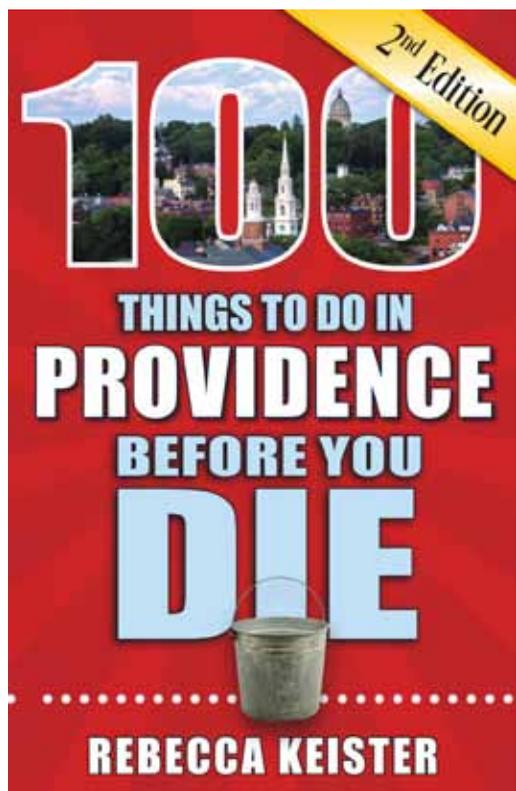




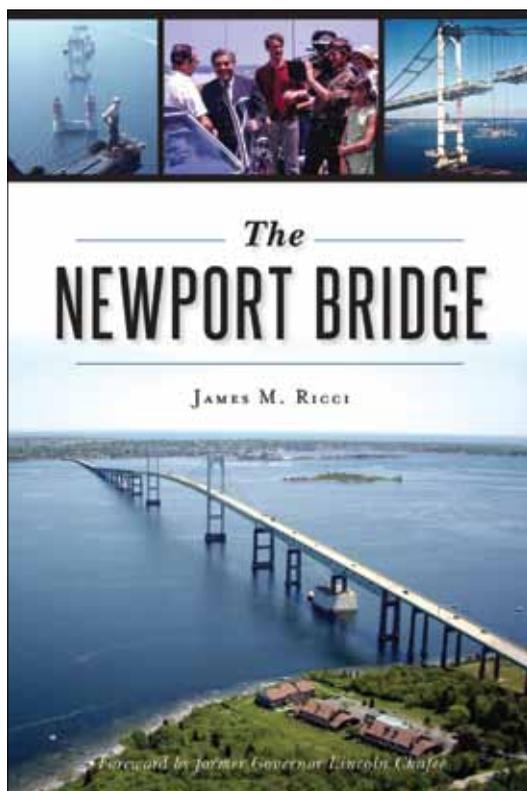
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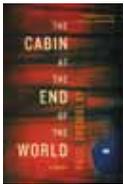


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STAFF PICKS



The Cabin at the End of the World

by Paul Tremblay

(William Morrow)

A little girl and her 2 fathers are staying at a cabin in the middle of nowhere, off the beaten track, minding their own business, when they are approached by 4 strangers with an awful choice they force on this family. What ensues is a journey you have to read to believe, but along the way, you're challenged as to who to believe and what to believe is really happening. Thankfully, author Tremblay doesn't make you wait long. What I can tell you is that whatever you thought about this book – you probably aren't even close. I know I wasn't. I was NOT expecting to cry, I was NOT expecting to be so engrossed that I would read the entire novel in one sitting. The journey these characters go through is raw and it's hard to read. It's not for the faint of heart, but it's not overly graphic, either. Many times during the course of reading this novel did I look up and think, "what in the actual hell am I reading?" If you're looking for a perplexing read that you'll race through to figure out, this is the novel for you.

- Sallie D. Mazzur



Tell the Machine Goodnight

by Katie Williams

(Riverhead Books)

In the not so distant future, "Happiness is Apricity". The Apricity machine is about the size of a deck of cards, and with a DNA cheek swab and a computer chip, it will recommend a contentment plan. The story is told from multiple viewpoints as each attempt to find happiness. Pearl, is an Apricity technician, one of the best, and she works with customers to apply the changes that the machine recommends. Pearl's teenage son, Rhett, is recovering from an eating disorder, and is estranged from his school friends. When the Apricity recommendations are altered with disastrous consequences, Rhett is enlisted to help his friend Saff sort through the damage. The cast of characters struggling with technology run amok include, Pearl's ex-husband, his new wife, and Pearl's boss. This is a clever, funny debut with complex characters, and the inevitable comparison to "Black Mirror".

- Susan Schlesinger



French Exit

by Patrick De Witt

(Ecco)

This one is a ride. You either take it or you don't. **French Exit** appears to be a grim, selfish story about a family of three. The third is a cat named Little Frank who Frances, doyenne mother of Malcom Price believes holds the spirit of the now dead husband and father, thus Little Frank. The man was a litigator of vicious reputation. The son is grown, at least in body. Somehow his widow managed to spend all the money he made. Now facing poverty they flee to Paris. There lives the one true friend of Frances who lets them stay at her lovely apartment. Patrick De Witt has a hilariously dark sense of humor that follows the bizarre attempts of Frances to burn the fortune to the last sou. Only a fine author can bring such seemingly nasty people into a sympathetic if infuriating place through this short twisted tale. I took the ride and am glad that I did.

- Dora Truong



This Body's Not Big Enough for Both of Us

by Edgar Cantero

(Doubleday)

From the author of **Meddling Kids** comes a quirky take on the hard-boiled detective novel and sibling rivalry. Adrian and Zooney Kimrean are not your typical private investigators. Adrian is a cold, calculating genius with a photographic memory, something he tends to rub in everybody's face. Zooney is a wild, impulsive sex addict who will drink, smoke or snort any substance she can get her hands on. You may wonder how this brother and sister team can work together. The thing is... they have no choice. The Kimreans are the world's first pair of "perfect" chimeric twins: sibling who share the same body but occupy different hemispheres of the brain. Called in by a detective who's experienced their extraordinary talents first-hand, Adrian and Zooney must help the San Francisco police department solve the murder of a mafia don's son before a gang war breaks out and threatens the life of a man they have on the inside. If you want to experience a uniquely different detective novel that doesn't have any qualms about poking fun at the mystery genre, check this book out!

- Matt Kandarian

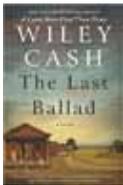
SHELF TALKERS

The dog days of summer are winding down, but we still have plenty of sultry beach days ahead! So grab a swimsuit, flip-flops, and a tote bag full of books! We've compiled a bevy of books that were favorites in 2017, and are now in paperback, ready to hit the beach.



The Essex Serpent by Sarah Perry is set in 19th Century England. Cora is a woman about to discover true independence of mind, spirit, and body for the first time. Perry's writing smacks of Jane Austen, but a darker layer is also present for those who enjoy gothic fiction.

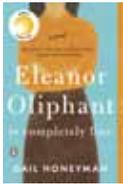
Wiley Cash breathes life into a fictionalized account of the very real Ella May Wiggins, who fought for social and racial justice in the early 20th century in **The Last Ballad**. This is an enthralling story of struggle, courage, injustice, and hope.



If literary fiction is more your thing, **Less** by Andrew Sean Greer and **Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine** by Gail Honeyman are both beautifully written, charming, and fun.



Arthur Less is a failed novelist, turning 50, and his boyfriend is engaged to someone else. In order to avoid the celebration, Less accepts every invitation to literary events abroad. What follows is a madcap, witty adventure with an American abroad.



Eleanor Oliphant is quirky, socially awkward, and spends her weekends alone, chatting with her mum on the phone. Then Eleanor meets Raymond, and when together they save the elderly Sammy from a fall, everything changes for the three of them.

Fans of horror and sci-fi will enjoy **Strange Weather** by Joe Hill and **Meddling Kids** by Edgar Cantero.

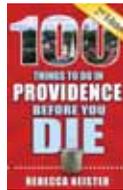


Strange Weather, a short novel collection from Joe Hill runs the gamut in these four pieces: from playful sci-fi to the horror of the mundane to disturbing social commentary.

Fans of Scooby Doo will enjoy the humorous tale of horror, **Meddling Kids**. The kids are older, they've come together to solve the mystery of what actually happened at Sleepy Lake that drove them apart. With a nod to Lovecraft, this is a fun read for horror and humor lovers alike!



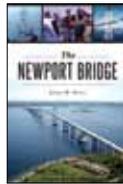
AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday, August 18 at 4pm
Rebecca Keister, **100 Things to Do in Providence Before You Die: 2nd Edition**

This second edition of **100 Things to Do in Providence Before You Die** is the guide to introduce you to all of it, whether you're looking for the perfect romantic weekend, a family trip to make lifetime memories, or a place to get away from it all with your best friends. And, if you're a Rhode Islander, you'll want to make this book your ultimate Providence bucket list. Inside these pages is all you need to know to make your time in Providence the time of your life.

Rebecca Keister lives and writes in Providence. A communications professional, she has covered the city's tourism and hospitality industries for The Providence Business News and has written for other regional publications including The Sun Chronicle Newspaper. A wine and theatre enthusiast, she loves exploring the city with her family and friends.



Friday, August 24 at 7pm
James M. Ricci,
The Newport Bridge

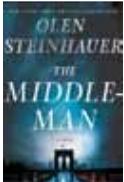
Newport is a premier destination, but getting to the city has not always been easy. For three centuries, ferries crossed Narragansett Bay's East Passage. That all changed on June 28, 1969, the day the Newport Bridge opened, and it closed the last remaining gap between Aquidneck and Conanicut Islands. Proponents of the bridge persevered political squabbles and delays for twenty-five years following World War II to make it a reality. The longest suspension bridge in the region incorporated several new technologies and construction techniques and changed the face of Rhode Island. Author James Ricci details the trials and tribulations that produced an iconic bridge.

James M. Ricci is a native of Rhode Island and grew up in Barrington. He holds a doctorate degree from Salve Regina University in Newport, where he explored that city's efforts to reinvent itself from a sailor town to a tourist center following World War II. This led to a particular interest in the quarter-century struggle to build the Newport Bridge. He has published articles on bungalow architecture and the Florida Land Boom of the 1920s.



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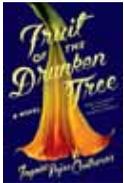


The Middleman by Olen Steinhauer (Minotaur Books)

"Two modern-day revolutionaries, one violent and one not, band together to get their message out to the masses. Violence explodes, and the movement is destroyed. Or is it? Two FBI

agents who are in the middle of everything — one in seclusion in the mountains and the other just barely having escaped an assassination attempt — must unite to find the real answers to this international conspiracy. With a subtle nod to 1992's Sneakers, Olen Steinhauer crafts a fast-moving tale of intrigue that has echoes of today's politics."

- Cary Shapiro, Plot Twist Bookstore, Ankeny, IA



Fruit of the Drunken Tree by Ingrid Rojas Contreras (Doubleday)

"**Fruit of the Drunken Tree** made me cry at the airport. I was impressed by the small kingdom of women Contreras builds, with violence always threatening to creep in, all seen through the eyes

of Chula, the youngest daughter. Contreras made her perspective believably cloistered while masterfully writing all the people around Chula in ways that made them feel real. Also masterful was the way Contreras used Petrona's narrative throughout and the restraint she showed in dipping into her thoughts; she always left me wanting more. What Contreras chooses not to write has as big an effect as what she does. This novel is a dynamic exploration of what is known and, sometimes willfully, what is left unknown."

- Lillian Li, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI

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- 9/4 @ 7pm **Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots**, Jessica Soffer
- 10/1 @ 7pm **The Book Smugglers**, David Fishman

QUEER BOOK CLUB

- 8/15 @ 7pm **Mahu: A Hawaiian Mystery**, Neil S. Plakcy
- Garden District Gothic**, Greg Herren
- 9/19 @ 7pm **Whipping Girl**, Julia Serano
- 10/17 @ 7pm **The Gay Revolution**, Lillian Faderman

THE YOUNG ADULT LITCLUB

- 8/20 @ 7pm **Emergency Contact**, Mary HK Choi
- 9/17 @ 7pm **My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry**, Fredrick Bachman
- 10/15 @ 7pm **An Enchantment of Ravens**, Margaret Rogerson

KIDS' STORY HOURS

ON HIATUS THIS MONTH

Please Note: *Sometimes our story times are cancelled due to sickness or inclement weather. You're welcome to give us a call around 10am to find out if our story hours are still taking place.*