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## February 2012

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### February Staff Picks

*The House at Tyneford*

*Room*

*All Fall Down*

*Elizabeth Street*

*Come to the Edge*

*Before I Go To Sleep*

*The History of Love*

*The Gendarme*

*Stay*

## February Greetings from THE TOWN BOOK STORE

I was looking back over my last few years of February newsletters and it seems the general theme was how desperate we all were for spring. This year is kind of a different story....we might all be wondering where winter has been? This, of course, isn't saying that I am not ready for spring anyway!!

Remember Valentine's Day is coming! Do you want to find just a little something to give to that someone special? We have a table set up with some great choices to help you with this. We love to make recommendations. Can't decide? Gift certificates are always a great choice.

We have been spending the last few weeks doing inventory and rearranging the store, cleaning out old books and bringing in many new ones. January and February are kind of slow months here at The Town Book Store. We would love to see you. It can get a little quiet around here after the excitement and craziness of the holiday season!

As the last independent bookstore in Union County, we can't tell you how important your support is to us.

See you down at the store,

**Anne**

P.S. I am reading *The House at Tyneford* by Natasha Solomons and loving it!



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## Food for Thought

This quote, written by an unknown source, found its way into my inbox and I thought I would share it with you. I think it is pretty powerful. If you shop at The Town Book Store or any other small businesses, I know you get this. If you support this idea, spread this sentiment to your friends, it would be greatly appreciated.

*When you support a mom and pop business, you are not helping a CEO buy their third vacation home. You are helping a little girl get dance lessons, a little boy get his team jersey, a mom put food on the table, a dad to pay a mortgage or a student to pay for college. Our customers are our shareholders - and they are the ones we strive to make happy. Thank you for supporting small businesses.*

My heart goes out to the Westfield small businesses: Clynne & Murphy, Rocky the Tailor, The Sound Station, Figaro's, The Cobbler's Bench and Unmasked who lost their livelihoods to the devastating fire on January 22nd.

## Sampling of Books Coming out in February There are so many good ones!

### **For Adults:**

- *Dreams of Joy (sequel to Shanghai Girls)* by Lisa See (paperback 2/7)
- *Then Everything Changed: Stunning Alternative Histories of American Politics: JFK, RFK, Carter, Reagan* by Jeff Greenfield (paperback 2/7)
- *Before I Go To Sleep* by S.J. Watson ( paperback 2/7)
- *The Year We Left Home* by Jean Thompson (paperback 2/7)
- *Three Stages of Amazement* by Carol Edgarian (paperback 2/7)
- *Restoration* by Olaf Olafsson (paperback 2/7)
- *I Beat the Odds: From Homelessness to the Blind Side and Beyond* by Michael Oher (paperback 2/7)
- *The Story of Beautiful Girl* by Rachel Simon (paperback 2/14)
- *Save Me* by Lisa Scottoline (2/14)
- *The House I Loved* by Tatiana de Rosnay (author of *Sarah's Key* 2/14)
- *The Pioneer Woman: From Black Heels to Tractor Wheels - A Love Story* by Ree Drummond (paperback 2/14)
- *The Hemlock Cup: Socrates, Athens and the Search for the Good Life* by Bettany Hughes (paperback 2/14)
- *I've Got Your Number* by Sophie Kinsella (2/14)
- *The Grand Design* by Stephen Hawking (paperback 2/21)
- *The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest* by Stieg Larsson FINALLY in paperback 2/21)
- *Physics of the Future: How Science Will Shape*

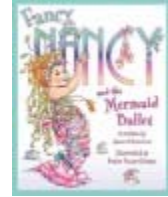


*Human Destiny and our Daily Lives By the Year 2100* by Michio Kaku (paperback 2/28)

- *Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything* by Joshua Foer (paperback 2/28)
- *Lone Wolf* by Jodi Picoult (2/28)

### **For Kids:**

- *Fancy Nancy and the Mermaid Ballet* by Jane O'Connor (full size hardcover 2/7)
- *The World of The Hunger Games* by Kate Egan (2/7)
- *The Hunger Games Official Illustrated Movie Companion* (2/7)
- *Stink: The Ultimate Thumb Wrestling Smackdown* by Megan McDonald (paperback 2/14)
- *Steve Jobs: The Man Who Thought Differently* by Karen Blumenthal (2/14)
- *Roberto and Me* by Dan Gutman (paperback 2/21)
- *A Nest for Celeste* by Henry Cole (paperback 2/21)
- *Divergent* by Veronica Roth (paperback 2/28)
- *Penny and Her Song* by Kevin Henkes (2/28)



### *In case you missed this in my last newsletter...* **Our Best Selling Books of 2011**

(Listed in Order)

*How Many Have You Read?*

### **For Adults:**

1. *The Forgotten Garden* by Kate Morton...our best selling book 2 years running....speaks for the power of handselling!
2. *Unbroken: The World War II Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand
3. *Westfield, New Jersey* by Jayne Book Salomon
4. *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* by Helen Simonson
5. *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett
6. *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese
7. *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain
8. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot
9. *Steve Jobs* by Walter Isaacson
10. *Year of Wonders* by Geraldine Brooks (an oldie but a staff favorite)

### **For Kids:**

1. *Cabin Fever* by Jeff Kinney
2. *Accidental Hero/Jack Blank and the Imagination* by Westfield's own, Matt Myklusch
3. *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins (We sell this to adults as much as to kids)
4. *Mockingjay* by Suzanne Collins
5. *Catching Fire* by Suzanne Collins

6. *Son of Neptune* by Rick Riordan
7. *An Elf's Story* (DVD/ Blu-Ray Combo pack)
8. *Silverlicious* by Victoria Kann
9. *Diary of a Wimpy Kid Do-it-Yourself Book* by Jeff Kinney
10. *Wonderstruck* by Brian Selznick

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### *What Really Happens in Book Stores at Night...* FUN!

Type Books in Toronto reveals what really goes on in a bookstore when the lights are out. Check out this [enchanting stop-motion video](#) by Sean Ohlenkamp and his wife, Lisa (with a lot of help from their friends).

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