Notes from the NEIBA Advisory Council

*What I Do on My Summer Vacations*

By Katie McGarry, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Like all of us, I love summer! Long days of sunshine, ice cream and uninterrupted reading! I spend my weekends on Long Island, Maine. Long Island is 6 miles from Portland and accessible only by ferry, water taxi or private boat. It is one of 15 islands off the Maine coast with established year round communities. It became a town in 1993 and now has a population of 230 people in the winter (with about 500 summer residents). At 3 miles long and 1 mile wide, it has 2 stores, 2 churches, a gift shop, post office, a K-5 school, beautiful beaches and the best part... a library!!!

As early as 1931, an effort was underway to start a lending library in a private home in the 1970s and 80s. In 1988 the Long Island Civic Association got a grant from the city of Portland for $2,700 to start a library at the Long Island Learning Center and that is where it is today.

The library is open for at least 2 hours a day 7 days a week and is staffed entirely by volunteers. Guess who works every third Sunday from 11:30-1:30? Mmmm, that's right. Me! The library does all of it’s own fundraising by holding a book and art sale every other year called Art and Soul, last year was the most successful ever as the library raised
over $12,000! The money goes for new books. Half of the library is devoted to children’s books because it’s part of the school and on Friday mornings during the school year, the K-2 students have story hour while grades 3-5 have a library skills class.

On Fridays in the summer there is Story Hour and often special guests stop by as many Maine authors and illustrators love to visit the island library. If you would like to visit the island library, hop on a Casco Bay Ferry and let me know what time to pick you up!

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**Vote for the New England Book Awards**

The short list is out! Now, it’s time for NEIBA member booksellers to VOTE! All booksellers at NEIBA member bookstore are encouraged to vote. One ballot per bookseller. Please share the ballot link (below) widely.

**CLICK HERE TO CAST YOUR BALLOT.**

**NEW DEADLINE: THURSDAY, AUGUST 8!**

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**Action Items for August**

- **Advance Ticket Sales for the NECBA Meeting** due August 2*
- **Fall 2019 Trade Show Exhibitor Registration** due August 5
- **2019 New England Book Award Ballots** due August 8*
- **Bookstore Holiday Catalog Order Forms** due August 9
- **NEIBA Membership Enrollment & Renewal** — ASAP!

* Amended Due Date

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**NEIBA Bookseller a Star Watch 2019 Honoree**

"For the fifth year in a row, PW Star Watch has identified a new swath of innovators and motivators within the publishing and bookselling communities," said Jim Milliot, editorial director of *Publishers Weekly*...

This year’s list of honorees includes Nicole Brinkley of *Oblong Books and Music*!

The 50 Honorees will be narrowed to a Top 5 select group who stood out among...
Ink Fish Books named Best of Rhode Island

In an Instagram video last week, NEIBA member Ink Fish Books (Warren, RI) revealed they have been named a "Best of Rhode Island" winner by Rhode Island Monthly. In the caption, Ink Fish wrote: "So proud and appreciative of this honor!!!! We are among so many other incredible businesses right here in Warren and throughout the area!" The August issue of Rhode Island Monthly listing all winners is on stands now.

The Norwich Bookstore celebrates 25 years!

You are invited to attend the Norwich Bookstore's 25th birthday celebration this Saturday, August 3 in Norwich, VT!

Events for the day include a storewide sale from 9 AM - 6 PM (20% off for community appreciation!) as well as a book signing with author/illustrator Jason Chin from 10 AM - noon.

Enjoy refreshments, special sales, other prizes, and more!

Additional details can be found in the full announcement, here.

Per the NEIBA Exchange, the Norwich Bookstore is looking for a new owner to see it through the next 25 years! If interested, contact Liza Bernard at liza@norwichbookstore.com.

Submit Titles to NECBA's Windows & Mirrors List

The NECBA Windows and Mirrors committee, taking a broad view of diversity, seeks to draw on the expertise of

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the New England bookselling community in curating a yearly list of diverse titles that demonstrate strong representation of marginalized identities as well as great literary merit.

If you have titles you'd like to submit, please use the Google Form here!

View this year's Edelweiss collection here. Read booksellers' passionate blurbs here.

Join us for a NECBA Meeting & Bookstore Reception!

Thursday, August 8 in Portland, ME

Education will take place 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM at the Indigo Arts Alliance, followed by a 4:00 PM reception featuring local authors (including Melissa Sweet!) at Print: A Bookstore.

Click here to view a full agenda and purchase tickets!

Need Office Organizing Supplies? NEIBA has you covered!

Does your store need file folders, hanging file folders, file organizers, or 3-ring binders (all sizes)? If so, the NEIBA office has plenty to share!

E-mail Ali@NEBA.org to coordinate or inquire.

Wholesaler Information & Resources

Social Media Spotlight

Yankee Bookshop
@yankeebookshop: Wow, what a weekend! Huge thanks are due to all of the volunteers who help make Bookstock possible, to the 40 authors & poets who graced our town with readings & conversations, and to all of you who attended this year’s event. 2019 was one for the books! (Yes, were so tired we’ve resorted to book puns. It’s okay, I promise.)

Want to be featured? Use #NEIBA in social media posts (or tag @neibabooks) so we can see & share your photos!

## NEIBA Best Sellers
for the week ended **Sunday July 28, 2019**

Based on reporting from the independent booksellers of NEIBA and IndieBound

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. Where the Crawdads Sing  
   Delia Owens, Putnam, $26, 9780735219090  
2. The Nickel Boys  
   Colson Whitehead, Doubleday, $24.95, 9780385537070  
3. On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous  
   Ocean Vuong, Penguin Press, $26, 9780525562023  
4. Summer of '69  
   Elin Hilderbrand, Little Brown, $28, 9780316420013
5. City of Girls
Elizabeth Gilbert, Riverhead Books, $28, 9781594634734
6. The New Girl
Daniel Silva, Harper, $28.99, 9780062834836
7. The Guest Book
Sarah Blake, Flatiron Books, $27.99, 9781250110251
8. Normal People
Sally Rooney, Hogarth, $26, 9781984822178
9. Mrs. Everything New!
Jennifer Weiner, Atria, $28, 9781501133480
10. Circe
Madeline Miller, Little Brown, $27, 9780316556347
11. Fleishman Is in Trouble
Taffy Brodesser-Akner, Random House, $27, 9780525510871
12. Evvie Drake Starts Over New!
Linda Holmes, Ballantine, $26, 9780525619246
13. Knife
Jo Nesbø, Knopf, $27.95, 9780525655398
14. Ask Again, Yes
Mary Beth Keane, Scribner, $27, 9781982106980
15. The Most Fun We Ever Had
Claire Lombardo, Doubleday, $28.95, 9780385544252

**HARDCOVER NONFICTION**
1. Educated
Tara Westover, Random House, $28, 9780399590504
2. Three Women
Lisa Taddeo, Avid Reader Press/S&S, $27, 9781451642292
3. The Pioneers
David McCullough, S&S, $30, 9781501168680
4. Becoming
Michelle Obama, Crown, $32.50, 9781524763138
5. The British Are Coming
Rick Atkinson, Holt, $40, 9781627790437
6. The Second Mountain
David Brooks, Random House, $28, 9780812993264
7. Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat
Samin Nosrat, Wendy MacNaughton (Illus.), S&S, $35, 9781476753836
8. Spying on the South
Tony Horwitz, Penguin Press, $30, 9781101980286
9. American Carnage
Tim Alberta, Harper, $29.99, 9780062896445
10. The Subtle Art of Not Giving A F*ck New!
Mark Manson, Harper, $24.99, 9780062457714
11. Stay Sexy & Don't Get Murdered New!
Karen Kilgariff, Georgia Hardstark, Forge, $24.99, 9781250178954
12. Say Nothing
Patrick Radden Keefe, Doubleday, $28.95, 9780385521314
13. A Woman of No Importance New!
Sonia Purnell, Viking, $28, 9780735225299
14. These Truths New!
Jill Lepore, Norton, $39.95, 9780393635249
15. The Hidden Life of Trees New!
Peter Wohlleben, Greystone Books, $24.95, 9781771642484
TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION
1. Little Fires Everywhere
Celeste Ng, Penguin, $17, 9780735224315
2. The Overstory
Richard Powers, Norton, $18.95, 9780393356687
3. A Gentleman in Moscow
Amor Towles, Penguin, $17, 9780143110439
4. The Tattooist of Auschwitz
Heather Morris, Harper, $16.99, 9780062797155
5. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine
Gail Honeyman, Penguin, $16, 9780735220690
6. Before We Were Yours
Lisa Wingate, Ballantine, $17, 9780425284704
7. There There
Tommy Orange, Vintage, $16, 9780525436140
8. The Woman in the Window
A.J. Finn, Morrow, $16.99, 9780062678423
9. Washington Black
Esi Edugyan, Vintage, $16.95, 9780525563242
10. The Great Believers
Rebecca Makkai, Penguin, $16, 9780735223530
11. My Year of Rest and Relaxation
Ottessa Moshfegh, Penguin, $16, 9780525522133
12. Conversations with Friends
Sally Rooney, Hogarth, $17, 9780451499066
13. The Immortalists New!
Chloe Benjamin, Putnam, $16, 9780735215092
14. All the Light We Cannot See
Anthony Doerr, Scribner, $17, 9781501173219
15. The Bookish Life of Nina Hill
Abbi Waxman, Berkley, $16, 9780451491879

TRADE PAPERBACK NONFICTION
1. The Mueller Report
The Washington Post, Scribner, $15, 9781982129736
2. Born a Crime
Trevor Noah, Spiegel & Grau, $18, 9780399588198
3. Sapiens
Yuval Noah Harari, Harper Perennial, $22.99, 9780062316110
4. Calypso
David Sedaris, Back Bay, $17.99, 9780316392426
5. White Fragility
Robin DiAngelo, Beacon Press, $16, 9780807047415
6. In the Hurricane's Eye
Nathaniel Philbrick, Penguin, $18, 9780143111450
7. How to Change Your Mind
Michael Pollan, Penguin, $18, 9780735224155
8. Killers of the Flower Moon
David Grann, Vintage, $16.95, 9780307742483
9. The Soul of America New!
Jon Meacham, Random House, $20, 9780399589829
10. Braiding Sweetgrass New!
Robin Wall Kimmerer, Milkweed Editions, $18, 9781571313560
11. You Are a Badass \textbf{New!}
Jen Sincero, Running Press, $16, 9780762447695
12. Tell Me More: Stories About the 12 Hardest Things I'm Learning to Say \textbf{New!}
Kelly Corrigan, Random House Trade Paperbacks, $16, 9780399588396
13. Indianapolis \textbf{New!}
Lynn Vincent, Sara Vladic, S&S, $18, 9781501135958
14. The Soul of an Octopus
Sy Montgomery, Atria, $16, 9781451697728
15. Small Fry
Lisa Brennan-Jobs, Grove Press, $16, 9780802147219

\textbf{MASS MARKET}
1. Good Omens
2. The Mueller Report
3. Dune
Frank Herbert, Ace, $9.99, 9780441172719
4. The Reckoning \textbf{New!}
John Grisham, Dell, $9.99, 9780525620938
5. 1984
George Orwell, Signet, $9.99, 9780451524935
6. A Clash of Kings \textbf{New!}
George R.R. Martin, Bantam, $9.99, 9780345535429
7. Outlander
Diana Gabaldon, Dell, $9.99, 9780553393699
8. A Game of Thrones
George R.R. Martin, Bantam, $9.99, 9780553593716
9. The Diary of a Young Girl
Anne Frank, Bantam, $7.99, 9780553577129
10. The Catcher in the Rye
J.D. Salinger, Little Brown, $8.99, 9780316769488

\textbf{CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED}
1. The Pigeon HAS to Go to School!
Mo Willems, Hyperion Books for Children, $16.99, 9781368046459
2. Make Way for Ducklings
Robert McCloskey, Puffin, $7.99, 9780140564341
3. Goodnight Moon
Margaret Wise Brown, Clement Hurd (Illus.), Harper, $8.99, 9780694003617
Martin Handford, Candlewick, $7.99, 9780763695798
5. The Very Hungry Caterpillar \textbf{New!}
Eric Carle, Putnam, $10.99, 9780399226908
6. Blueberries for Sal
Robert McCloskey, Puffin, $7.99, 9780140501698
7. Hello Lighthouse
Sophie Blackall, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, $18.99, 9780316362382
8. Dragons Love Tacos \textbf{New!}
Adam Rubin, Daniel Salmieri (Illus.), Dial, $16.99, 9780803736801
9. Where the Wild Things Are
Maurice Sendak, Harper, $18.95, 9780060254926
10. We Don't Eat Our Classmates \textbf{New!}
Ryan T. Higgins, Disney/Hyperion, $17.99, 9781368003551
CHILDREN'S INTEREST
1. Diary of an Awesome Friendly Kid: Rowley Jefferson's Journal
   Jeff Kinney, Abrams, $13.99, 9781419740275
2. The Hate U Give
   Angie Thomas, Balzer + Bray, $18.99, 9780062871350
3. The Unofficial Ultimate Harry Potter Spellbook New!
   Media Lab Books, $14.99, 9781948174244
4. New Kid
   Jerry Craft, Harper, $12.99, 9780062691194
5. Turtles All the Way Down
   John Green, Penguin, $14.99, 9780525555377
6. Wilder Girls
   Rory Power, Delacorte Press, $18.99, 9780525645580
7. On the Come Up New!
   Angie Thomas, Balzer + Bray, $18.99, 9780062498564
8. The Girl Who Drank the Moon
   Kelly Barnhill, Algonquin Young Readers, $9.95, 9781616207465
9. A Wolf Called Wander New!
   Rosanne Parry, Monica Armino (Illus.), Greenwillow Books, $16.99, 9780062895936
10. The Book Thief New!
    Markus Zusak, Knopf Books for Young Readers, $14.99, 9780385754729

CHILDREN'S SERIES TITLES
1. Just Jaime (Emmie & Friends)
   Terri Libenson, Balzer + Bray, $12.99, 9780062851062
2. Dog Man: Brawl of the Wild
   Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9781338236576
3. Dog Man New!
   Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545581608
4. Dog Man: Lord of the Fleas
   Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545935173
5. Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Meltdown
   Jeff Kinney, Abrams, $13.95, 9781419727436
6. Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone New!
   J.K. Rowling, Scholastic, $10.99, 9780590353427
7. Dog Man and Cat Kid New!
   Dav Pilkey, Graphix, $9.99, 9780545935180
8. The Lightning Thief (Percy Jackson and the Olympians, Book 1) New!
   Rick Riordan, Hyperion, $7.99, 9781423134947
   Neal Shusterman, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, $11.99, 9781442472433
10. The Hidden Oracle (The Trials of Apollo, Book 1) New!
    Rick Riordan, Hyperion, $9.99, 9781484746417