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Thank You to All of Our Loyal Customers

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It's finally here! Our 75th anniversary celebration month. This little bookstore has been satisfying book lovers for three-quarters of a century! Knowing that we are providing Westfield and the surrounding communities with a different experience from what they would get at the more impersonal big box stores or online and knowing our efforts are appreciated by the growing number of people who support us is personally very satisfying.

Surviving and thriving for 75 years has not been an easy feat

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Her Fearful Symmetry

Half Broke Horses

*Somebody Else's
Daughter*

*The Absolutely True
Story of a Part-Time
Indian (Teen)*

Interpreter of Maladies

While My Sister Sleeps

The Private Patient

The Little Book

Lovely Bones

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in today's world of competitive bookselling. It is your loyal patronage that has made it possible for us to continue good old-fashioned bookselling when every other town in Union County has seen their bookstore close.

The November celebration comes just as the store is stocking up for the holiday season. There are so many great books coming out for the holidays and we are bringing in new books every day.

Come on in and enter to win one of our many raffle prizes as our way of saying a big "Thank You!"

See you down at the store,

Anne Laird

Owner, The Town Book Store

Enter our Raffle in Celebration of 75 Years of Bookselling!

During the month of November we will be raffling off 11 book bags full of great books. You may enter once every time you visit during the month of November. Check any and all that you are interested in.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days Bundle (1)
Clifford the Big Red Dog Bundle (1)
Children's Assorted Hardcover (2)
Sookie Stackhouse/True Blood Slipcase (1)
Deluxe Penguin Classics (1)
Adult Assorted Hardcover (3)
Indiebound Calendar & Advance Readers (2)

November Author Signings

See our website events page for more details

~November 7 from 11-1 PM~

Judy Mandel

Replacement Child: A Memoir

A plane crash and then the impossible choice a mother must make-the death of a child that leaves a hole in the family that threatens to tear it apart. In a great act of hope, the parents give birth to a "replacement child," born to heal wounds and provide a "salve for the burns." This child was Judy Mandel, and this is the story behind the 1952 plane crash in Elizabeth, New Jersey.

When Judy finally learns of this story, years later, she begins to uncover the complex and painful layers of her family and the relationships with her parents, and sister. It isn't until Judy has a child of her own that she truly understands the sacrifice, the pain, and the truth.

A story of love and transformation, *Replacement Child* reveals the everyday realities behind so many tragic headlines, as you follow one woman's brave path to recovery-sometimes through laughter, sometimes through tears-as she embraces the love that allows her to finally forgive.

Replacement Child is not only a story of heartbreak, and survival, but a lesson to us all about the brevity of life and the power of love.

~November 14 from 11-1 PM~

Ann Tufariello

The Breakthrough

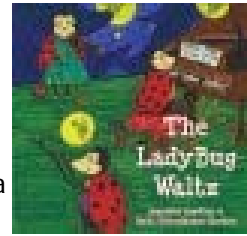
This young adult book begins with thirteen-year old Jack being plucked from the clutches of a riptide by his older brother, Michael. When Michael slides into a coma, Jack can't live with the guilt. He wanders to a carnival and sneaks into a hot air balloon basket. Without warning, the balloon lifts into the air, transporting Jack to the fourth dimensional planet of Venus. When a Venusian gives Jack a magic crystal to heal his brother, Jack thinks his problems are solved-but they are just beginning! Soon, Jack finds himself trapped on Pluto, a planet controlled by the tyrant Danko. Danko learns of the crystal and will stop at nothing to seize it and ultimately control Earth.

~November 14 from 2-4 PM~

Jeannette Hopkins

The Ladybug Waltz

This signing will wrap up a week of readings and workshops, Ms. Hopkins will have conducted in the Westfield school system. Capture the magic of a ladybug's ball with crimson colored gowns and antennae tiaras and all the starlight your child can imagine. *The Ladybug Waltz* is a charming story told in the form of a waltz that allows music, art and writing to connect.



~November 21 from 2-4 PM~

Jeff Markowitz

It is Beginning to Look a Lot Like Murder

At odds with her new boss, tabloid reporter Cassie O'Malley finds herself covering the shopping mall at Christmas, an assignment she wants nothing to do with. When Big Mack, a loan shark, turns up dead in the men's room, his throat slit, mall security guard, Oliver Berryhill senses an opportunity for fifteen minutes of fame and spins a heroic tale of their confrontation in the men's room. The police are skeptical, but Big Mack's son is determined to avenge his father's murder.

Barely a week later, a second body turns up in the employee break room and Cassie finds herself covering a double homicide. In a race against time, Cassie must solve the double murder before a third victim is killed in this wildly funny mystery.

Coming Soon

Reserve Your Copies Today

Below is just a sampling...

~Adult's~

The Gatehouse by Nelson DeMille (paperback)

Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton
(posthumously discovered complete manuscript)

The Vintage Caper by Peter Mayle (author of *A Year in Provence*)

Why My Third Husband Will Be a Dog: The Amazing Adventure of an Ordinary Woman by Lisa Scottoline

The Imperial Cruise: A Secret History of Empire and War by James Brady (author of *Flyboys*)

The Big Burn: Teddy Roosevelt and the Fire that Saved America by Timothy Egan (author of *The Worst Hard Times*)

Damage Control: How to Save Up to 5 Shots Per Round Using All New Scientifically Proven Techniques for Out of Trouble Lies by Dave Pelz

The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver

Private Patient by P.D.James (paperback)

Knit Two by Kate Jacobs (paperback)

Bon Jovi: When We Were Beautiful by Jon Bon Jovi

New York by Edward Rutherford

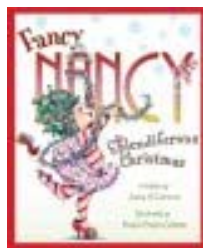


~Children/ Young Adult~

39 Clues: In Too Deep by Jude Watson

Million Dollar Throw by Mike Lupica

Fancy Nancy's Splendiferous Christmas by Jane O'Conner



The following is an excerpt from a thank you speech given by author, Paul Auster at the NAIBA (New Atlantic Independent Booksellers Association) gathering in Baltimore this year. I thought you might find it interesting. Makes me feel proud to be able to continue to offer Westfield their own bookstore ... something that would not be possible without your support.

I admit that I feel nostalgic. In my own city of New York, so many superb bookstores have gone out of business in the past years that the epidemic has reached tragic proportions. The Eighth Street Bookstore, the grand literary emporium of my youth, has been a shoe store for more than two decades now. The Gotham Book Mart - "Wise Men Fish Here" - the home of the James Joyce Society, the home in exile for André Breton and other French Surrealists during World War II - closed its doors recently. Books and Company is gone. Endicott Books is gone. Coliseum Books is gone. There have been some replacements, yes, and Saint Mark's Bookstore carries on its noble work, but for a city of more than eight million people, we are impoverished. College towns such as Cambridge, Berkeley, Ann Arbor, and Madison have a more vigorous bookstore culture than we do, and I now live with the fear - the strange and contradictory fear - that if the major chains collapse - and in this economic climate who is to say that isn't possible? - America will be a country with fewer bookstores than Portugal (population 10 million) or Iceland (population 300,000).

The point being: Thank you all for what you are doing. Writers depend on you, readers depend on you, and the intellectual life of our country depends on you. To browse. What a beautiful word. To wander among books, to make discoveries, to be changed forever by an unknown volume pulled by impulse off a shelf. You, the independent booksellers, are the ones who make this possible.

Update on the

Rubberband Bracelets

At this moment (which if you are following this craze, is a moment by moment thing!), we have Farm and Zoo in stock. Ours come from Toymith and have 12 in a pack for \$2.49.

We will be getting Animals, Fun Shapes, Dinosaurs and Cars in mid-November. These will be new designs that are in production right now.

Nurture Our Community....

Thank You for Shopping Local