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## THE TOWN BOOK STORE

Happy Spring! Last week, we had a real taste of this much anticipated season but soon this especially dreary winter is going to finally be behind us. I love the sense of well-being that comes with the beginning of Spring.

Easter and Passover are this month. We have a table set up with some great selections so why not add a book or a gift certificate to the Easter basket or your Passover celebration.

We have many author meet and greets this month. I know how much these authors appreciate it if you are able to find a moment to stop by. Let's show them that Westfield and the surrounding communities support their literary efforts.

My staff and I are committed to providing service beyond what you might expect or get from our competitors. Keep in mind that we place multiple warehouse orders each week which usually means delivery within a day or two.

Thank you for your loyalty and patronage. See you down at the store.

Anne Laird  
Owner, The Town Book Store

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***Have you noticed our signboard?  
We are the last independent bookstore in  
Union County.***

Bookhampton bookstore owner Charlene Spektor recently was quoted saying that the "value of an independent bookstore is that you can see in our stores that we are making literary choices based on the community.... You have to be permanently optimistic, intrepidly optimistic as an independent bookstore. We are committed to the communities we live in and committed to making great recommendations for our customers. Reading is the future for all of our children and when people see that, they appreciate the value of keeping independent book stores in our communities."

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***We have lots of copies in stock of  
these hotly anticipated books....***

***The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary by Jeff Kinney***

Complete with photographs, script pages, storyboard sketches, costume designs, and original art by Jeff Kinney, *The Wimpy Kid Movie Diary* is the perfect companion to the bestselling series.

***Twilight: The Graphic Novel by Stephanie Meyer  
and Illustrated by Young Kim***

Beautifully rendered, this first installment of *Twilight: The Graphic Novel* is a must-have for any collector's library.




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***April Author Signings***

***Stuart Lutz, April 3rd from 2-4 PM***

***The Last Leaf: Voices of History's  
Last Known Survivors***

The book contains interviews with people who were the final eyewitness or last survivors of historically important events. The wide-ranging stories run the gamut from humor and tragedy to adventure and bravery. To name a few, meet the 1920 Olympic medalist who stole the original Olympic flag, the last survivor of the 1915 Lusitania sinking, the final Medal of Honor recipient for actions on Pearl Harbor Day and one of the last scientists at the first nuclear chain reaction, and the final Iwo Jima flag raiser.

## ***Renee Gatz, April 10th from 11-1 PM*** ***Wise Words & Witty Expressions***

Wise Words & Witty Expressions is a collection of expressions--profound, funny and even sarcastic--said to the author, Renee' Gatz, by her parents growing up to help her navigate her way through life's ups and downs. As a child, Gatz would roll her eyes when she heard these expressions and as an adult she was horrified when she found herself saying them herself. As she grew though, she began to appreciate the value of these expressions and their ability to help her understand, laugh and even survive.

## ***Josie Varga, April 17th from 2-4 PM*** ***Visits From Heaven***

Westfield resident, Josie Varga has assembled an incomparable collection of what she terms "visits from heaven" from around the globe and backed up by testimony from some of the world's leading experts on afterlife communication. This groundbreaking book will lead you to question your own mortality with the realization that we are all eternal energy beings, and energy can neither be created nor destroyed. When you reach the end of this book, you will find that the most prudent explanation is that there is nothing final about death. You always were and you always will be.

## ***Sue Anderson, April 24th from 2-4 PM*** ***You're Lovable to Me***

Through the eyes of a bunny family, author Kat Yeh and illustrator Sue Anderson introduce families to a heartwarming tale that is sure to touch readers of all ages. *You're Lovable to Me* is the perfect bedtime story bringing families together to learn about the power and simplicity of unconditional love. Through the use of gentle rhyme and classic illustrations; this is a classic tale of love that can be shared with all generations



## ***~Titles You Might Not Want to Miss~*** ***out in April***

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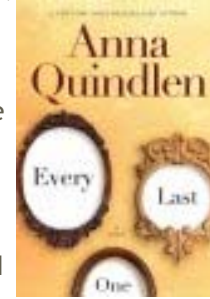
### **New Adult**

- [Solar](#) by Ian McEwan, author of *Atonement* (out now)
- [The Lake House Limited](#) by Sue Miller (4/6)
- [Caught](#) by Harlan Coben (out now)
- [Evil](#) by David Baldacci (4/20)

- [\*Every Last One\*](#) by Anna Quindlen (out 4/13) She is one of my favorite authors!

In this breathtaking and beautiful novel, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author Anna Quindlen creates an unforgettable portrait of a mother, a father, a family, and the explosive, violent consequences of what seem like inconsequential actions.

Mary Beth Latham is first and foremost a mother, whose three teenaged children come first, before her career as a landscape gardener, or even her life as the wife of a doctor. Caring for her family and preserving their everyday life is paramount. And so, when one of her sons, Max, becomes depressed, Mary Beth becomes focused on him, and is blindsided by a shocking act of violence. What happens afterwards is a testament to the power of a woman's love and determination, and to the invisible line of hope and healing that connects one human being with another. Ultimately, in the hands of Anna Quindlen's mesmerizing prose, *Every Last One* is a novel about facing every last one of the the things we fear most, about finding ways to navigate a road we never intended to travel, to live a life we never dreamed we'd have to live but must be brave enough to try.



- [\*The White Queen\*](#) by Philippa Gregory (out in paperback 4/6)
- [\*The Forgotten Garden\*](#) by Kate Morton (out now) Reading this now and loving it!
- [\*Girls From Ames: A Story of Women and a 40-Year Friendship\*](#) by Jeffrey Zaslow (out in paperback 4/8...good book club idea)
- [\*The Girl Who Played With Fire\*](#) by Stieg Larsson, sequel to *Girl With the Dragon Tattoo* (out now in paperback)
- [\*The Host\*](#) by Stephanie Meyer (out in paperback 4/13)

## New Young Adult

- [\*Brisinger\*](#) (3rd in the Eragon Series) by Christopher Paolini (out in paperback on 4/13)
- [\*My Weird School Daze #9: Mrs. Lizzy is Dizzy\*](#) by Dan Gutman (out 4/27)
- [\*Scat\*](#) by Carl Haissen (out in paperback 4/27)
- [\*Marley and the Kittens\*](#) by John Grogan (out 4/27)

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## *Westfield: A Celebration of Community by Walter Choroszewski*

This beautiful book, a fundraiser for the Westfield Education Fund, is down to its last 40 books. Once this book sells out there are no photograhpic books available about Westfield. It will be a shame that there will be nothing in print about our beautiful town! I wonder if anyone is interested in putting together something new?

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