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July Greetings from **THE TOWN BOOK STORE**

**NEXT TO SUNSCREEN AND A BEACH TOWEL...
A GOOD BOOK IS A MUST HAVE FOR
A PERFECT SUMMER DAY!**

Whether you are heading to the Jersey shore, to the mountains, to the Cape or even just to the pool or a chair in your backyard now is the time to dig into a good book. The pace of life slows in the summer leaving you time to get some reading done. We have a table set up with the latest paperbacks and also one with more traditional "summer" fare.

While enjoying the lazy, hazy days of summer, keep in mind that we place orders a couple of times each week and are centrally located to 2 major book distributors so most special orders arrive within a day or so with no shipping charges! If you are feeling especially lazy, you can just call or send me an email about a book that you are interested in. If we don't have it in stock, we will call you when it arrives in the store. You don't even have to venture downtown until it is at the store waiting for you! If a trip downtown is still requires too much effort, you can order from us online. Go to our website at www.townbookstore.com and click the *Shop Online Button*. Doesn't get any easier than that!

We will be closed on Sundays starting July 3rd until September 11th.

Thank you for your loyalty and patronage,

Anne

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Enter our *Summer is Short...* *Read a Story Free Book Drawing*

Stop into the store and pick up a free copy (while supplies last) of Penguin's *What the World is Reading Samplers*.

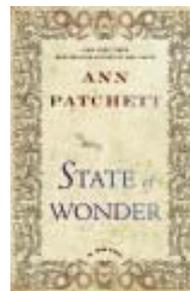
Enter a drawing to win a tote bag or one of four Penguin hot sellers.

Two books that I recently read and loved from the authors of *Bel Canto* and *Snowflower and the Secret Fan*.

Mention seeing this in the July newsletter and receive 10% off these titles

State of Wonder

by Ann Patchett



Dr. Marina Singh, a research scientist with a Minnesota pharmaceutical company, is sent to Brazil to track down her former mentor, Dr. Annick Swenson, who seems to have all but disappeared in the Amazon while working on what is destined to be an extremely valuable new drug, the development of which has already cost the company a fortune. Nothing about Marina's assignment is easy: not only does no one know where Dr. Swenson is, but the last person who was sent to find her, Marina's research partner Anders Eckman, died before he could complete his mission. Plagued by trepidation, Marina embarks on an odyssey into the insect-infested jungle in hopes of finding her former mentor as well as answers to several troubling questions about her friend's death, the state of her company's future, and her own past.

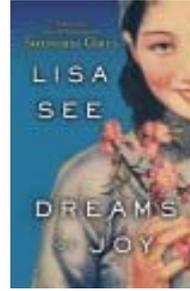
Once found, Dr. Swenson, now in her seventies, is as ruthless and uncompromising as she ever was back in the days of Grand Rounds at Johns Hopkins. With a combination of science and subterfuge, she dominates her research team and the natives she is studying with the force of an imperial ruler. But while she is as threatening as anything the jungle has to offer, the greatest sacrifices to be made are the ones Dr. Swenson asks of herself, and will ultimately ask of Marina, who finds she may still be unable to live up to her teacher's expectations.

In a narrative replete with poison arrows, devouring snakes, and a neighboring tribe of cannibals, *State of Wonder* is a world unto itself, where unlikely beauty stands beside unimaginable loss. It is a tale that

leads the reader into the very heart of darkness, and then shows us what lies on the other side.

Dreams of Joy

by Lisa See



Now, in her most powerful novel yet, See continues the story of sisters Pearl and May from *Shanghai Girls*, and Pearl's strong-willed nineteen-year-old daughter, Joy.

Reeling from newly uncovered family secrets, and anger at her mother and aunt for keeping them from her, Joy runs away to Shanghai in early 1957 to find her birth father—the artist Z.G. Li, with whom both May and Pearl were once in love. Dazzled by him, and blinded by idealism and defiance, Joy throws herself into the New Society of Red China, heedless of the dangers in the communist regime.

Devastated by Joy's flight and terrified for her safety, Pearl is determined to save her daughter, no matter the personal cost. From the crowded city to remote villages, Pearl confronts old demons and almost insurmountable challenges as she follows Joy, hoping for reconciliation. Yet even as Joy's and Pearl's separate journeys converge, one of the most tragic episodes in China's history threatens their very lives.

Acclaimed for her richly drawn characters and vivid storytelling, Lisa See once again renders a family challenged by tragedy and time, yet ultimately united by the resilience of love.

Anne's Hometown Quarterly Article and Recommendations

I write a regular column entitled "*Between the Pages*" for the *Hometown Quarterly*, a free magazine delivered quarterly to area homes and features "something local for everyone". My column this quarter featured books with the words: *mother*, *sister*, *wife* and *daughter* in their titles. Do you sense a theme?

[Click here](#) to read the article.

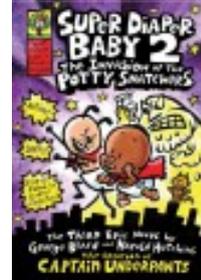
A Sampling of New Titles Out in July For Adults:

- *The Widower's Tale* by Julis Glass (paperback, 7/12 WONDERFUL!)
- *The Distant Hours* by Kate Morton (paperback, 7/12 ALSO A GREAT READ!)

- *Then Came You* by Jennifer Weiner (7/12)
- *The Cookbook Collector* by Allegra Goodman (paperback, 7/12)
- *Rich Boy* by Sharon Pomerantz (out now)
- *Work Song* by Ivan Doig (7/5)

[For Children and Young Adults:](#)

- *Super Diaper Baby 2: The Invasion of the Potty Snatchers* by Dav Pilkey (out now and long awaited!)
- *Middle School: The Worst Years of My Life* by James Patterson (out now)
- *Hero* by Mike Lupica (paperback 7/12)
- *Total Sports* by DK Publishing



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