

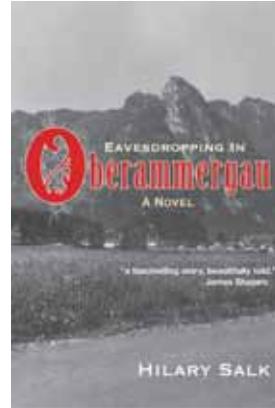
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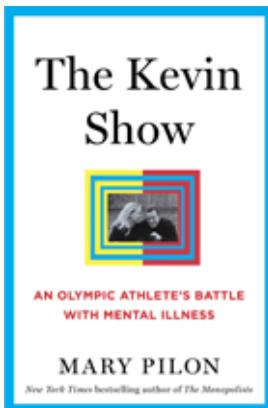
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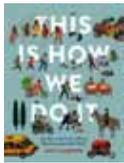


Thurs., March 22 at 7pm
Mary Pilon
with Kevin Hall



Sat., March 24 from 4–7pm
Carma Games

STAFF PICKS



This Is How We Do It

by Matt Lamothe

(Chronicle Books)

This delightfully colorful and informative picture book takes the reader inside the life of seven kids in different countries between the age of 7 and 11. We get to see illustrations of their families, their meals, their homes, their commutes, their schools, their experiences and the side by side comparisons really help illuminate how beautifully different and how familiar all of their lives are to each other. The cultures of each of these kids shine bright through the pages as we get a glimpse into their daily routines and learn 'how they do it'.

- Sallie D. Mazzur



Hello Door

by Alastair Heim

(little bee books)

With stylized illustrations, this funny book joins a fox as he sneaks into a town house.

He says hello to all the objects as he

rampages through the house and enjoys a snack, the art, the clothes, and jewels. On his way out, who does he encounter but the homeowner, THE BEARS?!? This is truly a fun read aloud, good for language ages 3-5.

- Robin Gross



The Flight Attendant

by Chris Bohjalian

(Doubleday)

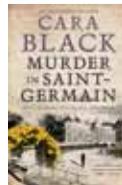
Cassandra "Cassie" Bowden is the flight attendant, and our unreliable narrator. She is an alcoholic that blacks out frequently, is fond of one night stands, and she's a petty thief.

She meets Alex Sokolov, a hedge fund manager, on a flight to Dubai and they plan a rendezvous at his hotel. They have dinner, and go to his room. They drink, have sex, and drink some more. At some point an associate of his, Miranda, joins them for more drinks. The next morning Cassie wakes up with a killer hangover, and discovers Alex next to her in bed, dead. She has gaps in her memory from the night before. She remembers Miranda leaving, and she remembers getting dressed to leave as well. What she doesn't remember is how she came to be back in the room, how Alex was killed, and who killed him. Being an American in Dubai with a dead body seems like a bad idea, so Cassie decides to cover her tracks and return on her scheduled flight to Paris, and then New York. But, the FBI is waiting to question the airline crew when they arrive, and Cassie's answers unravel quickly. Bohjalian creates complex characters and places them in an intricate plot that will leave you on the edge of your seat.

- Susan Schlesinger

SHELF TALKERS

Less recommendations than a literary travelogue, this column is inspired by the Anne Tyler quote, "I read so that I can live more than one life in more than one place." There can also be time travel involved when you open a book. With these thoughts in mind I describe some books that help you accomplish this amazing feat.



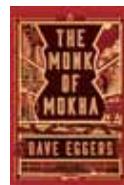
Starting with the fun stuff, try Cara Black. With over a dozen mysteries set in Paris you can immerse yourself in the city of light and literally track the detective Aimee Leduc with a map. Whether you start at the beginning with **Murder in the Marais** or the latest **Murder in the Saint Germain**, there will be a new one in June so you have another to anticipate.

For time travel there is **The Winter Station** by Jody Shields. It takes you to 1910 Manchuria where a plaque threatens Kharbin, then ruled by the Russians. The story has a basis in history so you could follow the thread into history if you are intrigued. Also new is **Munich** by Robert Harris which sets two spies in this German city during 1938 and the lead up to World War Two. Both books have been well received by critics.



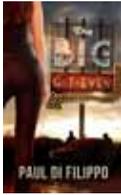
You don't even need to cross oceans or continents to get a sense of a different place. If you want a big commitment time-wise, there is a trilogy by Greg Iles that started with **Natchez Burning**, continued through **The Bone Tree** and ends with **Mississippi Blood**. These are thick books but by all accounts truly page turners. Stephen King said they were "extraordinarily entertaining" and "fiendishly suspenseful." He ought to know.

As for me, I'm happy to be in Boston with early Dennis Lehane or Miami and Cuba in recent Lehane. Further afield, I have got **The Monk of Mokha** by Dave Eggers. That is set in Yemen. Whatever you choose, Books on the Square will likely have it or be able to order it. Also you will be supporting that rare breed, an independent bookstore where you can talk books with people. Computers can't do that, not yet, anyway.



- Dora Truong

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



Saturday March 10 at 4pm

Paul Di Filippo

The Big Get-Even

A disbarred lawyer and an ex-arsonist find themselves organizing an elaborate real estate scam to take a shady, rich speculator for twenty million dollars. This cast of lively eccentrics discovers along the way that getting to the big payoff might be more scary fun than the money itself.

Paul Di Filippo sold his first story in 1977. Since then, he has written and published over two hundred more, as well as several novels, amounting to roughly thirty-five books. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island, with his partner, Deborah Newton.



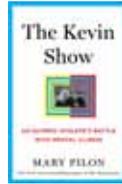
Sunday, March 18 at 4pm

Hilary Salk

Eavesdropping in Oberammergau

Eavesdropping in Oberammergau presents the lives of two families--a Jewish-American military family and a German family--plus a character derived from a true story who meet in Oberammergau, Germany, in the years immediately following World War II. The novel knits together the friendship between the families' eleven-year-old daughters, the eavesdropping Alison and Trudy, and Stefan Hirsch, the novel's hero. Oberammergau is no ordinary Bavarian village--it is the home of the world-famous Passion Play, drawing millions of visitors to view the drama of the last days of Jesus. Generations of the townspeople have been transforming themselves into the saints and villains of the Biblical story every ten years for four centuries.

*Hilary Salk is a graduate of Brown University and earned an MAT in English and an MSW from RI College. She has written two other novels (unpublished), has contributed to an early edition of **Our Bodies, Ourselves**, and has a short story published in *The Jewish Women's Literary Annual* 2011.*



Thursday March 22 at 7pm

Mary Pilon

with Kevin Hall

The Kevin Show: an Olympic Athlete's Battle with Mental Illness

You've heard of the Truman Show, but what about the Kevin Show? This is New York Times-bestselling author Mary Pilon's (*The Monopolists*) portrait of Olympic sailor Kevin Hall, and the psychiatric syndrome that makes him believe he stars in a television show of his life. Join Mary and Kevin Hall himself to celebrate the launch of this critically acclaimed, important new work.

*Mary Pilon is the author of the New York Times bestseller **The Monopolists**, the acclaimed history of the board game Monopoly. A regular contributor to *The New Yorker*, *Esquire*, *Fast Company*, *MSNBC*, *Vice*, and *Politico*, Pilon has also worked as a staff reporter at the *New York Times* and the *Wall Street Journal* and was a producer for *NBC Sports* at the 2016 Olympics. She lives in Brooklyn.*



Saturday, March 24 from 4-7pm

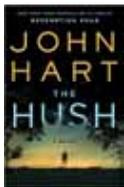
Tenzi Game Night

Drop in to sample a range of games from Carma Games that test luck, skill, and associative acuity. Tenzi, Slapzi, and possibly the company's newest game will be available to play. Meet some folks at the Bookstore for the other March Madness!



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.



The Hush

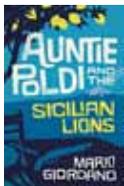
by **John Hart**

(St. Martin's Press)

"**The Hush**, set 10 years after **The Last Child**, explores what Johnny Merrimon has made of his life. Despite all the publicity around the events of his childhood, Johnny tries to keep a

low profile, staying hidden in the swamp of Hush Arbor, where he feels a connection to his land. The only person he wants to see is his childhood friend, Jack, who senses an evil presence in the swamp Johnny loves so much. When bodies start piling up on Johnny's land, the sheriff is convinced that Johnny had something to do with the deaths. Hart does not disappoint with his newest book, a story about friendship, family, and connection. His writing will draw you in from the first chapter, and you'll be hooked until the end."

- Melissa Oates, Fiction Addiction, Greenville, SC



Auntie Poldi and the Sicilian Lions

by **Mario Giordano, John Brownjohn** (Trans.)
(Houghton Mifflin Harcourt)

"Introducing Auntie Poldi, a sixtyish amateur sleuth who stars as the heroine of Giordano's new series of delicious mysteries. She's sexy, outrageous, can't mind her own business, and

has just retired to Sicily, where she intends to lay about and drink good wine for the rest of her days on the world's most fabulous island. Of course, things are soon stirred up by the murder of her hot young handyman, and Poldi becomes deeply involved. Great characters, fun plot, Italian charm — and what could be better reading for the chilly months than a novel set in sun-soaked Sicily? Don't miss what the Times Literary Supplement calls 'a masterful treat.'"

- Lisa Howorth, Square Books, Oxford, MS

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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

- 3/5 @ 7pm **American Pastoral**,
Philip Roth
To be held at the JCC
- 4/2 @ 7pm **The Family Carnovsky**,
Joshua Singer
- 5/7 @ 7pm **Heretics**,
Leonardo Padura

QUEER BOOK CLUB

- 3/21 @ 7pm **I'm Just a Person**,
Tig Notaro
- 4/18 @ 7pm **Another Country**,
James Baldwin
- 5/16 @ 7pm **Surpassing Certainty**,
Janet Mock

THE YOUNG ADULT LITCLUB

- 3/19 @ 7pm **The Cruel Prince**,
Holly Black
- 4/16 @ 7pm **Akata Witch**,
Nnedi Okorafor
- 5/21 @ 7pm **So You Want to Be a Wizard**,
Diane Duane

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.