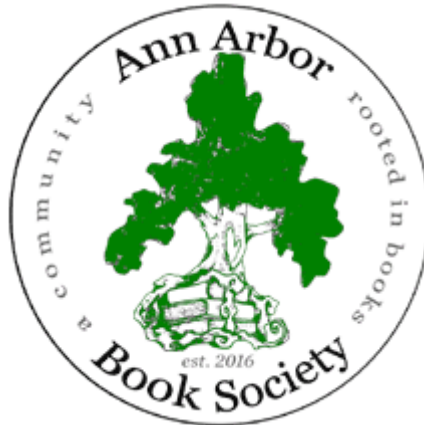


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December Newsletter

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December Book Event Highlights

Friday, December 1st at 7 pm: [Annual Tree Lighting Soiree](#), Vault of Midnight, 219 S. Main St.

Saturday, December 2nd 10 am - 4 pm and Sunday, December 3rd 1 pm - 4 pm: [Friends of the Ann Arbor District Library Holiday Sale](#), Downtown AADL Multipurpose Room, 343 S. Fifth Ave.

Monday, December 4th at 7 pm: Literati's [Books We Love and Love to Share Panel](#), Literati Bookstore, 124 E. Washington.

Tuesday, December 5th at 5:30 pm: [Laura Kasischke Poetry Reading from Where Now: New and Selected Poems](#), Rackham Amphitheatre, 915 E. Washington

Saturday, December 9th at 2 pm: [Holiday Open House](#) at Aunt Agatha's with authors Patricia Abbott, Mark Bello, Judy Lee Burke, Con Lehane, Meg Macy and Sarah Zettel, 213 S. Fourth Ave.

Wednesday, December 13th at 7:30 pm: [Joe Biden](#) appearance for his new memoir, *Promise Me, Dad*, Michigan Theater, 603 E. Liberty.

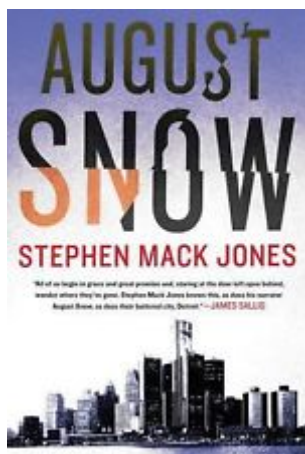
Monday, December 18th at 6:30 pm: [Chris Van Allsburg](#), author of *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express*, Nicola's Books, 2513 Jackson Ave.

For more information on these and other December events, visit our [events calendar](#).

Holiday Gift Ideas

The holidays are quickly approaching and it's time to introduce some amazing new books to the book lovers on your list. Fortunately, with 10 independent bookstores in Ann Arbor, you're sure to find the perfect book for everyone! We asked the bookstores specializing in new books for some titles that really stuck out to them this year. Below are the books they shared with us. Click on the titles for more information on each book, or better yet, stop by the bookstore that recommended them for an in-person explanation of what makes these books special. Or course, all of the bookstores in town offer gift certificates as well. You can also stop by [Dawn Treader](#), [Motte & Bailey](#), or [West Side Book Shop](#) for a truly one of a kind find!

Aunt Agatha's Picks



Bookbound Picks

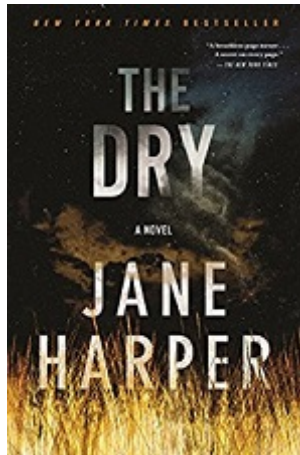


Fiction

August Snow by Stephen Mack Jones

February 2017, Soho Crime

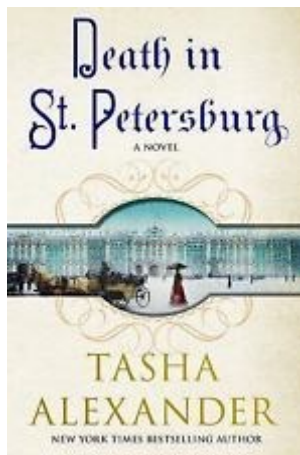
Hardcover, \$25.95



The Dry by Jane Harper

January 2017, Flatiron Books

Hardcover, \$25.99



Death in St. Petersburg: A Novel

by Tasha Alexander

October 2017, Minotaur Books

Hardcover, \$25.99



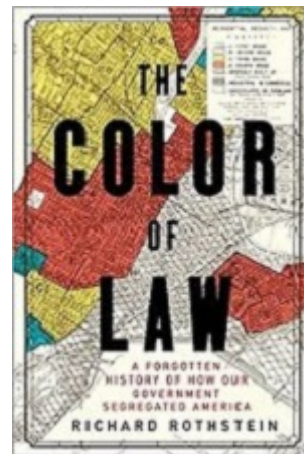
My Absolute Darling: A Novel

by Gabriel Tallent

August, 2017, Riverhead

Hardcover, \$27

Non-Fiction



The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How Our Government Segregated

America by Richard Rothstein

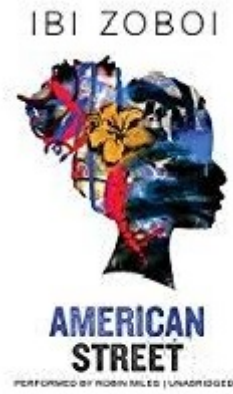
May 2017, Liveright

Hardcover, \$27.95

Young Adult



The Marsh King's Daughter: A Novel
by Karen Dionne
June 2017, G.P. Putnam's Sons
Hardcover, \$26



American Street by Ibi Zoboi
February 2017, Balzer & Bray
Hardcover, \$17.99

Common Language Picks

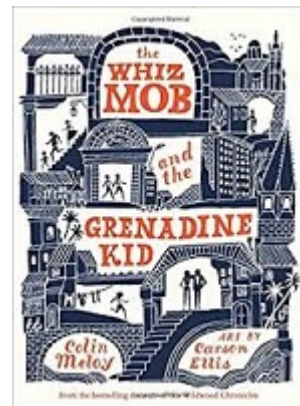


Fiction



Colin is Changing His Name
by John Andrews
June 2017, Sibling Rivalry Press
Paperback, \$14.95

Children's



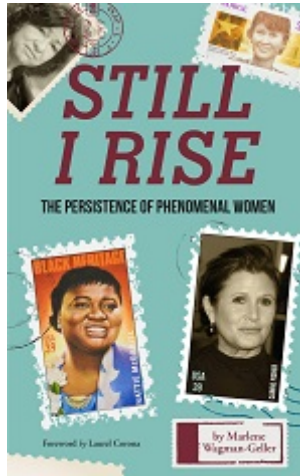
The Whiz Mob and the Grenadine Kid
by Colin Meloy, art by Carson Ellis
October 2017, Balzer & Bray
Hardcover, \$17.99

Crazy Wisdom Picks



Fiction

Non-Fiction



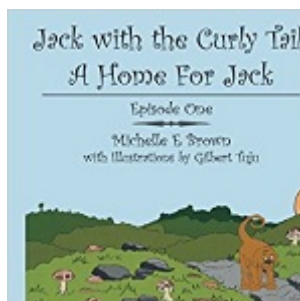
Still I Rise: The Persistence of Phenomenal Women
June 2017, Mango
Paperback, \$16.95

Young Adult



Wandering Son (series)
by Shimura Takako
July 2011, Fantagraphics Books
Hardcover, \$19.99

Children's

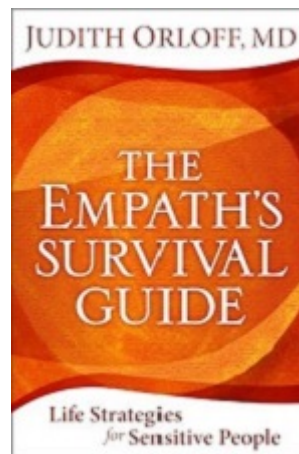


Jack with the Curly Tail: A Home for Jack



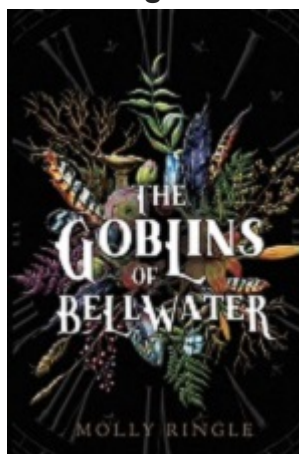
Norse Mythology by Neil Gaiman
February 2017, W.W. Norton & Co.
Hardcover, \$25.95

Non-Fiction



The Empath's Survival Guide: Life Strategies for Sensitive People
by Judith Orloff
April 2017, Sounds True
Hardcover, \$22.95

Young Adult



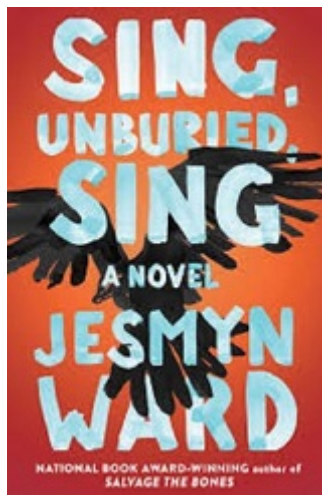
by Michelle E. Brown
August 2006, Authorhouse
Paperback, \$26.49

The Goblins of Bellwater
by Molly Ringle
October 2017, Central Ave. Pub.
Paperback, \$13.95

Literati Picks



Fiction



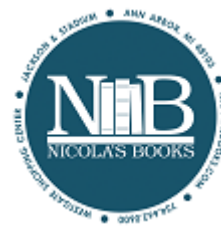
Sing, Unburied, Sing: A Novel
by Jesmyn Ward
September 2017, Scribner
Hardcover \$26

Children's



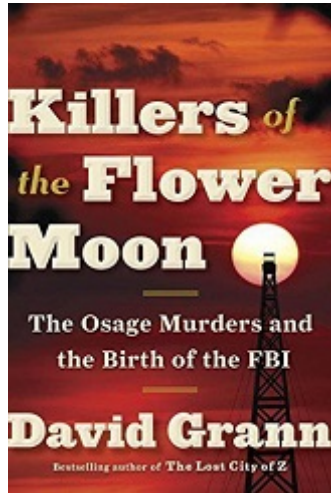
Runny Babbit Returns: Another Billy Sook
by Shel Silverstein
September 2017, HarperCollins
Hardcover, \$19.99

Nicola's Books Picks



Fiction

Non-Fiction



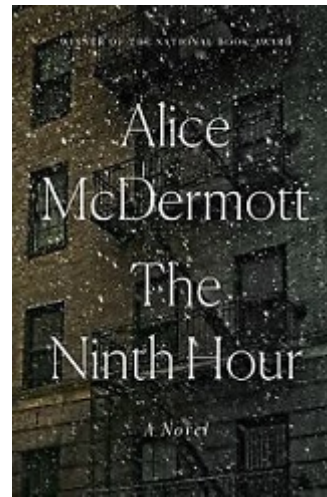
Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI
by David Grann
April 2017, Doubleday Books
Hardcover, \$28.95

Young Adult



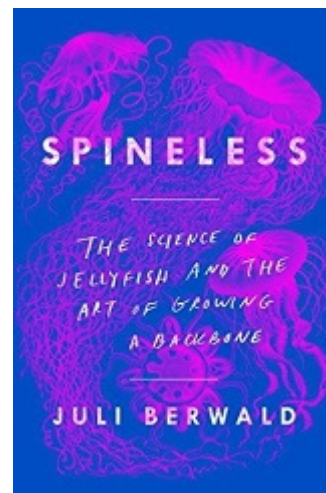
The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas
February 2017, Balzer + Bray
Hardcover, \$17.99

Children's



The Ninth Hour: A Novel by
Alice McDermott
September 2017, Farrar Straus & Giroux
Hardcover, \$26

Non-Fiction



Spineless: The Science of Jellyfish and the Art of Growing a Backbone
by Juli Berwald
November 2017, Riverhead Books
Hardcover, \$27

Young Adult

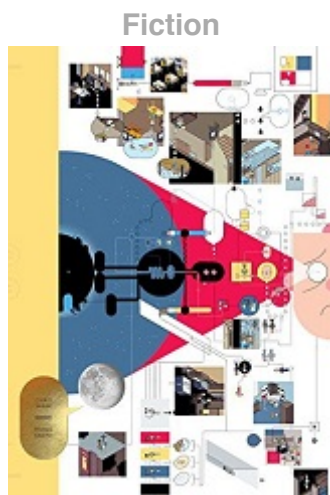


How to Make Friends with a Ghost by
Rebecca Green
September 2017, Tundra
Hardcover, \$17.99



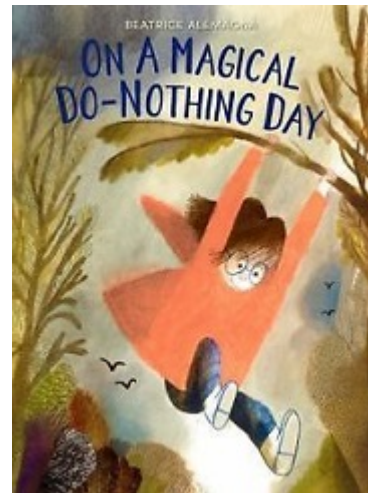
The Book of Dust
by Philip Pullman
October 2017, Alfred Knopf for Young
Readers
Hardcover, \$22.99

Vault of Midnight Picks



Monograph by Chris Ware
October 2017, Rizzoli
Hardcover, \$60

Children's



On a Magical Do-Nothing Day
by Beatrice Alemagna
September 2017, HarperCollins
Hardcover, \$17.99

Did You Know?

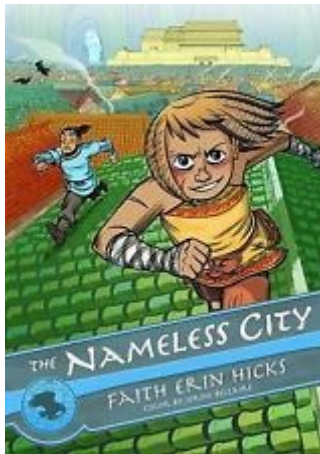
Giving and reading books has been a Christmas tradition in Iceland since World War II. It's called Jolabokafloð (roughly translated to 'Christmas book flood' in English)

Non-Fiction



Hostage by Guy Delisle
May 2017, Drawn & Quarterly
Hardcover, \$29.95

Young Adult



The Nameless City (trilogy series)
by Faith Eric Hicks
April 2016, First Second
Paperback, \$14.99

Children's



The Tea Dragon Society by Katie O'Neill

and involves the giving of books as gifts on Christmas Eve, which are then promptly started that very evening! In 2015, Christopher Norris, one of the creators of the UK's World Book Day, learned about the tradition and believed it was a tradition that was worth spreading beyond Iceland. The [Jolabokafloð Book Campaign](#) was introduced during the holiday season of 2015 to encourage people worldwide to share the joy of giving and reading books. Help Christopher build a global reading community by starting this tradition with your own family and friends!

Holiday Gift Wrapping

Planning on doing some holiday shopping at Vault of Midnight or Nicola's Books this holiday season? Both bookstores will be offering free holiday gift wrap services! Vault of Midnight will be teaming up with the Humane Society of Huron Valley, and Nicola's Books will be teaming up with various nonprofit organizations (including us!) to give customers a valuable service and promote the important work these organizations do in our community. Be sure to keep an eye out for the gift wrappers on your visit to these stores!



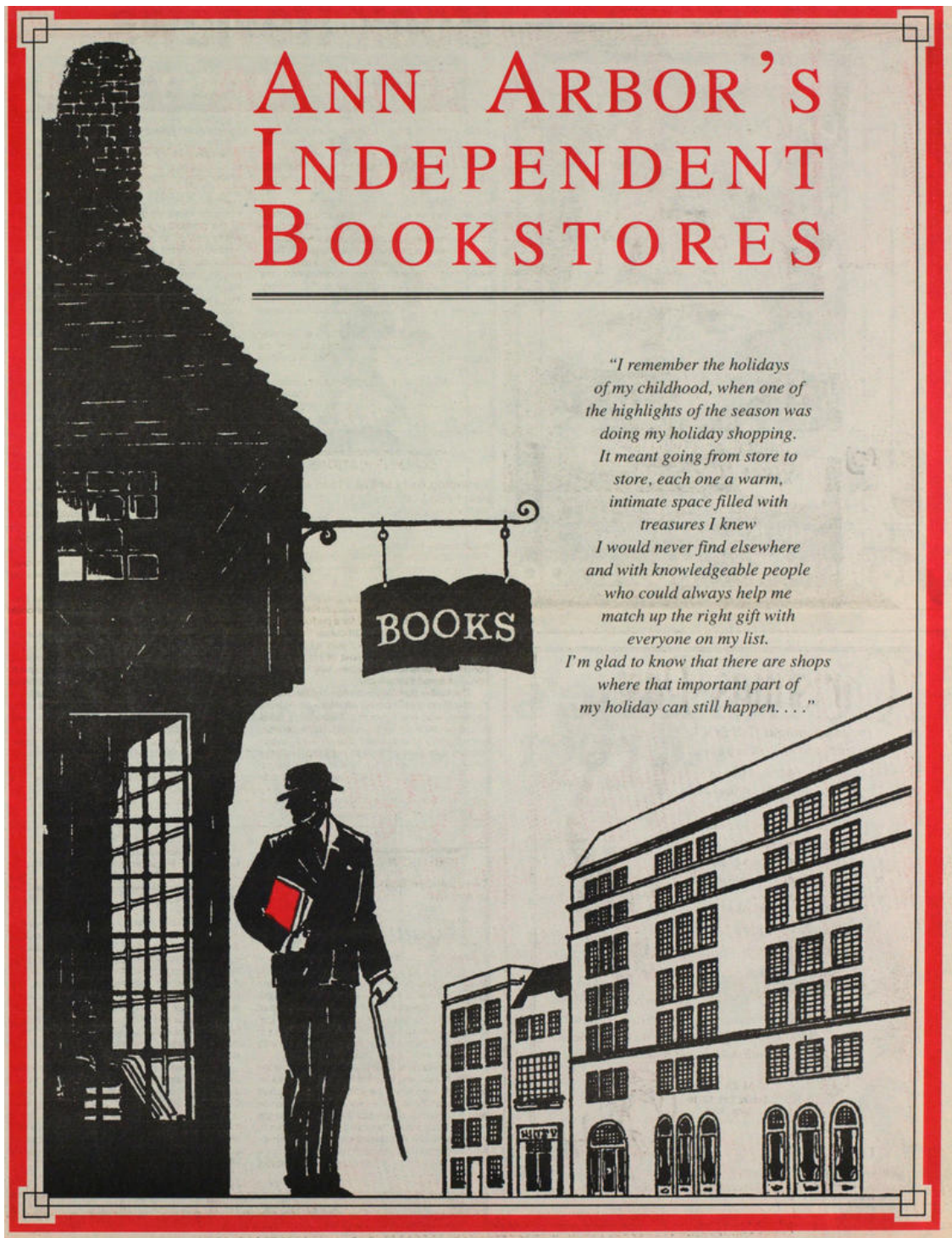
October 2017, Oni Press

Hardcover, \$17.99

We are deeply thankful for all of our new and loyal subscribers who have been following along with the Ann Arbor Book Society these past 16 months as we grow and change. We hope you have a warm, safe, and relaxing holiday season filled with loved ones and a few good books!

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*"I remember the holidays
of my childhood, when one of
the highlights of the season was
doing my holiday shopping.
It meant going from store to
store, each one a warm,
intimate space filled with
treasures I knew
I would never find elsewhere
and with knowledgeable people
who could always help me
match up the right gift with
everyone on my list.
I'm glad to know that there are shops
where that important part of
my holiday can still happen. . . ."*



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