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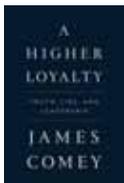
SEPTEMBER 23–29 IS THE 36TH ANNUAL BANNED BOOK WEEK



Join Books on the Square and organizations across the globe to celebrate our Freedom to Read and our right to tell stories! Help us and readers everywhere stand up to censorship by picking up a banned or challenged book to read.

This year's theme is: **Banning Books Silences Stories.** Stories shape our minds and our communities. Let's broaden both by reading the stories that others would hide away or suppress and help to give a voice back to those who have been silenced.

STAFF PICKS



A Higher Loyalty

by James Comey

(Flatiron Books)

Not knowing anything about James Comey except for his title of ex-Director of the FBI and his involvement in the recent election, after reading **A Higher Loyalty**, I have a better understanding of who he is as a person. I learned about his childhood issues and accomplishments, which shaped who he is as an adult and how he handled very intense and sensitive information and situations in his roles as a lawyer and the Director of the FBI Director. His writing was effortless and the narrative was easy to follow and understand. I enjoyed learning about his opinions on various issues over the course of his careers and how they differed from the perception that the media created about him. Much of what is discussed in the book is readily available due to the media's coverage, but it was refreshing to hear directly from the source about so many topics that you never truly get the full story. Regardless of your political standing, this book is informative, easy to read, and gives you a clear picture on one man's involved stance on current events that continue to shape our society today.

- Sallie D. Mazzur



The Masterpiece

by Fiona Davis

(Dutton)

Fiona Davis, author of **The Dollhouse** and **The Address**, weaves an intriguing story of love and art, lost and rediscovered. It is centered all within the walls of the historic New York Grand Central Terminal. Davis weaves the story of Clara Darden, an artist of the famed Grand Central School of Art in the late 1920's, and Virginia Clay, whose life is turned upside down in the 1970's as she struggles to make a new life for herself and her daughter Ruby. It's good to see strong women find their way back while uncovering secrets and intrigue with humor. A great read, especially for fans of historical fiction!

- Penny Fisher



Cherry

by Nico Walker

(Knopf)

Nico Walker served as a medic in Iraq. Upon returning home, he ultimately became a heroin addict and a bank robber. **Cherry** is his autobiographical debut novel. Our narrator meets Emily in college and falls in love, and then they both fall for ecstasy. When Emily is forced to return home, he drops out of school and joins the army. Serving as a medic in Iraq, he encounters the horrific realities of war, the death of friends, and the brutal acts of inhumanity that are a daily part of life. Returning home to Emily, he confronts the horror of PTSD, and the ravages of addiction that lead to crime. Walker's debut novel is raw, honest, and yes sometimes funny. Although it is not for the faint of heart, read a little further than you might, as this is an essential picture of war and America today. Fans of gonzo fiction, Hunter Thompson, and Denis Johnson will appreciate this radically honest debut.

- Susan Schlesinger

AUTHOR & SPECIAL EVENTS



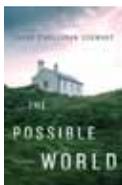
Saturday, September 8 at 7pm

Susan Mara Bregman,
New England Neon

The golden age of neon in New England lasted more than 30 years, from the dark days of the Great Depression through the go-go years of the 1960s, but its spectacular legacy remains—if you know where to look. With dozens of original color photographs and informative text, **New England Neon** takes armchair travelers—and nostalgia lovers—up and down the main streets and back roads of the region, from the shores of Lake Champlain to the tip of Cape Cod.

Susan Mara Bregman has an eye for the beauty in everyday objects. She began photographing old neon signs in the Boston metropolitan area in 2012 and quickly fell in love with these landmarks of light.

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Thursday, September 13 at 7pm

Liese O'Halloran Schwarz,

The Possible World

One night a six-year-old boy, Ben, is brought to an Emergency Department as the sole survivor of a brutal crime. When his doctor Lucy examines him, he remembers nothing — and insists on being called Leo. Lucy, who is grappling with upheavals of her own, feels compelled to try to help him — but will recovering his memory help him, or harm him further? Across town, Clare is about to turn 100 years old; after an unexpected encounter, she decides to share the lifetime of secrets she's been carrying. As the three tell their separate stories, it becomes clear how they are entwined.

*Liese O'Halloran Schwarz studied at Harvard University, then while attending medical school at University of Virginia, she published her first novel, **Near Canaan**. She trained in Emergency Medicine at Brown University and then practiced in Emergency Departments in New York City, Boston, and Worcester, as well as at the Rhode Island and Miriam Hospitals.*



Sunday, September 16 at 4pm

W. David Stephenson,

The Future is Smart

The Future Is Smart introduces business audiences and the general public to the transformative potential of the Internet of Things (IoT), the emerging combination of technologies that allow everyone who need real-time data about things -- from assembly lines to cows to the human body -- to make better decisions and do their jobs better to share that data instantly. IoT thought leader David Stephenson stresses critical issues that the IoT must address, especially privacy and security, to avoid a failure of public trust, and crucial attitude changes, such as sharing data rather than hoarding it, needed to realize the IoT's full benefits.

*W. David Stephenson, principal of Stephenson Strategies, Millis, MA, is an IoT consultant and thought leader. He created and co-directs the 3,000+ member Boston/New England IoT Meetup, writes a leading IoT blog, and has written two other books, **Data Dynamite** and **Smart Stuff**.*



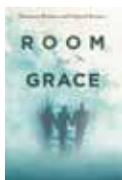
Thursday, September 20 at 7pm

Dan Hill, Ph.D.,

Famous Faces Decoded

Unless you've never been lied to in life, you know that words aren't enough in assessing people and situations. Vital to emotional intelligence is fluently reading the language of facial expressions. **Famous Faces Decoded** shows you that emotions are hidden in plain sight on all of our faces. You'll learn how emotions shape and reflect our personalities, driving behavior. There is no better, in-the-moment way to reliably grasp what's going on with those you love or work with. This book is fully of lively stories about stars you know, or think you know, from the realms of Hollywood, music, sports, and the media, to leading politicians and business people.

*Dan Hill, Ph.D., is the founder and president of Sensory Logic, Inc., which pioneered the use of facial coding in business beginning in 1998. As an expert facial coder, Dan is the recipient of seven U.S. patents related to advanced methods for the scoring and analysis of facial coding data. Among his five previous books is **Emotionomics**, chosen by *Advertising Age* as one of the top 10 must-read books of 2009*



Wednesday, October 3 at 7pm

Daniel Kenner, **Room for Grace**

Stage 4 cancer for her and a debilitating disease for her husband: life crashed down in an instant. Maureen Kenner found resilience, however, in the lessons she learned from her Special Ed students in Providence, RI. Her students lived with their hearts opened despite struggles of the highest magnitude. Through these students, Maureen gains courage, humor, and the strength of spirit to face her devastating realities, head on. Maureen's oral history was captured by her son Daniel who tenderly wrought this book out of their recorded conversations. Through anecdotes and hard-earned lessons, Maureen tackles challenge after challenge and reframes daily struggles with a positive outlook allowing her to transcend and conquer mortal fears with dignity and room for grace.

A proud member of Actor's Equity, SAG-AFTRA, and National Payers Tour 60, Daniel Kenner was a Presidential Arts Scholar at George Washington University and Scholarship recipient at The British American Drama Academy.



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.

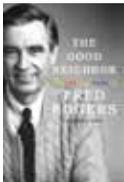


Lake Success by Gary Shteyngart (Random House)

"When Barry Cohen's marriage and hedge fund company begin to crumble, he hops a Greyhound bus to El Paso, hoping to find himself among the 'real Americans' of the

Trump era. Meanwhile, the wife he left behind struggles to build a solo life among the one percent. Together, their stories are a biting portrait of a country unimproved by the best of intentions. Equal parts **Sense and Sensibility**, **A Confederacy of Dunces**, and **Bonfire of the Vanities**, **Lake Success** is a wickedly funny satire and a rollicking good story for tough times."

- David Enyeart, Common Good Books, St. Paul, MN



The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers by Maxwell King (Abrams Press)

"A wonderful biography of an American icon who seemed too good to be true. And yet, believe it or not, he was an even better, more caring man than he portrayed on television. If you are a fan of Fred Rogers and want to understand what drove him to create Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood, this is an essential read. Learning more about Rogers' life through the words of his family and friends in this well-researched and comprehensive biography will give you even more reason to admire the man. And when's the last time a biography made you cry tears of joy?"

- Lillian Li, Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI

HOLD ON TO THOSE RECEIPTS!

In the months of January and July, bring in any of your old Books on the Square receipts and we will add them up and give you a store credit worth 10% of your purchases!

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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

9/4 @ 7pm **Tomorrow There Will Be Apricots**, Jessica Soffer

10/1 @ 7pm **The Book Smugglers**, David Fishman

11/5 @ 7pm **A Tale of Love and Darkness**, Amos Oz

QUEER BOOK CLUB

9/19 @ 7pm **Whipping Girl**, Julia Serano

10/17 @ 7pm **The Gay Revolution**, Lillian Faderman

11/21 @ 7pm **Logical Family**, Amistad Maupin

THE YOUNG ADULT LITCLUB

9/17 @ 7pm **My Grandmother Asked Me To Tell You She's Sorry**, Fredrick Bachman

10/15 @ 7pm **An Enchantment of Ravens**, Margaret Rogerson

11/12 @ 7pm **Children of Blood and Bone**, Tomi Adeyemi

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.