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**November Greetings from  
The Town Book Store**



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**"Until I feared I would lose it, I never loved reading. One does not love breathing."  
Harper Lee, To Kill a Mockingbird - Voted America's Favorite Novel on The Great American Read.**

## November

I cannot believe that I am facing down my 12th holiday season at TBS! How is this even possible? The years are going by at a dizzying speed! I know as a customer all the focus on Christmas, even before Thanksgiving, can be irritating but when you own a little retail establishment you have to look ahead to the all important holiday gift giving season. The success of the holiday season is imperative to getting through the other, much slower, 10 months of the year. It is actually a matter of survival!



This time of year is exhilarating and exhausting for us at TBS. We work hard to make sure that we have a great selection of gift ideas in the store but of course, as you can imagine, it isn't possible for us to have everything that everyone wants in a store of our size. This is always the challenge every year...trying to anticipate what to stock that is going to appeal to the most customers. If only there was some kind of mathematical equation to reliably figure this out!

Thankfully, we are centrally located to two major book distributors which makes it possible for us to obtain any book not stocked in the store easily and quickly. If we don't have what you are looking for, we place multiple orders every week so your order arrives as soon as the next day... with no shipping charges.

Besides free shipping and a quick turnaround on special orders, we are real people that love nothing more than to make recommendations based on real reviews and happily spend the time to help you find just what you are looking for. Of course, don't forget the FREE GIFT WRAPPING!

I don't know how you feel, but I think holiday shopping can be so stressful! Why not let us help you make some gift giving choices early and maybe ease up some of your anxiety this holiday season? In addition to our diverse regular inventory, we recently received huge shipments of specialty books for children from Usborne and high quality toys from Melissa & Doug and Kids Preferred. This week, we are expecting 2 shipments of great stocking stuffers from Toymith and Schylling.

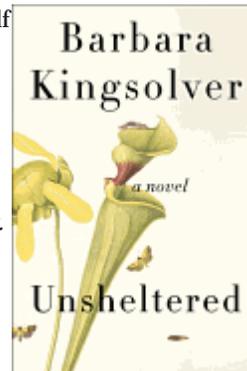
Join us on Saturday, November 24th for Indie's First Day/ Small Business Saturday! It is always a great kick off to holiday shopping. See below to find out who our guest booksellers will be this year.

As always, we appreciate your support. We hope to see you soon at TBS!

## Anne

I am in the middle of Barbara Kingsolver's new novel, ***Unsheltered***. It is very good and more reminiscent of some of her earlier work. I highly recommend it for yourself or as a gift!

***Unsheltered*** is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.



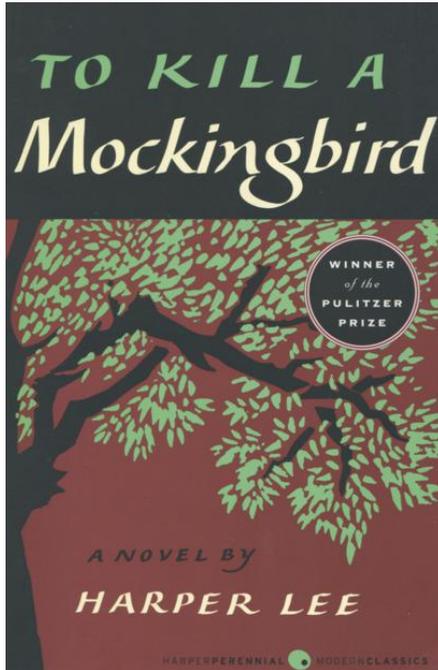
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## TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD By Harper Lee

VOTED #1 Best Loved Novel in The Great American Read



*To Kill a Mockingbird* was voted by viewers as America's #1 best-loved novel in The Great American Read. Not surprising to me since, for over a decade, we have heard so many of our customers tell us that this book was their favorite book of all time. *The Outlander* series certainly took me, as well as a lot of you, by surprise coming in at #2.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* led The Great American Read voting from the first week, and kept the lead for the entire five months of voting, despite strong competition from the rest of their five finalists. It also topped the list of votes in every state except North Carolina (who went for *Outlander*) and Wyoming (who preferred *Lord of The Rings*). Such widespread support from readers across the country made *To Kill a Mockingbird* a worthy

winner of The Great American Read.

To see a listing of the 100 best loved books in order [click here](#)

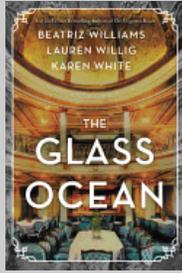
### Staff Picks

See our website for more details about each book.

Anne -

### Indies' First Day/ Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 24th



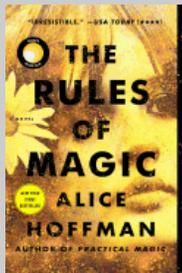
**The Glass Ocean**

By Karen White, Beatriz Williams, Lauren Willig,

Authors of **The Forgotten Room**

\$26.99

**Wendy -**

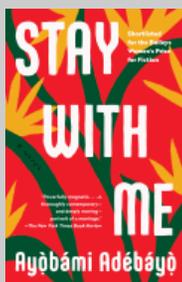


**Rules of Magic**

by Alice Hoffman

\$16.00

**Mary Jane -**



**Stay With Me**

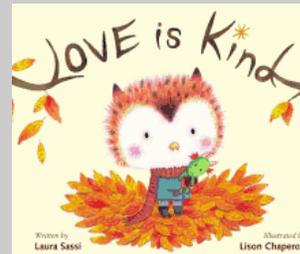
by Ayobami Adebayo

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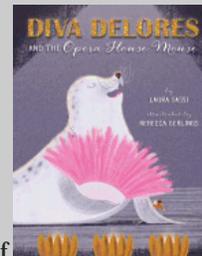
**Gloria -**

***Indies First Day*** is a day where authors help to spotlight the importance of independent bookstores in our communities.

Did you know that Westfield supports one of the last two independent bookstores in all of Union County?



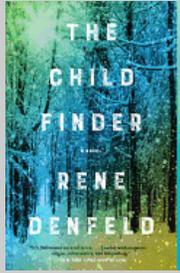
Laura Sassi, our favorite local children's book author and



special champion of

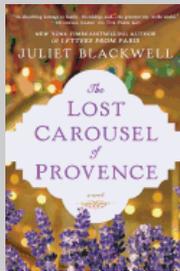
TBS, will once again be with us as our guest bookseller from 1:00-3:00 PM. Her two new books ***Love is Kind*** and ***Diva Delores and the Opera House Mouse*** are fantastic and would make a great addition to your child's library. Laura also is the author of ***Goodnight Ark*** and ***Goodnight Manger***.





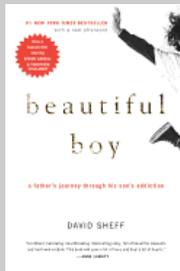
**The Child Finder**  
by Rene Denfeld  
\$15.99

**Kim -**



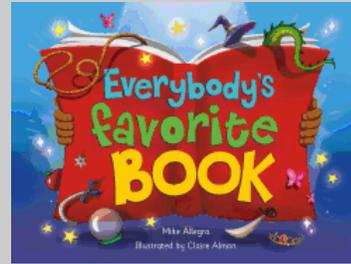
**The Lost Carousel of Provence**  
by Juliet Blackwell  
\$15.00

**Jenny -**



**Beautiful Boy**  
by David Sheff  
\$15.99

**Mia -**



Also joining us from 11:00-1:00 PM is children's book author Mike Allegra. His latest publication, **Everybody's Favorite Book**, is sure to please any child who loves silliness. He also is the author of the **Prince-Not-So-Charming** series under the name Roy L. Hinuss.

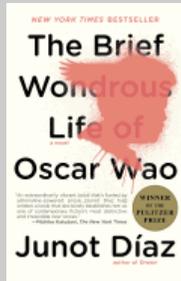


**Both authors will be signing their books, making recommendations, talking about their creative processes, as well as, the potential of a spontaneous reading!**

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In addition, this day is also ***Small Business Saturday***. As a consumer, you are a key part in helping small businesses thrive. By shopping or dining at a small



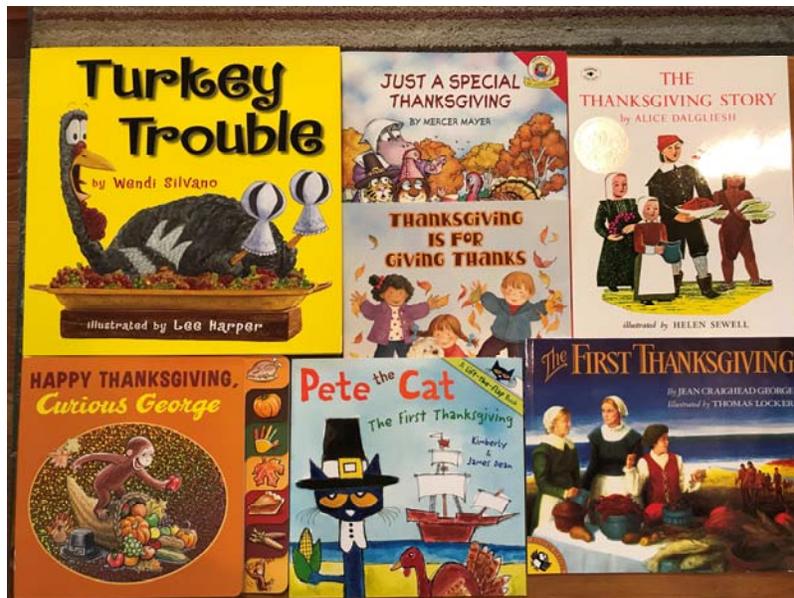
**The Brief Wondrous  
Life of Oscar Wao**  
by Junot Díaz  
\$16.00

business starting this November 24th, you're showing your support for all the small communities around you.

Since The Town Book Store opened its doors over 84 years ago, Westfield has supported us. We are one of the last two remaining independent bookstore in all of Union County and one of the oldest in the country! Keeping the doors open on an independent bookstore is not an easy task in today's world so your support means everything to us.

Check out some of the spectacular services that we offer that our larger competitors do not or cannot offer. For instance, we offer a quick turnaround on special orders, usually in a day or two with no shipping charges and free gift wrapping. We pride ourselves on our personal customer service which is a key component of our business. We have many loyal customers that swear by our recommendations. We happily take the time to help you find just what you are looking for in our well curated selection of books and toys.

## We are stocking up on Thanksgiving books for your little ones!



**Some November  
Upcoming Releases  
of Note**

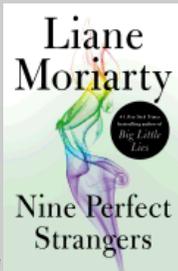
**Put them on your radar screen or pre-order from us and you can just forget about it until we call and tell you the book has arrived.**

**11/6:**

**Nine Perfect Strangers** by Liane

Moriarty (Hardcover)

Could ten days at a health resort really change you forever? In Liane Moriarty's latest page-turner, nine perfect strangers are about to find out...Combining all of the hallmarks that have made her writing a go-to for anyone looking for wickedly smart, page-turning fiction.



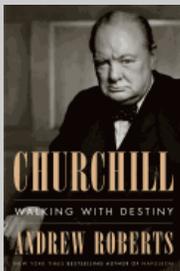
**Then She Was Gone: A Novel** by Lisa

Jewell (Paperback)

**The Indispensable Composers: A**

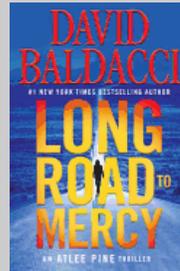
**Personal Guide** by Anthony

Tommasini (Hardcover)



**Churchill: Walking with Destiny** by

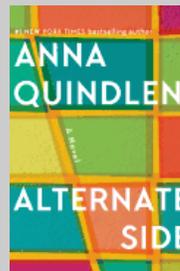
Andrew Roberts (Hardcover)



**Long Road to Mercy**

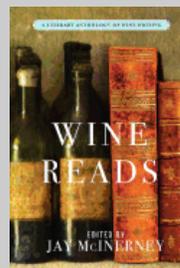
(**Atlee Pine**) by David Baldacci

(Hardcover)



**Alternate Side: A Novel** by Anna

Quindlen (Paperback)

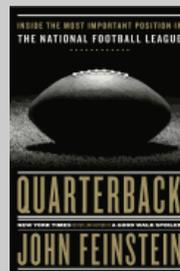


**Wine Reads: A**

**Literary Anthology**  
**of Wine Writing** by

Jay McInerney

(Hardcover)



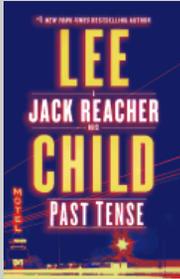
**Quarterback: Inside**  
**the Most Important**

**Position in the**  
**National Football**

**League** by John

Feinstein (Hardcover)

**Landing on the Edge of Eternity:**  
**Twenty-Four Hours at Omaha**  
**Beach** by Robert Kershaw (Hardcover)



**Past Tense: A Jack**  
**Reacher Novel** by Lee  
Child (Hardcover)

**Finally! The beloved *Teen***  
**novel is now out in paperback**



**on November 6th!**

**Fangirl: A Novel** by Rainbow Rowell

**11/13:**



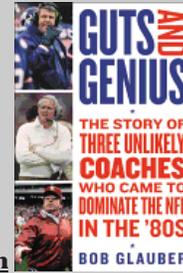
**Becoming** by Michelle  
Obama (Hardcover)

An intimate, powerful, and  
inspiring memoir by the  
former First Lady of the  
United States. Warm, wise,  
and revelatory, *Becoming* is

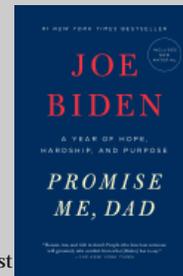
the deeply personal reckoning of a woman of soul  
and substance who has steadily defied  
expectations—and whose story inspires us to do  
the same.

**11/20:**

**Guts and Genius:**  
**The Story of Three**  
**Unlikely Coaches**  
**Who Came to**  
**Dominate the NFL in**  
**the '80s** by Bob Glauber (Hardcover)



**Promise Me, Dad: A**  
**Year of Hope,**  
**Hardship, and**  
**Purpose** by Joe Biden  
(Paperback)



This is a book written not just  
by the vice president, but by a father, grandfather,  
friend, and husband. *Promise Me, Dad* is a  
story of how family and friendships sustain us and  
how hope, purpose, and action can guide us  
through the pain of personal loss into the light of  
a new future.

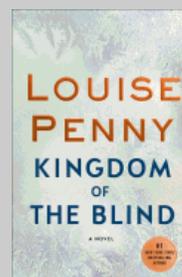
**Fire & Blood: 300**  
**Years Before A Game**  
**of Thrones (A**  
**Targaryen History)**  
**(A Song of Ice and**  
**Fire)** by George R. R.  
Martin, Doug Wheatle



**Tony's Wife: A Novel**  
by Adriana Trigiani  
(Hardcover)

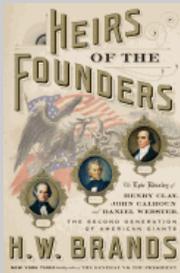


**11/27:**



**Kingdom of the**  
**Blind: A Chief**  
**Inspector Gamache**  
**Novel** by Louise Penny  
(Hardcover)

The new Chief Inspector Gamache novel from the



**Heirs of the Founders: The Epic Rivalry of Henry Clay, John Calhoun and Daniel Webster, the Second Generation of American Giants** by H. W. Brands (Hardcover)

#1 *New York Times* bestselling author

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