotaur $25.99. Avail. 10/3.

If the Creek Don’t Rise
by Leah Weiss
He’s gonna be sorry he ever messed with me and Loretta Lynn. Sadie Blue has been a wife for fifteen days. That’s long enough to know she shouldn’t have hitched herself to Roy Tupkin, even with the baby. Sadie is desperate to make her own mark on the world, but in remote Appalachia, a ticket out of town is hard to come by, and hope often gets stomped out. When a stranger sweeps into Baines Creek and knocks things off kilter, Sadie finds herself with an unexpected lifeline—if she can figure out how to use it. Sourcebooks Landmark $15.99.

The Good People
by Hannah Kent
Based on true events in 19th century Ireland, this follow-up to Burial Rites tells the story of three women, drawn together to rescue a child from a superstitious community. Recently widowed, Nora finds herself caring for her grandson Micheal, who can neither speak nor walk. A handmaid, Mary, arrives to help Nora as rumors spread that Micheal is a changeling child bringing bad luck to the valley. Determined to banish evil, Nora and Mary enlist the help of Nance, a wanderer who understands the magic of the old ways. Little, Brown $27.

The Princess Bride
by William Goldman
“As you wish…” In time to celebrate the movie’s 30th anniversary, Goldman’s modern fantasy classic story about quests and true love is getting the deluxe treatment. With its gift size, foil and embossing, and elegant cream paper with rough edges, this is a stunning package no fan will be able to resist. Other embellishments include fifty full-page color illustrations by Michael Manomivibul, full-color chapter openers, and a beautiful color rendition of the map printed on the endpapers. Could this get any better? Inconceivable! Houghton Mifflin $35. Avail. 10/10
The Ninth Hour
by Alice McDermott
On a winter afternoon, an Irish immigrant opens the gas taps in his tenement to prove—to the bosses who have fired him, to his badgering, pregnant wife—“that the hours of his life belong to himself alone.” In the aftermath of the fire that follows, Sister St. Savior guides his widow and his unborn child. We begin in early 20th century Catholic Brooklyn. Shame, decorum, and superstition collude to erase the man’s brief existence. Yet his suicide, although never spoken of, reverberates through many lives and over the decades. FS&G $26.

A Legacy of Spies
by John le Carré
The master returns with his first Smiley novel in more than 25 years, as ingenious as its two predecessors: The Spy Who Came in from the Cold and Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy. Peter Guillam, staunch colleague and disciple of George Smiley of the British Secret Service, is summoned from retirement to London. The reason? His Cold War past has come to claim him. Intelligence operations that were once the toast of secret London are to be scrutinized by a generation with no memory of the Cold War and no patience with its justifications. Viking $28.

Solar Bones
by Mike McCormack
It is All Souls Day, and the spirit of Marcus Conway remembers. He recalls his life in rural Ireland: as a boy and man, father, husband, citizen. His ruminations move from childhood to his work as a civil engineer, from transformations in the local economy to global financial collapse. Conway’s thoughts move outward to the vast systems of time and history that hold us all. He stares down, surveying all the circumstances that brought him into this moment, and he makes us feel the terror and gratitude that existence inspires. Soho Press $25.

The Salt Line
by Holly Goddard Jones
In an unspecified future, US borders have receded behind a salt line—a ring of scorched earth that protects its citizens from deadly disease-carrying ticks. Those within the zone live safe, if limited, lives. Few have reason to venture out, except for adrenaline junkies who pay to tour what’s left of nature; the latest expedition includes a popstar and his girlfriend, a tech giant, and a seemingly simple housewife. Once out of zone, the group find themselves at the mercy of deadly ticks—and at the center of a murderous plot. G.P. Putnam’s Sons $26.

The End of the World Running Club
by Adrian Walker
Perfect for fans of The Martian, this post-apocalyptic thriller pits reluctant father Edgar Hill in a race against time to get back to his wife and children. When the world ends and you find yourself forsaken, every second counts. No one knows this more than Edgar. Stranded on the other side of the country from his wife and children, Ed must push across a devastated wasteland to get back to them. With the clock ticking and hundreds of miles between them, his best hope is to run—or risk losing what he loves. Sourcebooks Landmark $15.99.

George and Lizzie
by Nancy Pearl
From “America’s librarian” comes a riveting debut novel about an unlikely marriage at a crossroads. George and Lizzie have different understandings of love and marriage. George grew up in a loving family while Lizzie was the only child of two psychologists who viewed her more as an experiment than a child to love. Throughout their marriage, nothing has changed—George is happy; Lizzie remains... unfulfilled. But when a secret from Lizzie’s past resurfaces, she’ll need to accept the true nature of their relationship. Touchstone $25.

Something Like Happy
by Eva Woods
Annie Hebden is stuck in her boring job, with her irritating roommate, in a life no 35-year-old would want. But deep down, Annie is still mourning the loss that tore through her once perfect existence. Until she meets eccentric Polly Leonard. Polly is determined to wake Annie up to life and engage her on a mission: One hundred days. One hundred new ways to be happy. And on a journey that will force her to open herself to new experiences—and perhaps love—Annie will realize that maybe there’s still joy to be found. Graydon House $26.99.

I have for a long time felt that our society is becoming more and more fractured and divisive and that you could go a whole day without really talking to another person. If you give people a good book to talk about, you can build a community out of a diverse group.
A common language grows out of it.

— Nancy Pearl
One Dark Throne
by Kendare Blake
The battle for the crown has begun, but which of the three sisters will prevail? The Ascension Year is underway. Katharine, once the weak sister, is stronger than ever. Arsinoe must figure out how to make her newly discovered secret talent work in her favor. And Mirabella, once thought to be the certain Queen Crowned, faces new attacks. In this sequel to Kendare Blake’s NYT bestselling Three Dark Crowns, Fennbirn’s deadly queens must face the one thing standing in their way of the crown: each other. Harper Teen $18.99.

All the Crooked Saints
by Maggie Stiefvater
Bicho Raro, Colorado is full of dark saints, forbidden love, scientific dreams, miracle-mad owls, estranged affections, one or two orphans, and a sky of stars. At its heart is the Soria family, who can perform unusual miracles. And at this family’s heart are three cousins longing to change its future: Beatriz, the girl without feelings; Daniel, the Saint of Bicho Raro; and Joaquin, who runs a renegade radio station. They are all looking for a miracle. But the miracles of Bicho Raro are never what you expect. Scholastic $19.99. Avail. 10/10

Tower of Dawn
by Sarah Maas
In the next installment of the Throne of Glass series, follow Chaol on his sweeping journey to a distant empire. Chaol Westfall defined himself by his unwavering loyalty, his strength, and his position as the Captain of the Guard. But all of that changed after the glass castle shattered, his men were slaughtered, and the King of Adarlan spared his life, but left his body broken. His only shot at recovery lies with the healers of the Torre Cesme in Antica—the stronghold of the southern continent’s empire. Bloomsbury USA Children’s $18.99.

The Language of Thorns
by Leigh Bardugo
Inspired by myth, fairy tale, and folklore, #1 NYT bestselling author Leigh Bardugo has crafted a deliciously atmospheric collection of short stories filled with betrayals, revenge, sacrifice, and love. Enter the Grishaverse... Travel to a world of dark bargains struck by moonlight, of haunted towns and hungry woods, of talking beasts and gingerbread golems, where a young mermaid’s voice can summon deadly storms and where a river might do a lovestruck boy’s bidding but only for a terrible price. Stunningly illustrated. Imprint $18.99.

Genuine Fraud
by E. Lockhart
From the author We Were Liars comes a psychological suspense story of a woman whose diabolical smarts are her ticket into a charmed life. Imogen is a runaway heiress, an orphan, a cook, and a cheat. Jule is a fighter, a social chameleon, and an athlete. An intense friendship. A disappearance. A murder, or maybe two. A bad romance, or maybe three. Blunt objects, disguises, blood, and chocolate. A girl who refuses to give people what they want from her. A girl who refuses to be the person she once was. Delacorte $18.99

Warcross
by Marie Lu
For the millions who log in every day, Warcross isn’t just a game—it’s a way of life. Its fans span the globe, some eager for escape and others looking for profit. Teenage hacker Emika Chen works as a bounty hunter, tracking down players who bet on the game illegally. When she hacks into the international Warcross Championships, she accidentally glitches herself into the action and becomes an overnight sensation. Convinced she’s going to be arrested, Emika instead gets a call from the game’s creator with an irresistible offer. G.P. Putnam’s Sons $18.95.

Mask of Shadows
by Linsey Miller
Sallot Leon is a talented thief. But all gender fluid Sal wants is to escape the life of a highway robber and get closer to the nobles who destroyed their home. To infiltrate the court and get revenge, Sal auditions to become a member of the Queen’s assassins. But the audition is a fight to the death filled with circus acrobats, lethal apothecaries, and ex-soldiers, and Sal is hardly prepared. Then Sal wins the heart of a court scribe, and they start to dream of a new life—one that Sal can have only if they survive. Sourcebooks Fire $17.99.

There’s Someone Inside Your House
by Stephanie Perkins
It’s been almost a year since Makani Young came to live with her grandmother in Nebraska, and she’s still adjusting. And she’s still haunted by her past in Hawaii. Then, one by one, the students of her high school are gruesomely murdered. As the terror grows and the hunt intensifies for the killer, Makani will be forced to confront her own dark secrets. Stephanie Perkins, author of Anna and the French Kiss, returns with a fresh take on the classic teen slasher story that’s fun, quick-witted, and impossible to put down. Dutton BYR $17.99.
Tales for Young Readers

Brave
by Stacy McAnulty
illus. by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff
Superheroes seek adventure and stay calm when others are afraid. Superheroes are brave. But they aren’t the only ones. Kids are brave every day: when they are told they are too little, but accomplish something big; when they check for monsters under the bed, just in case; when they face something uncertain, like a thunderstorm or a hospital visit; when they stand up for what’s right, even when it means facing consequences. Like superheroes, brave kids can save the world, just by being brave. Running Press $16.99. Ages 0-8. Avail. 10/3

Goodbye Autumn, Hello Winter
by Kenard Pak
As leaves fall from their trees, animals huddle against the cold, and frost creeps across windows, everyone knows winter is on its way! Join a brother and sister as they take a stroll through their twinkling town, greeting all the signs of the coming season. In a series of conversations with everything from the setting sun to curious deer, they say goodbye to autumn and welcome the glorious first snow of winter. Kenard Pak is the author and illustrator of Goodbye Summer, Hello Autumn. Henry Holt BYR $17.99. Ages 3-6.

Bruce’s Big Move
by Ryan Higgins
After the events of Hotel Bruce, our favorite curmudgeonly bear shares his home with not only his four geese, but three rowdy mice! Fed up with their shenanigans, Bruce sets off to find a rodent-free household. But as usual, nothing goes according to plan. A hilarious sequel for fans of the previous Bruce books, as well as a standalone discovery, Bruce’s next reluctant adventure is sure to keep kids giggling. Disney-Hyperion $17.99. Ages 4-7.

Sam, the Most Scaredy-Cat Kid in the Whole World
by Mo Willems
One day Sam, the most scaredy-cat kid in the whole world, makes a terrifying discovery. It’s not Frankenthaler the monster. It’s her friend Kerry! Kerry, the second most scaredy-cat kid in the whole world, also makes a terrifying discovery. It’s not Leonardo the monster. It’s his friend-Sam! “AAAAH!” yells Sam. “EEEEK!” yells Kerry. Something has to be done. But what? Mo Willems is a best-selling author and illustrator, and a multiple Caldecott Honor recipient. Disney-Hyperion $17.99. Ages 4-7.

Imagine
by John Lennon, illus. by Jean Jullien
Imagine all the people living life in peace. You may say I’m a dreamer, but I’m not the only one. I hope some day you’ll join us, and the world will be as one. Join one little pigeon as she sets out on a journey to spread a message of tolerance around the world. Featuring the lyrics of John Lennon’s iconic song and illustrations by the award-winning artist Jean Jullien, this poignant picture book dares to imagine a world at peace. Imagine is being published in partnership with human rights organization Amnesty International. Clarion $18.99. Ages 4-7.

Runny Babbit Returns
by Shel Silverstein
Runny Babbit, the lovable star of Shel Silverstein’s bestselling poetry book, is back. Runny Babbit Returns, a collection of 41 never-before-published poems and drawings, features Runny and other woodland characters who speak a topsy-turvy language all their own. This work from the Silverstein archives is filled with spoonerism poems that are playful and poignant. With tongue-twisting word play and uproarious characters, Runny Babbit and his friends embody Shel Silverstein’s singular, beloved style. Harper Collins $19.99. Ages 4-8.

Guinness World Records 2018
by Guinness World Records
The record-breaking records annual is back and packed with incredible accomplishments, stunts, cutting-edge science, and sporting achievements. This edition takes inspiration from the world of superheroes, with a feature chapter charting your favorite caped crusaders in comic books, TV shows and movies. Also new this year is a celebration of the superlative with pages that explore exciting absolutes, such as the longest, tallest, fastest and heaviest. Does the longest sofa outstretch the longest train? Guinness World Records $28.95. Ages 7-12.

Wishtree
by Katherine Applegate
Red is an oak tree who is many rings old. Red is the neighborhood “wishtree”—people write their wishes on pieces of cloth and tie them to Red’s branches. Along with her crow friend Bongo and other animals, this wishtree watches over the neighborhood. One day, a new family moves in. Not everyone is welcoming, and Red’s experiences as a wishtree are more important than ever. Funny, deep, warm, and nuanced, Wishtree is Newbery Medalist Katherine Applegate at her best, as she writes from the heart. Feiwel & Friends $16.99. Ages 8-12.
Older Than Dirt
by Don Brown and Michael Perfit
Almost 14.5 billion years ago, it all started with a big bang, and what began as a cloud of gas, dust, and rock eventually took shape and bloomed into a molten sphere. Battered by asteroid collisions, ice ages, and shifting tectonic plates, our fledgling planet finally pushed forth continents. But if you think the earth has calmed down since then—think again! In this one-of-a-kind, wild, but true graphic novel history of Earth, the Sibert Honor medalist Don Brown takes on big concepts with humor and ease. Houghton Mifflin $18.99. Ages 10-13.

Girls Who Code
by Reshma Saujani
Bursting with artwork, coding principles, and stories of girls and women working at places like Pixar and NASA, Girls Who Code explores the role computer science plays in our lives and how much fun it can be. No matter your interest—sports, the arts, baking, government, social justice—coding can help you realize your dreams. Whether you're a girl who's never coded, a girl who codes, or a parent raising one, this book will have you creating your own apps, games, and robots to make the world a better place. Viking BYR $17.99. Ages 12-17. 

New in Paperback

Brave Deeds
by David Abrams
Six AWOL soldiers attempt to cross war-torn Baghdad on foot to attend the funeral of their leader. Along the way, they recall the most ancient of warriors yet are a microcosm of 21st-century America and subject to the same human flaws. Drew is reliable in the field but unfaithful at home; Cheever is a friend to no one; and platoon commander Dmitri is troubled with questions about his own sexuality. Thoughtful and emotionally resonant, this is an important addition to the oeuvre of contemporary war fiction. Grove Press, Black Cat $16.

The Lost City of the Monkey God
by Douglas Preston
In 2012, author Doug Preston joined a team of scientists on a quest to uncover a lost city in the Honduran interior. Using mapping technology, the team revealed not just an undiscovered city but an enigmatic, lost civilization. Venturing into the wilderness to confirm the discovery, they contracted a horrifying, sometimes lethal and incurable disease. Suspenseful and shocking, *The Lost City of the Monkey God* is the true, eyewitness account of one of the great discoveries of the twenty-first century. Grand Central $15.99.

Moonglow
by Michael Chabon
Based on conversations with Chabon’s own grandfather, *Moonglow* unfolds as a deathbed confession. It is a tale of madness and war, of sex, marriage, and desire, of existential doubt and model rocketry, of American technological accomplishment at midcentury, and of the impact and power of keeping secrets and telling lies. It is a portrait of the love between the narrator’s grandfather and his grandmother. It is also a tour de force of speculative autobiography in which Chabon reveals a secret history of his own imagination. Harper Perennial $16.99.

Being Mortal
by Atul Gawande
When it comes to the realities of aging and death, medicine often runs counter to what it should. Nursing homes, devoted to safety, battle with residents over the choices they are allowed to make. Doctors fall back on false hopes and ineffective treatments. In his bestselling books, surgeon Atul Gawande has revealed the struggles of his profession. Now he examines its failures as life draws to a close. Riveting and humane, *Being Mortal* shows how the ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life—all the way to the end. Picador $16.

Perfume River
by Robert Olen Butler
Robert and Darla’s marriage, forged in the fervor of anti-Vietnam War protests, now bears the fractures of time. Robert’s brother Jimmy became estranged as the Vietnam War intensified; he now refuses to appear at his father’s deathbed. And an unstable homeless man, whom Robert at first takes to be a fellow Vietnam veteran, turns out to have a deep impact on Robert and all of the people closest to him. This American portrait exploring relationships and choice began with Butler’s *A Good Scent from a Strange Mountain*. Grove Press $15.

The Secret Keepers
by Trenton Lee Stewart
When Reuben discovers an extraordinary antique watch, he learns it has a secret power, and his life takes an intriguing turn. At first he is thrilled with his new treasure, but as one secret leads to another, Reuben finds himself torn between his innately honest nature and the lure to be a hero. Now he is on a dangerous adventure—full of curious characters, treacherous traps, and hairsbreadth escapes—as he races to solve the mystery before it is too late. Is knowing a secret a gift or a curse? Little, Brown BYR $8.99. Ages 8-12.

When the Sea Turned to Silver
by Grace Lin
Inspired by Chinese folklore, this breathtaking fantasy is a companion to the Newbery Honor winner *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*. Pinmei’s grandmother always has exciting tales for her and the other villagers. But the peace is shattered when soldiers of the Emperor kidnap the storyteller. Pinmei knows the Emperor wants the Luminous Stone That Lights the Night. Determined to get her grandmother back, Pinmei embarks on a journey with her friend Yishan to find the Luminous Stone. Little, Brown BYR $9.99. Ages 9-12.

To me, every hour of the day and night is an unspeakably perfect miracle.
—Walt Whitman
Books to Enhance Your Life

**Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street by Christopher Kimball**
*Christopher Kimball’s Milk Street: the New Home Cooking,* is the first cookbook connected to Milk Street’s public television show. At Milk Street, skilllet-charred Brussels sprouts, Japanese fried chicken, rum-soaked chocolate cake, Thai-style coleslaw, and Mexican chicken soup all deliver big flavors and textures without your having to learn a new culinary language. These recipes teach a simpler, bolder, healthier way to cook that will change your cooking forever, turning it into an act of pure pleasure. Little, Brown $14.99.

**The Moosewood Restaurant Table by The Moosewood Collective**
The creators of America’s beloved natural foods restaurant, Moosewood, are back with *The Moosewood Restaurant Table: 250 Brand-New Recipes from the Natural Foods Restaurant That Revolutionized Eating in America.* The chefs remain faithful to the farm-to-table philosophy and offer new recipes like Two Potato Tomato Curry, Cashew-Crusted Chickpea Burgers, Cuban Picadillo with Tofu, Pot Pies, and Jamaican Jerk Tempeh Patties. Includes a healthy number of both vegan and gluten-free recipes. St. Martin’s $35.

**The RBG Workout by Bryant Johnson**
Have you ever wondered what keeps Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, one of the Supreme Court’s favorite octogenarians, so sprightly? She owes it in part to the twice-weekly workouts she does with her personal trainer, Bryant Johnson. Now you too can work out with Justice Ginsburg’s trainer in the comfort of your home with *The RBG Workout: How She Stays Strong… and You Can Too!* From planks to squats to (full) push-ups, this simple but challenging workout will have you getting fit in no time. Houghton Mifflin $14.99. Avail. 10/17

**The Treat! by Christian Vieler**
Who’s a good dog? In the tradition of bestselling photography books like *Underwater Dogs* and *Shake It Was a Good Spell,* comes an adorable collection of dog photographs capturing our best friends at treat time. Photographer Christian Vieler caught these eager dogs anticipating, catching, and enjoying a scrumptious tidbit. From a tenacious terrier to a goofy retriever, these hilarious and beautiful photographs capture each dog’s unique personality in a way that all dog lovers will enjoy! Hachette Books $17.99.

**Braving the Wilderness by Brené Brown**
Social scientist Brené Brown has sparked a global conversation about the experiences that bring meaning to our lives—experiences of courage, vulnerability, love, belonging, shame, and empathy. In *Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone,* Brown redefines what it means to truly belong in an age of increased polarization. With her trademark mix of research, storytelling, and honesty, Brown will again change the cultural conversation while mapping a path to true belonging. Random House $28.

**What is All But Luminous by Art Garfunkel**
From the golden-haired, curly-headed half of Simon & Garfunkel—a memoir (of sorts): artful, moving, lyrical; the making of a musician; the evolution of a man; a portrait of a life-long friendship and collaboration that became one of the most successful singing duos of their time. Art Garfunkel writes about his life before, during, and after Simon & Garfunkel. He explores his childhood, meeting Paul Simon, their career, eventual split, and learning to perform on his own, as well as his being a husband, a father and much more. Knopf $27.95.

**Home by Deepak Chopra, Kabir Sehgal, and Paul Avgerinos**
The United States is composed of and built by immigrants, and it has been a beacon to those in search of a new life for hundreds of years. *Home: Where Everyone Is Welcome: Poems & Songs Inspired by American Immigrants* is a collection of 34 poems and 12 songs inspired by immigrants who have made significant contributions to the United States. From Yo-Yo Ma to Audrey Hepburn, Albert Einstein to Celia Cruz, these poems symbolize the roads that lead to America and that will build the highways to our future. Grand Central $20.
We Were Eight Years in Power
by Ta-Nehisi Coates
“We were eight years in power” was the lament of Reconstruction-era black politicians as the American experiment in multiracial democracy ended with the return of white supremacist rule in the South. Now in We Were Eight Years in Power: An American Tragedy, Ta-Nehisi Coates explores the tragic echoes of that history in our own time: the unprecedented election of a black president followed by a vicious backlash that fueled the election of the man Coates argues is America’s “first white president.” One World $28. Avail. 10/3

The People are Going to Rise Like the Waters on Your Shore
by Jared Yates Sexton
Journalist Jared Yates Sexton covered the 2016 election season, which would become—for both political parties—the most divisive political circus in U.S. history. From the split of Clinton and Sanders supporters to the raw anger at Trump political rallies, Sexton received attention for his coverage, but also harassment and death threats. The People Are Going to Rise Like the Waters Upon Your Shore: A Story of American Rage is a firsthand account of the events that shaped the election and divided both parties. Counterpoint $26.

Alone
by Michael Korda
An epic of remarkable originality, Alone captures the heroism of World War II as movingly as any book in recent memory. Bringing to vivid life the world leaders, generals, and ordinary citizens who fought on both sides of the war, Michael Korda chronicles the outbreak of hostilities, recalling first as a young boy (and child of a glamorous movie family) the enveloping tension that defined pre-Blitz London, and then as a military historian the great events that would alter the course of the twentieth century. Liveright $29.95.

The Odyssey of Echo Company
by Doug Stanton
On January 31, 1968, as many as 100,000 soldiers in the North Vietnamese Army attacked thirty-six cities in South Vietnam, hoping to topple the government and dislodge American forces. Forty young American soldiers are suddenly thrust into savage combat, having been in-country only a few weeks. The Odyssey of Echo Company: The 1968 Tet Offensive and the Epic Battle to Survive the Vietnam War recounts the experiences of these young men in this extraordinary time and confirms Doug Stanton as a gifted storyteller. Scribner $30.

Special Relativity and Classical Field Theory
by Leonard Susskind and Art Friedman
After teaching us classical mechanics and quantum mechanics in their bestselling physics series, physicist Leonard Susskind and data engineer Art Friedman are back with Special Relativity and Classical Field Theory: The Theoretical Minimum. This time, they introduce readers to Einstein’s special relativity and Maxwell’s classical field theory. Using math and illustrations, Susskind and Friedman walk us through the complexities of waves, forces, and particles. It’s a must-read for devotees of the series and armchair physicists. Basic $30.

Life 3.0
by Max Tegmark
The rise of AI has the potential to transform our future more than any other technology—and there’s nobody better qualified to explore that future than Max Tegmark, an MIT professor who’s helped mainstream research on how to keep AI beneficial. Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence empowers you to join this important conversation. It doesn’t shy away from the most controversial issues—from superintelligence to meaning, consciousness and the ultimate physical limits on life in the cosmos. Knopf $28.

Blue Ocean Shift
by W. Chan Kim and Renee Mauborgne
In Blue Ocean Shift: Beyond Competing—Proven Steps to Inspire Confidence and Seize New Growth, Kim and Mauborgne show you how to move beyond competing, inspire people’s confidence, and seize new growth, guiding you step-by-step in taking your organization from a red ocean crowded with competition to a blue ocean of uncontested market space. By combining human psychology with market-creating tools, this definitive guide will help you shift your organization to new heights. Hachette Books $28.

Don’t panic.
— Douglas Adams
Alone
by Cyn Balog
Despite its title, you should most definitely not read this book while you’re alone. Isolated in a rundown, sprawling mansion that was once an elaborate murder mystery retreat, Seda and her family are mostly immune to their temporary home’s creepy and eccentric history. But when a group of teenagers come seeking refuge, a scavenger hunt meant to entertain ends up entangling everyone into one horrific night of terror. Is it the house, or something else that is haunting Seda as she tries her best to protect her family and the unwelcome guests from harm? Balog interjects the house’s past throughout the novel, and I’ve never wanted to visit a fictional place more. The perfect book for thrills and chills, with a devious and delightful ending! Sourcebooks Fire $17.99. Avail. 11/7

The Afterlife of Holly Chase
by Cynthia Hand
Ever wonder what happens to the Scrooges of the world who don’t heed the ghosts of Christmas’ advice? Mean girl Holly Chase found out the hard way when she chose to roll her eyes at the warnings and carry on with her selfish ways. Now she’s dead and working as the Ghost of Christmas past—not quite the glamorous life she had planned for herself. A witty and fun Young Adult mashup of A Christmas Carol and Dead Like Me, it’s never too early to get into the holiday spirit! HarperTeen $17.99. Avail. 10/24

Haunting the Deep
by Adriana Mather
You don’t have to have read How To Hang a Witch (although, really, you should!) to enjoy Mather’s new book, Haunting the Deep. We’re back in Salem, where heroine Sam is dealing with her newfound powers and dreams about the Titanic that are spilling over into her waking world, with possibly lethal consequences. Mather once again combines magic and mayhem to create the perfect Young Adult Fall read! Alfred A. Knopf BYR $17.99. Avail. 10/3

The Hanging Girl
by Eileen Cook
Eileen Cook’s With Malice was one of my favorite books last year, and The Hanging Girl will go down as one of my favorite books this year. Full of twists, turns, and tarot cards! I almost wish I wasn’t on a low carb diet, because this is a total popcorn munching worthy thriller. Every time I thought I had things figured out, the plot shifted and I was thrown until I started to suspected everyone (in and out of book). Cook is quickly becoming one of my favorite authors and I can’t wait to read whatever she comes out with next! Houghton Mifflin $17.99. Avail. 10/3

RECOMMENDED BY CARL:
Nine Continents
by Xiaolu Guo
Sometimes I pigeonhole myself by only reading about things that I can relate to, stories that are familiar, people that I “know.” I put this book off for a long time because of this. Finally starting it, I quickly devoured it, my narrow focus totally blown open. Xiaolu Guo’s memoir proves that she has mastered the intricacies of the language that was once foreign to her, saying a lot about who she is. A story about identity, Guo has always sought out the new, and now I feel inspired to do the same. Grove $26. Avail. 10/3

From Here to Eternity
by Caitlin Doughty
This book is...so...COOL! Maybe I’m just a macabre soul, but Caitlin Doughty argues that much of Western culture has grown too apart from death by avoiding it as much as possible. This prevents us from grieving in proper ways. She takes us around the world studying a variety of different death practices that may leave some of you more squeamish types squirming, but the result is very profound and beautiful and whimsical. It certainly has me thinking about how I would like to go, and now I have so many more ideas (again...macabre)! W. W. Norton $24.95. Avail. 10/3

RECOMMENDED BY MAUREEN:
Bluebird, Bluebird
by Attica Locke
A powerful story that is part thriller, part examination of race in America, this is a book that we all should read—especially right now. Locke tells the story of Darren Matthews, a black Texas Ranger called home to solve the murders of an interracial couple before he loses his career and possibly more due to tensions surrounding race in the region. Bluebird, Bluebird goes deeper than the typical crime thriller without sacrificing any of the enjoyment of the genre. Mulholland $26.

Bonfire
by Krysten Ritter
This is a fantastic debut from the actress of Jessica Jones fame. Some people can act, some people can act and do other things, and occasionally write. Ritter is the exception, as she can both act and write very well. A thrilling tale of a woman working to defeat corruption, this was a well-to-do tale and I can’t wait to read whatever Ritter has up her sleeve for the future. Crown Archetype $26. Avail. 11/7
FOUNTAIN EVENTS

Daren Wang
The Hidden Light of Northern Fires
Tuesday, October 3, 6:30 pm
Daren is an old friend and I couldn’t be happier for him! –Kelly. Read this wonderful praise: “The Hidden Light of Northern Fires is splendid—a distinctive clear-eyed perspective on a fresh corner of the Civil War. The characters are fully alive, wonderfully varied, and the narrative voice is particularly lucid....” –Charles Frazier, National Book Award winner. Thomas Dunne $26.99.

Patricia Williams
(aka Ms. Pat)
Rabbit
Friday, October 6, 12:30 pm
“I know a lot of people think they know what it’s like to grow up in the hood. Like maybe they watched a couple of seasons of The Wire and they got the sh’t all figured out. But TV doesn’t tell the whole story.” –Ms. Pat, Rabbit is an unflinching memoir of cinematic scope. With wisdom and humor, Pat gives us a rare glimpse of what it’s really like to be a black mom in America. Dey Street $25.99.

Lunch with Meryl Gordon
Bunny Mellon
Friday, October 13, 12 pm
Location: Berkeley Hotel (ticketed event)
Join us for a lunch with Meryl Gordon to celebrate the new biography Bunny Mellon: The Life of an American Style Legend. Bunny designed the White House Rose Garden for her friend JFK and served as a living witness to 20th Century American history. Tickets include a book, lunch, dessert, and coffee or tea. A cash bar will also be provided. Tickets are $55. Grand Central $28.

Roben Farzad
Hotel Scarface
Tuesday, October 17, 6 pm
Location: To Be Announced
Roben is one of my favorite things to happen to Richmond. Come celebrate the release of his debut book Hotel Scarface: Where Cocaine Cowboys Partied and Plotted to Control Miami with a Miami-themed party! And don’t forget to preorder! –Kelly. Roben Farzad hosts Full Disclosure on NPR One and is a special correspondent on PBS NewsHour. Berkley $26. Avail. 10/17

Fran Wilde
Horizon
Sunday, October 22, 2 pm
Meet the author of the Bone World series and fantasy pioneer! Fran Wilde’s work includes the Andre Norton- and Compton Crook Award-winning and Nebula-nominated novel Updraft and its sequels Cloudbound, and Horizon. She also writes short stories. Her Nebula-nominated novelette The Jewel and Her Lapidary is available from Tor. Tor $27.99.

Nicholas Montemarano
and Jon Pineda
New Novelists in Conversation
Sunday, November 12, 2 pm
Join us for an evening of discussion about the craft of fiction. We welcome back Jon Pineda, a favorite guest! A poet, memoirist, and novelist, his new book Let’s No One Get Hurt is forthcoming in March 2018. And we welcome Nicholas Montemarano (The Senator’s Children) for the first time. Please give him a warm welcome! Senator’s Children, Tin House $15.95. Avail. 11/7

About Fountain Flavor
Fountain Bookstore is teaming up with Camden’s Dogtown Market and their chef Andy Howell to bring you this tasty series. Here are the general event rules:

- These are all ticketed events and include a copy of the book and a meal reservation.
- Meals will be charged separately at the restaurant the night of the event. Menus and meal prices will soon be available on our website.
- Location for these events is Camden’s Dogtown Market.
- Don’t forget to sign up on the Fountain Flavor mailing list!

Fountain Flavor Events

Vegetarian Feast with Kim O’Donnell
PNW Veg
Wednesday, September 27, 6:30 pm
Chef Kim is one of our favorite guests and author of PNW Veg: 100 Vegetable Recipes Inspired by the Local Bounty of the Pacific Northwest. Her Pacific Northwest-inspired, vegetable-based food is wonderful. Check out her other meatless cookbooks too! Sasquatch $29.95.

Locavore Dinner with Jamie DeMent
The Farmhouse Chef
Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 pm
Join us with food entrepreneur Jamie DeMent! She farms, co-owns a restaurant, runs an online farmer’s market, and teaches cooking class around the country. She is also the author of The Farmhouse Chef: Recipes and Stories from My Carolina Farm. UNC Press $35.

Chocolate Dinner with Megan Giller
Bean to Bar Chocolate
Sunday, October 29, 1:30 pm

Beer Dinner with Em Sauter
Beer Is for Everyone!: Of Drinking Age
Tuesday, November 7, 6:30 pm
This dinner is for ages 21 and up
Em is a Certified Cicerone and recipient of Saveur Magazine’s best beer coverage award. She is one of Wine Enthusiast Magazine’s top 40 tastemakers under 40, and reviews beers on her website, “Pints and Panels.” One Peace $18.95. Avail. 10/10

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