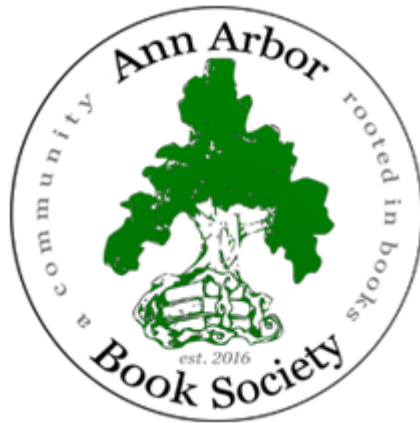


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## March Newsletter

[a2books.org](http://a2books.org)

### March Book Event Highlights

**Sunday, March 1st at 1 pm:** [Challenging Racism Group book discussion of \*Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States\*](#), First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, 4001 S. State St.

**Sunday, March 15th at 4 pm:** [Scott Ellsworth, author of \*The World Beneath Their Feet: Mountaineering, Madness, and the Deadly Race to Summit the Himalayas\*](#), First Presbyterian Church, 1432 Washtenaw Ave.

**Thursday, March 19th at 5:10 pm:** [Penny Stamps Speaker Series, Shaka Senghor, author of \*Writing My Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison\*](#), Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty St.

**Friday, March 27th from 9 am to 7 pm:** [KidLitCon 2020](#), AADL Downtown Library, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

**Click on the below calendar for more great book events taking place in March!**

March 2020						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Nicola's Books Challenging Book Group of <i>Under an Inkblot</i> People's History of the United States Book Discussion Midland's Karywaka with Author Meera	2 Library Request: The Poetry of Derek Walcott Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group	3 Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group	4 Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group	5 Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group	6 Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group	7 Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group Nicola's Books Special Readers Group
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## Get Involved: Spotlight on Washtenaw Literacy

Washtenaw Literacy's website defines literacy as "the ability to read, write, compute, and use technology at a level that enables an individual to reach his or her full potential as a parent, employee, and community member."

International non-profit organization ProLiteracy International points out that "[w]hen individuals learn how to read, write, do basic math, and use computers, they have the power to lift themselves out of poverty, lower health care costs, find and keep sustainable employment, and ultimately change their lives."

[Click here](#) to read more of Crysta Coburn's article on Washtenaw Literacy.

## In the News

## Featured Events



Congratulations to General Manager Meagen Kucaj and the entire staff of Nicola's Books on [Nicola's Books 25th anniversary!](#) Thank you for the many thoughtful ways you continue to support the community!

University of Michigan  
Center for Chinese Studies  
[Lamstein Children's Literature  
Lecture](#)

Thursday, March 12th at 5:30 pm  
UM Museum of Art  
Stern Auditorium  
525 S. State St.





Hey internet shoppers! Have you heard the news about [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org)? It's a new website for book lovers designed to offer an alternative to Amazon that supports independent bookstores! Launched at the end of January, 10% of each purchase made on the site will be distributed among the over 200 participating independent bookstores, including Ann Arbor's own Bookbound Bookstore and Nicola's Books, and 10% will go to the bookstore that generated the sale. As creator of the site [Andy Hunter](#) said in a recent [Forbes article](#), "If we were to get 1% of Amazon's book sales that would be a massive level of support for bookstores." Of course, the best way to support independent bookstores is by stopping by in person and purchasing books from real, live booksellers, but if you have to purchase books online, please consider purchasing them from [bookshop.org](http://bookshop.org)!

### ***Save the Date!***

**Saturday, April 25th:** [Midwest Literary Walk](#)

**Saturday, April 25th:** [Independent Bookstore Day Scavenger Hunt](#)

**May 17th from 11 am to 5 pm:** [Ann Arbor Antiquarian Book Fair](#)

**Sunday, July 19th 10 am to 4 pm:**

Grace Lin, author and illustrator of Caldecott Honor *A Big Mooncake for Little Star*, Newbery Honor *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, and National Book Award Finalist, *When the Sea Turned to Silver*, will appear for a reading, Q & A, and book signing as part of UM's Zell Visiting Writers Series Lamstein Children's Literature Lecture. Free and open to the public.

**University of Michigan  
Ford School of Public Policy  
[Nancy Cantor Lecture on Intellectual Diversity](#)**

**Friday, March 13th at 3 pm  
Michigan League Ballroom  
911 N. University**



Robin DiAngelo, educator and author of *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*, will be in conversation with Elizabeth Moje, Dean of the University of Michigan School of Education. Sponsored by the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, School of Education, the U-M Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, the University of Michigan Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, and

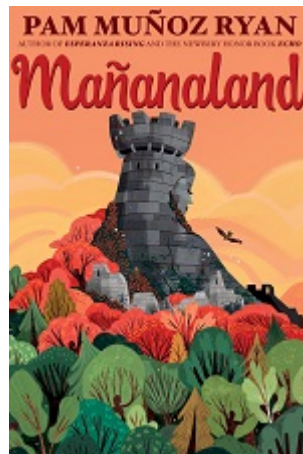
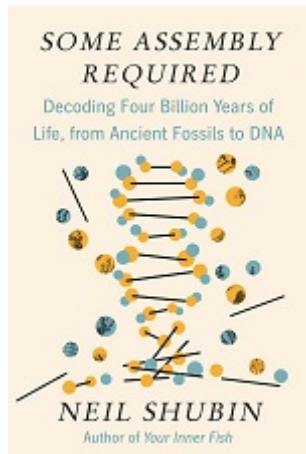
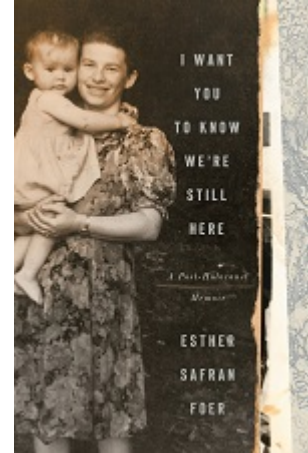
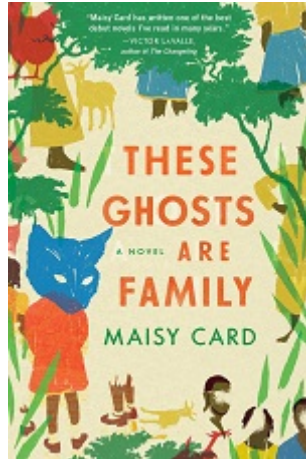
[Detroit Book Fest](#)

Sunday, August 30th 10 am to 5 pm: [Kerrytown BookFest](#)

the CEW+ Frances and Sydney Lewis Visiting Leaders Fund. This event is free and open to the public and will be livestreamed. A reception and book signing will follow the event.

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**Noteworthy New Releases**



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**Snapshot of the Past**



Getting Set For Book Fair: Three St. Thomas High School girls are readying this doll-size "public library" with pipe cleaner dolls to decorate one of the booths at the annual Catholic Family book fair Sunday at the Catholic Youth Center. The fair will open from 9 o'clock Sunday morning until 7 o'clock in the evening. The girls are (left to right) Carol Otto, Linda Gainsley, and Betty Toms. March 1952. Courtesy of the AADL.

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