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“When you hear of Gay Pride, remember, it was not born out of a need to celebrate being gay. It evolved out of our need as human beings to break free of oppression and to exist without being criminalized, pathologized or persecuted.”

Anthony Venn-Brown, *A Life of Unlearning - a journey to find the truth*

**RHODE ISLAND
LGBTQ PRIDE
CELEBRATION**

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Voted One of the 50 Best Indie Bookstores In America by the Huffington Post

STAFF PICKS



Margaret and the Moon

by Dean Robbins, illus. by Lucy Knisley
(Knopf Books for Young Readers)

With more and more recognition being given to often forgotten linchpins of major historical events, this charming picture book details the key role that computer programmer Margaret Hamilton had in perhaps the single largest cultural event of the past fifty years, the Apollo 11 Moon Landing. It shows how Hamilton's childhood curiosity into how things worked translated into her adulthood job of programming software for various NASA missions, including the Moon Landing. Complimented by Knisley's simple but warm illustrations, with an afterword detailing how Hamilton was honored by NASA, and what her life was after she left NASA, this is a timely, uplifting book about the importance of curiosity and how pursuit of interest can lead you to have unexpected influences on history.

- Andrew Devrell



The Radium Girls

by Kate Moore
(Sourcebooks)

Kate Moore discovered the "radium girls" while directing a play in London by Melanie Marnich, *These Shining Lives*. The play was based on true events, and as Moore researched the story of these lives, she realized that they had never been given the justice they deserved. Upon the discovery of radium, young women were hired to paint watch faces in radium factories, assured of not only the safety, but also the benefits of this new wonder. **The Radium Girls** is a compelling page turner that reads like a novel. The strength of these young women, as they literally fight for their lives in the early 1900s, is inspiring, and heart-breaking. From *The London Theatre Review*: "bitterness turns to anger as you begin to realize how little value corporations, back then and now, placed on the lives of their workers and the public". For those who liked **The Secret Life of Henrietta Lacks** and **Hidden Figures**, **The Radium Girls**, is another story of the forgotten sacrifices made by women that ultimately changed lives.

- Susan Schlesinger

SHELF TALKERS

Celebrate Pride at Books on the Square

June is Pride Month and Books on the Square is highlighting books by and about the LGBTQ+ community, both new releases and old favorites. Check out our Gender and Sexuality section, but for a few suggestions in the meantime:



Tranny is the intimate memoir that gives us a look at the life of Tom Gabel as founder of one of punk's most influential bands, Against Me! As the band's struggles with militant punks, fans, lawyers, and rioting turmoil were documented in public, Tom Gabel's struggle with identity was documented in the journal the rocker kept. In May of 2012, Tom Gabel came out as trans, now living as Laura Jane Grace.



Dispatches from Lesbian America was edited by Xequina Maria Berber and includes short stories and memoirs from Lesbian writers of all walks of life. Sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes funny, always beautiful.



Love is Love is the graphic collaboration to benefit the survivors of the Orlando Pulse Shooting. Dozens of artists and writers got together to create a beautiful act of protest. The range and depth of this so broad, it's impossible to summarize, but no matter which writer or artist you're looking at, it's stunning.



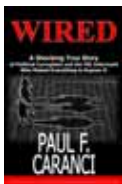
LGBTQ Stats, by David Deschamps and Bennett Singer, compiles statistics of all sorts. If you ever wondered what percentage of Americans were LGBTQ+ or sexuality organized by location or age, this is the book to check first. An excellent reference point for examining the shape and breadth of the queer community.



Young Adult fiction has seen an absolute explosion of LGBTQ+ titles and it's a wonderful thing. A genre that, for a long time, has seen little representation for queer teens is now the place to look for pride titles. Some of those include Ellen Hopkins' **The You I've Never Known**, Shaun David's **At The Edge of The Universe**, Julie Murphy's **Ramona Blue**, Robin Talley's **Our Own Private Universe**, and Benjamin Alire Saenz's **The Inexplicable Logic of Life**, just to name a few.



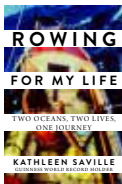
AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Friday, June 9 at 7pm
Paul F. Caranci, **WIRED**

It was an explosive case of political corruption that rocked a small town, an entire state and drew headlines across the nation. Three sitting councilmen had been arrested and accused of executing a scheme to extort bribes. And once the dust settled, as many as ten officials were caught up in a scandal that swirled around nearly everyone in the suburban New England town that some called, “the most corrupt town in America.” Yet had it not been for one man who worked undercover with the FBI for seventeen months – a career politician with thirty years’ experience railing against corruption – the scheme may never have been revealed. In *WIRED*, the author shares his own harrowing personal account of how he gambled his thirty-year political career, his reputation, and his family’s safety in his quest to restore good, honest government to a community that needed it most.

Paul Caranci is a native Rhode Islander who served on the North Providence Town Council for over 16 years. After stumbling upon a corruption ring that permeated the council, Caranci worked undercover for 17 months with the FBI to expose the plot and end the nefarious activity.



Saturday, June 10 at 4pm
Kathleen Saville, **Rowing for My Life**

Just out of college, newly wed, and set up with her husband Curt in a small town in New York, Kathleen Saville quickly realized that an ordinary life working for a better used car and a home with a mortgage would never satisfy her thirst for freedom and adventure. The year before, she and Curt had retraced Henry David Thoreau’s canoe journey through the Maine Woods, and both were veteran rowers. Inspired, she suggested that they row across the Atlantic Ocean. They set out from Morocco and, tested by adverse currents, gales, and their own inexperience, accomplished the near impossible. Three years later, while they attempted to row across the Pacific, Curt was washed overboard and lost their sextant—their only means of navigation. Cinematic, suspenseful, heartbreaking, and ultimately triumphant, her story of an unraveling marriage is also the account of finding her true self amid the life-and-death challenges at sea.

Kathleen Saville holds two Guinness world records, as the first woman to row across the North Atlantic and across two oceans. She teaches at the American University in Cairo, travels widely, publishes articles, and blogs about her adventures.



Thursday, June 22 at 7pm
Seth Price, **The Road to Recognition**

Every professional owns a personal brand. Those aiming to accelerate their success need to take ownership of it and earn recognition as an expert in their field. There’s no simple shortcut to achieving personal brand success. However, in *The Road to Recognition*, authors Seth Price and Barr Feldman have delivered a remarkably useful roadmap. In the book’s foreword, best-selling author Jay Baer writes, “*The Road to Recognition* is not a sermon, treatise, manifesto, or proclamation. The 26 chapters contained within veer far from the theoretical approach of most business books. These chapters explain, in simple terms, the specific things you need to do develop your personal brand.” *The Road to Recognition* is for entrepreneurs, business leaders, aspiring professionals, marketers and second careerists. It’s a book for professionals who want to rev-up their career by taking action.

Seth Price is a marketer, motivator, executive and entrepreneur. Having consulted for more than 300 companies, Seth is recognized as a business builder and digital marketing specialist. Seth’s currently a VP at Placester, home of the Real Estate Marketing Academy, a top educational resource for real estate professionals.



Friday, June 23 at 7pm
Keri King, **Spectacles and Spectators**
With Piano accompaniment by musician/storyteller **Keith Munslow**

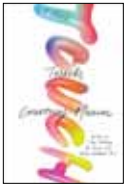
Cross-disciplinary artist, Keri King will perform a multi-sensory reading from her work, *Spectacles & Spectators*. A picture book for grown-ups, this book follows a cast of fashionably dressed animals through a madcap tale of art and crime in high society. With piano accompaniment provided by musician/storyteller, Keith Munslow, this event promises laughs, immersive storytelling and fun!

Keri King is a cross-disciplinary artist, based in Providence, RI. She received her BEA in Illustration with a Concentration in Creative Writing from the Rhode Island School of Design in 2005. Keri currently teaches integrated arts to students at the Wolf School, a K-8 private special education school located in East Providence, RI.



INDIE NEXT LIST

See what independent booksellers around the country are reading. Here are a few selections from the most recent Indie Bound Next List. These are all highly recommended and available now at Books on the Square.

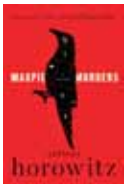


Touch
by Courtney Maum
(G.P. Putnam's Sons)

"Sloane is a strong, independent businesswoman working as a trend forecaster. While at an innovative company,

Sloane finds that the very technology that is supposed to connect people to one another is actually tearing them apart. The entire story is both hilarious and slightly terrifying as it tells of a future where we outsource intimacy to strangers and lead very isolated lives. **Touch** is a warning about what can happen if we become too attached to the technology in our lives and a great reminder to put the phone down and connect with others in person."

- Kristen Beverly, Half Price Books, Dallas, TX



Magpie Murders
by Anthony Horowitz
(Harper)

"Who better than the talented Anthony Horowitz to create this marvelous mystery within a mystery. Yes, we're treated to

two mysteries for the price of one: One set in a peaceful village in England during the 1950s with the one and only Detective Atticus Pund taking the case, and the other set in contemporary times with a book editor who becomes an amateur sleuth. Horowitz pays tribute to the golden age of British crime with references to mysteries created by the likes of Dorothy Sayers and Agatha Christie. How many hidden gems can you come up with? A perfect book to read in a cushy chair with a cup of tea (hot or iced)."

- Ken Favell, Books & Company, Oconomowoc, WI

BOOK CLUBS & DISCUSSION GROUPS

Book clubs and discussion groups are free and open to the public. Monthly book club selections will be discounted 10%.

HADASSAH BOOK CLUB

6/5 @ 7pm **Margot**, Jillian Cantor

7/10 @ 7pm **Petropolis**, Anya Ulinich

QUEER BOOK CLUB

6/21 @ 7pm **The Cosmopolitans**, Sarah Schulman

7/19 @ 7pm **The Song of Achilles**, Madeline Miller

WATERMAN STREET DOG PARK MEETING

5/9 @ 7pm & 6/13 @ 7pm

KIDS' STORY HOURS

Mon., Babies 10:30-11:00

Sat., All Kids 11:00-11:30

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.*

Special Storytime in the Park. Sunday, June 4 @ 2:30

The Blackstone Park Conservancy is having a celebration of the Blackstone Park! Join our own Chris Byrnes for a storytime at 2:30.

For details, please visit
blackstoneparksconservancy.org