Mark Your Calendars!

New Date - **Owner's Retreat** March 5-6, Wentworth by the Sea, New Castle, NH

New Event - **Adult Buyer’s Retreat**, March 19-20, Beekman Arms Inn, Rhinebeck, NY

**Details to Follow Soon**

Notes From the NEIBA Advisory Council

**Love Letter to My Favorite Book**

By Alex Reid, **Book Ends**, Winchester MA

As booksellers, we all have particular books that we hold very close to our hearts. These books follow us through our lives, popping up on bookshelves or in classrooms, in conversations with friends or customers. As a life-long reader I have a stack of favorite books a mile high, and I would never be able to pick just one, but in all those books there are only a handful of titles that have transcended the label “favorite”. I’ve always felt lucky that I am able to share these books with new readers, and every time a customer leaves with a copy of a book that I treasure I feel such excitement for them, a thrill in knowing that soon they too will be experiencing something that I truly love. One of my favorite parts of bookselling is...
will be experiencing something that I truly love. One of my favorite parts of bookselling is helping customers find new favorite books, and when it’s a book I really love it’s even better.

It would be easy for me to write an essay about some of the books that are more than favorites. I wrote my college application essay on how much *Jane Eyre* means to me; a (frankly horrifying) Lacanian psychoanalysis of *The Hobbit* was the product of one particularly brutal literary criticism class. But writing about John Marsden’s *Tomorrow When the War Began* and what it means to me has been way more difficult than I expected. I can’t understand why - I love this book. I own it in almost every format possible – a hardcover, three paperbacks, the digital audiobook, a CD audiobook, and the feature film. I’m only missing an Australian TV show (not through lack of trying), and I reread or rewatch it frequently. I lend it to anyone who will sit still long enough for me to pull a copy out, no matter how reluctant a reader they are, and it really delivers. It so entranced a friend of mine that, at 28, she started reading voluntarily for pleasure for the first time in her life. Having her come and ask me for the second book in the series was one of the most vindicating moments of my life as a bookseller, and it made me double down on my determination to recommend it to anyone and everyone. But explaining how much it has affected me as a person over the years is almost impossible, and even now I know I won’t manage to do it justice.

The discovery of a favorite book is always sudden, unexpected and wonderful. One afternoon when I was ten my mother handed me a new book. It was John Marsden’s *Tomorrow When the War Began*. Simply, it was a story about seven teens going camping in the Australian Outback and who, upon returning from their trip, discover that an unnamed invading force has taken over their town and the rest of the country. I was instantly smitten, and proceeded to read and reread this book constantly. There was adventure! There was danger! In it were kids who were learning to make decisions, sometimes terrible, frightening ones, and learning to live with the results and take responsibility. At that point in my reading life I hadn’t really experienced books where the characters changed and evolved so much on an emotional level, changing from normal kids into tactical guerilla fighters, trying to protect their homes from the invaders with anything at their disposal. This may seem awful and frightening and not appropriate for a children's book. But as a child I thought these characters were magnificent. All of them are heroes at different times, and none of them are all the time. They were alone, afraid, and way out of their depth, but they stood up and fought back despite their fear. Even though it was fiction, the courage the kids expressed in the books had a deep and profound impact on me, and I like to think that later in life I was able to draw on the memory of that courage when I was also alone and afraid. It didn’t occur to me until later how much reading these books had impacted my ideas of courage.

Readers get excited about books when we, the booksellers, are excited about books, and I love seeing new readers walking away with the books that I care about. I hope that every one of you has a book on your shelf that you adore as much as I love *Tomorrow When the War Began*. If you don’t, well, I may have a recommendation for you.
Browse the **catalog** and order items on **Edelweiss**

**OR**

Check out the **catalog** and **order form** on the **Bookstore Day website**

Bookstores have until to place their Bookstore Day orders online.

Bookstore Day will have a panel discussion at Winter Institute in Albuquerque to offer party ideas, answer questions, and take orders in person. Friday 9:30-10:30.

**NEW THIS YEAR:**
**Option 1** - Build your order using our catalog on **Edelweiss** (search for Independent Bookstore Day – 2019). Download the order and email it directly to Ingram at **IBD@ingramcontent.com**

**Option 2** - Download the catalog and place your order using the online form on **www.indiebookstoreday.com**.

**DEADLINE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019**

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**New England Book Awards**

**2019 Call for Submissions Now Open**

**DETAILS**

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**Bookselling Without Borders**

**Fellowship Applications Now Open**

The Bookselling Without Borders program supports travel to international book fairs by U.S. booksellers.

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**NEIBA Best Sellers**

for the week ended

**Sunday January 13, 2018**

Based on reporting from the independent booksellers of NEIBA and IndieBound
HARDCOVER FICTION
1. Where the Crawdads Sing
   Delia Owens, Putnam, $26, 9780735219090
2. Unsheltered
   Barbara Kingsolver, Harper, $29.99, 9780062684561
3. The Winter of the Witch New
   Katherine Arden, Del Rey, $28, 9781101885994
4. Kingdom of the Blind
   Louise Penny, Minotaur, $28.99, 9781250066206
5. Circe
   Madeline Miller, Little Brown, $27, 9780316556347
6. The Friend
   Sigrid Nunez, Riverhead, $25, 9780735219441
7. Nine Perfect Strangers
   Liane Moriarty, Flatiron Books, $28.99, 9781250069825
8. Once Upon a River New
   Diane Setterfield, Atria/Emily Bestler Books, $28, 9780743298070
9. The Witch Elm
   Tana French, Viking, $28, 9780735224629
10. There There
    Tommy Orange, Knopf, $25.95, 9780525520375
11. Warlight New
    Michael Ondaatje, Knopf, $26.95, 9780525521198
12. Washington Black New
    Esi Edugyan, Knopf, $26.95, 9780525521426
13. A Gentleman in Moscow
    Amor Towles, Viking, $27, 9780670026197
14. The Reckoning New
    John Grisham, Doubleday, $29.95, 9780385544153
15. My Sister, the Serial Killer New
    Oyinkan Braithwaite, Doubleday, $22.95, 9780385544238

HARDCOVER NONFICTION
1. Becoming
   Michelle Obama, Crown, $32.50, 9781524763138
2. Educated
   Tara Westover, Random House, $28, 9780399590504
3. The Library Book
   Susan Orlean, S&S, $28, 9781476740188
4. These Truths
   Jill Lepore, Norton, $39.95, 9780393635249
5. The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up New
   Marie Kondo, Ten Speed Press, $16.99, 9781607747307
6. How to Change Your Mind
   Michael Pollan, Penguin Press, $28, 9781594204227
7. Churchill: Walking with Destiny New
   Andrew Roberts, Viking, $40, 9781101980996
8. How to Be a Good Creature
   Sy Montgomery, Rebecca Green (Illus.), Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, $20, 9780544938328
9. Gmorning, Grainth!
   Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jonny Sun (Illus.), Random House, $22, 9781984854278
10. The Truths We Hold: An American Journey New
    Kamala Harris, Penguin Press, $30, 9780525560715
11. Leadership: In Turbulent Times
    Doris Kearns Goodwin, S&S, $30, 9781476795928
12. Almost Everything
    Anne Lamott, Riverhead, $20, 9780525537441
13. The First Conspiracy: The Secret Plot to Kill George Washington New
    Brad Meltzer, Josh Mensch, Flatiron Books, $29.99, 9781250130334
14. Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Life of Breakthroughs and Purpose New
    Jean Case, S&S, $25, 9781501196348
15. Cook Like a Pro
TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION
1. The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Heather Morris, Harper, $16.99, 9780062797155
2. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine
Gail Honeyman, Penguin, $16, 9780735220690
3. Less
Andrew Sean Greer, Back Bay, $15.99, 9780316316132
4. Asymmetry
Lisa Halliday, S&S, $16, 9781501166785
5. Milkman
Anna Burns, Graywolf Press, $16, 9781644450000
6. Pachinko
Min Jin Lee, Grand Central, $15.99, 9781455563920
7. The Power New
Naomi Alderman, Back Bay, $16.99, 9780316547604
8. All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr, Scribner, $17, 9781501173219
9. My Brilliant Friend
Elena Ferrante, Europa Editions, $17, 9781609455064
10. The Perfect Nanny New
Leila Slimani, Penguin, $16, 9780143132172
11. The Flight Attendant New
Chris Bohjalian, Vintage, $16, 9780525432685
12. If Beale Street Could Talk New
James Baldwin, Vintage, $14.95, 9780525566120
13. Crazy Rich Asians
Kevin Kwan, Anchor, $16, 9780525563761
14. In the Midst of Winter New
Isabel Allende, Atria, $17, 9781501178146
15. The Wife Between Us
Greer Hendricks, Sarah Pekkanen, St. Martin's Griffin, $16.99, 9781250130945

TRADE PAPERBACK NONFICTION
1. Sapiens
Yuval Noah Harari, Harper Perennial, $22.99, 9780062316110
2. Killers of the Flower Moon
David Grann, Vintage, $16.95, 9780307742483
3. White Fragility
Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, $16, 9780807047415
4. The Old Farmer's Almanac 2019
Old Farmer's Almanac, $7.95, 9781571987730
5. My Own Words
Ruth Bader Ginsburg, S&S, $18, 9781501145254
6. Homo Deus
Yuval Noah Harari, Harper Perennial, $22.99, 9780062464347
7. How Democracies Die New
Steven Levitsky, Daniel Ziblatt, Broadway Books, $15, 9781524762940
8. The World Almanac and Book of Facts 2019 New
Sarah Janssen (Ed.), World Almanac, $14.99, 9781600572227
9. Braiding Sweetgrass
Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions, $18, 9781571313560
10. Ruth Bader Ginsburg: In Her Own Words
Helena Hunt (Ed.), Agate B2, $11.95, 9781572842496
11. The River of Consciousness New
Oliver Sacks, Vintage, $16.95, 9780804171007
12. Beautiful Boy New
David Sheff, Eamon Dolan/Mariner Books, $16.99, 9781328974716
13. Kitchen Confidential
Anthony Bourdain, Ecco, $16.99, 9780060899226
14. Grant New
Ron Chernow. Penguin. $22. 9780143110637
MASS MARKET
1. 1984
George Orwell, Signet, $9.99, 9780451524935
2. A Game of Thrones
George R.R. Martin, Bantam, $9.99, 9780553593716
3. Dune
Frank Herbert, Ace, $9.99, 9780441172719
4. American Gods
5. The Name of the Wind
Patrick Rothfuss, DAW, $9.99, 9780756404741
6. The Midnight Line
Lee Child, Dell, $9.99, 9780399593505
7. The Dispossessed
Ursula K. Le Guin, Harper Voyager, $7.99, 9780061054884
8. The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
Douglas Adams, Del Rey, $7.99, 9780345391803
9. To Kill a Mockingbird
Harper Lee, Grand Central, $9.99, 9781455538966
10. Binti
Nnedi Okorafor, Tor.com, $9.99, 9780765385253

CHILDREN’S ILLUSTRATED
1. Make Way for Ducklings
Robert McCloskey, Puffin, $7.99, 9780140564341
2. The Wonky Donkey
Craig Smith, Katz Cowley (Illus.), Scholastic, $7.99, 9780545261241
3. Goodnight Moon
Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, $8.99, 9780694003617
4. The Snowy Nap
Jan Brett, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, $18.99, 9780399170737
5. The Snowy Day
Ezra Jack Keats, Viking Books for Young Readers, $19.99, 9780670012701
6. My Heart
Corinna Luyken, Dial Books, $17.99, 9780735227934
7. We Don’t Eat Our Classmates
Ryan T. Higgins, Disney/Hyperion, $17.99, 9781368003551
8. Little Blue Truck
Alice Schertle, Jill McElmurry (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, $7.99, 9780544568037
9. Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendak, Harper, $18.95, 97803060254926
10. Dragons Love Tacos
Adam Rubin, Daniel Salmieri (Illus.), Dial, $16.99, 9780803736801

CHILDREN’S INTEREST
1. Max and the Midknights
Lincoln Peirce, Crown Books for Young Readers, $13.99, 9781101931080
2. The Hate U Give
Angie Thomas, Balzer + Bray, $18.99, 9780062871350
3. We Are Displaced: My Journey and Stories from Refugee Girls Around the World
Malala Yousafzai, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, $18.99, 9780316523646
4. Two Can Keep a Secret
Karen M. McManus, Delacorte Press, $19.99, 9781524714727
5. A Velocity of Being: Letters to a Young Reader
Maria Popova, Claudia Bedrick (Eds.), Enchanted Lion Books, $34.95, 9781592702282
6. Rosie Revere and the Raucous Riveters: The Questioners Book #1
Andrea Beaty, David Roberts (Illus.), Abrams, $12.99, 9781419733604
7. Marv Poppins (Illustrated Gift Edition)
7. Mary Poppins (Illustrated Gift Edition)
P.L. Travers, Julia Sarda (Illus.), HMH Books for Young Readers, $24.99, 9781328498847
8. Children of Blood and Bone New
Tomi Adeyemi, Henry Holt and Co. (BYR), $18.99, 9781250170972
9. One of Us Is Lying New
Karen M. McManus, Delacorte Press, $17.99, 9781524714680
10. Sisters
Raina Telgemeier, Graphix, $10.99, 9780545540605

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1. Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild
Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9781338236576
2. The Wicked King (The Folk of the Air, #2) New
Holly Black, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, $19.99, 9780316310352
3. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown
Jeff Kinney, Abrams, $13.95, 9781419727436
4. The Hive Queen (Wings of Fire, Book 12)
Tui T. Sutherland, Scholastic, $16.99, 9781338214482
5. Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas
Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545935173
6. Dog Man: A Tale of Two Kitties
Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545935210
7. Dog Man
Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545581608
8. Dog Man Unleashed
Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545935203
9. The Bad Guys in Superbad (The Bad Guys, #8) New
Aaron Blabey, Scholastic, $5.99, 9781338189636
10. Crush (Berrybrook Middle School, #3)
Svetlana Chmakova, JY, $11, 9780316363242