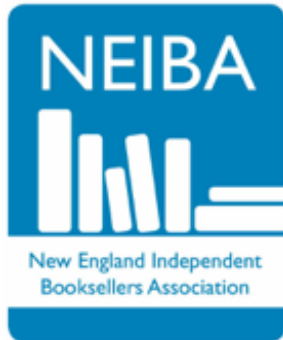


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By **Betsy Covert**, Toadstool Bookshop, Kenne, NH

Lovely Day with *Lovely War*

As many of you know, we in New England have been graced with the recent leg of Julie Berry's current book tour. She has visited several NEIBA bookstores as well as regional schools and libraries. In fact, her tour schedule is nothing short of insane... sometimes driving more than an hour or two after a day full of appearances just to get closer to where she needs to be the next day. But if anyone can pull it off this vivacious woman can (and does)!



Lovely War, her new young adult novel (with 7 stars and plenty of adult crossover appeal) is a beautiful love story, rich with historic detail, centering on two young couples just meeting and falling in love. Most of the book takes place during WWI, but what makes this piece so unusual is the perspective from which it's told. Julie Berry, with utter brilliance, wishing to find the means to tell a story through the personification of love and war, had the ultimate lightbulb moment and realized these personifications already existed in the forms of the Greek Gods Aphrodite and Ares. And so, she found her narrators.

I felt particularly lucky to attend not only our in-store event, but also one of the two hour-long presentations at the local high school which delved deeper into the history, mythology, and music central to the novel.

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upon entering the classroom, students were greeted by the bouncy, driving tempo or ragtime piano boldly played by the multifaceted Julie Berry- who is not only a superb writer, but a talented musician as well. I noticed, with a smile, here and there: a head bobbing, knees bouncing, fingers drumming in time with the music. It seems teenagers aren't completely jaded... and they chimed in too; answering all of Julie's questions when she called out trivia from the era. The subject of Greek mythology wasn't discussed in detail. After all, an audience raised on Percy Jackson needn't be reminded which god is which and whose company they prefer. Her tidbits of history were engaging and went beyond what is covered in the novel and helped to give further historic context. She spoke about the Munitionettes and Canary Girls of WWI, the Harlem Hellfighters and their exemplary record of valor, the horrors of trench warfare, and the birth (and naming) of the military tank. Julie also presented popular music of the era, singing several bars of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life", and demonstrated how a classical sonata can be turned into a rag. Being able to hear some of the original music written for the book (and presented on the audiobook) was such a treat.

And though we didn't get a huge turn out that evening at the store, in her ever-so-appropriate poppy-printed blouse, Julie Berry once again held her audience captive as she read the first chapter of *Lovely War*. When Aphrodite and Ares meet in a swanky New York hotel for an amorous liaison, she reads: "In an instant they are in each other's arms. Shoes are kicked off, hats tossed aside. Jacket buttons are shown no mercy." Admittedly, the students that day showed their appreciation of her humorously irreverent description with a bit more gusto than our entirely adult audience, but that evening we did have the chance to get a bit more into her craft. Julie described how her ideas begin in a granular way, "like the spec of sand in a pearl", and talked about telling emotional truths and loving your characters.

As an extra bonus, local author Lita Judge was there, and I was able to get my copy of *Mary's Monster* signed too. AND Julie Berry liked the cookies I made for the event enough to post about them specifically. Winning! It truly was a lovely day.



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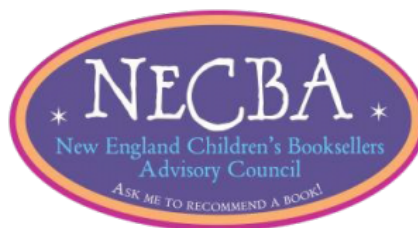
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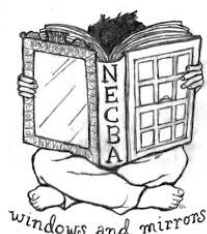
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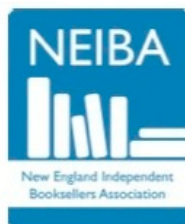
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Marlon James, Riverhead Books, \$30, 9780735220171
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Alex Michaelides, Celadon Books, \$26.99, 9781250301697
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Donna Leon, Atlantic Monthly Press, \$26, 9780802129116
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Mary Oliver, Penguin Press, \$30, 9780399563249

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3. Say Nothing
Patrick Radden Keefe, Doubleday, \$28.95, 9780385521314
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Robert A. Caro, Knopf, \$25, 9780525656340
5. Women Rowing North
Mary Pipher, Bloomsbury, \$27, 9781632869609
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Oprah Winfrey, Flatiron Books, \$27.99, 9781250307507
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Heather Morris, Harper, \$16.99, 9780062797155
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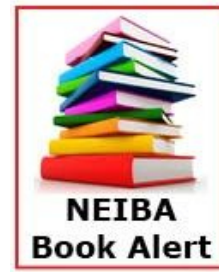
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