

Community Bookstore & Terrace Books



2020 HOLIDAY CATALOG

Season's Greetings

THIS YEAR'S HOLIDAY MISSIVE IS A LOVE LETTER TO YOU,
OUR CUSTOMERS.

In a perilous year for every small shop in the country—a disastrous year for many—we have stayed afloat because of you. Nearly 19,000 of you have placed online orders for more than 40,000 books since we closed our doors to customers March 20. Many, many thousands of you have participated in our virtual book readings and conversations. A steady stream of you have come to our two stores for curbside shopping. And the notes of encouragement that have come with the orders, the good wishes passed on to us in our doorways—we can't begin to tell you how much those have meant to us.

We hope in return that all the books we have shipped and handed over have helped in a time so fraught for all, so tragic for many. We hope they have offered solace, escape, a bit of joy. We hope they have helped people comprehend the roots of our conflicts and offered pathways to, if not reconciliation, at least understanding. We hope they have contributed to our facing up to the racism that permeates our culture. It is with all these hopes very much in mind that we picked the books for this year's holiday catalogs, in print and on our website.

Best wishes and many, many thanks from
all of us at Community Bookstore and
Terrace Books. Please, please, please stay
safe and be well this holiday season.

—Ezra, Stephanie, Nick, and the staff of
Community Bookstore & Terrace Books



NEW! Book Subscriptions

HOW IT WORKS

Each month, the good booksellers at Community Bookstore will rally behind a title for each of our subscription plans. As soon as the book is published, we'll get a copy into your hands: et voilà, you're suddenly part of the Community Bookstore conversation!

GIFTS

We've also designed this program to be great for gift-giving!

Whether it's the holidays, a birthday, a wedding, or just a really lovely Wednesday, our subscriptions can surprise and delight any gift-worthy person in your life. Or, per the self-care dictates of the moment, give yourself a gift! This is a perfect way to keep up with contemporary literature and support your local bookstore in the long term.

HARDCOVER

A plan that brings a brand new hardcover book (mostly fiction but with some fabulous nonfiction scattered throughout) to your collection. These are the books that we find some particular glow about, and are just dying to share with you.

PAPERBACK

A plan that brings a brand new paperback book (novels, short stories, any-and-all fictional forms) to your collection. These are the small press, books-in-translation, lost-classics-newly-re-issued-after-years-of-obscurity that we're known to hand-sell (very enthusiastically, ecstatically even) at the store.

KIDS

A plan that brings a brand new hardcover picture book (ages 2-100) to your collection. These are the gorgeous, thoughtful picture books deserving of any kid's shelf, chosen with help from our resident junior bookseller.

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for more information and to sign up!**

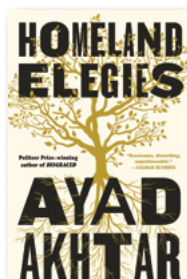


Fiction

HOMELAND ELEGIES

Ayad Akhtar

A deeply personal, brutally honest tussle
with being Muslim in America



TRANSCENDENT KINGDOM

Yaa Gyasi

The brilliant Gyasi's immersive dive into
faith, addiction, and family



THE SEARCHER

Tana French

French at her best: a study in character
in the genre of mystery



HURRICANE SEASON

Fernanda Melchor

Lies and rumors spread after the death of
a witch in this visionary, phantasmic take
on the village novel





TO BE A MAN

Nicole Krauss

Each story a gem, emotionally and intellectually evocative as only Krauss can do



THE LYING LIFE OF ADULTS

Elena Ferrante

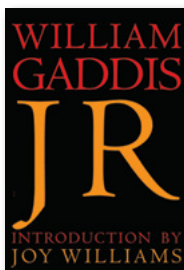
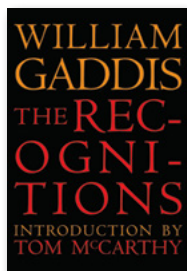
Ferrante at her ferocious best: female adolescence in a smoke and mirrors, class-riven family



THE DECAMERON PROJECT

commissioned by *The New York Times*

Stories inspired by the pandemic by a who's who of contemporary authors



THE RECOGNITIONS AND JR

William Gaddis

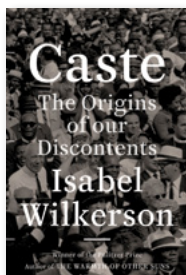
New York Review Books brings two post-modern masterpieces back into print—must reads on too many lists to count

Nonfiction

VESPER FLIGHTS

Helen Macdonald

Macdonald writes with trademark grace about marvels most of us miss or ignore



CASTE: THE ORIGINS OF OUR DISCONTENTS

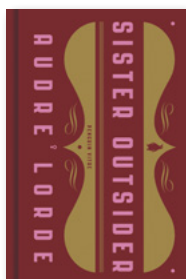
Isabel Wilkerson

Our woeful divisions examined brilliantly through the lenses of class and hierarchies

STRANGER FACES

Namwali Serpell

Serpell asks in these essays: what is it about faces, especially ones strange to us?



SISTER OUTSIDER

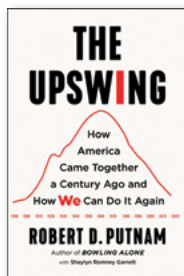
Audre Lorde

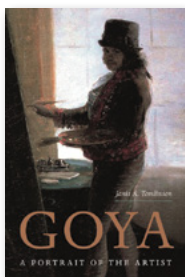
A keepsake "Penguin Vitae" hardcover edition of Lorde's landmark collection of essays

THE UPSWING: HOW AMERICA CAME TOGETHER A CENTURY AGO AND HOW WE CAN DO IT AGAIN

Robert D. Putnam

A scrupulously researched case for a fundamental reordering of our attitudes toward our countrywomen and men





GOYA: A PORTRAIT OF THE ARTIST

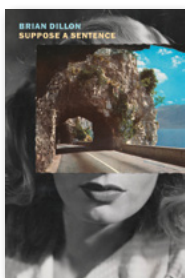
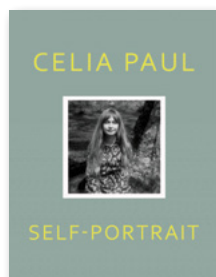
Janis Tomlinson

For anyone who has stared at Goyas and pondered the genius who begot such wonders

SELF PORTRAIT

Celia Paul

Paul's no-holds-barred memoir of liberation as an artist and woman from Lucian Freud's dominating male shadow



SUPPOSE A SENTENCE

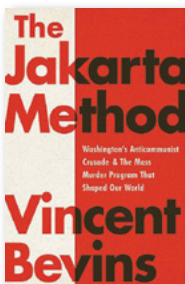
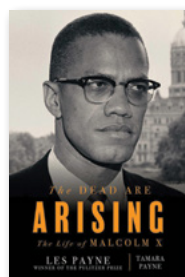
Brian Dillon

Twenty-seven essays on language, style, and intent, each expanding from a single sentence

THE DEAD ARE ARISING: THE LIFE OF MALCOLM X

Les Payne and Tamara Payne

Dozens of interviews conducted over 30 years are the primary sources for this National Book Award-winning biography



THE JAKARTA METHOD: WASHINGTON'S ANTICOMMUNIST CRUSADE & THE MASS MURDER PROGRAM THAT SHAPED OUR WORLD

Vincent Bevins

There is no rhyme or reason to history, but there are consequences—too often horrific

FOR KIDS

Picture Books

EVERYTHING NAOMI LOVED

Kate Yamasaki and Ian Lendler

A young girl in a gentrifying neighborhood
paints a mural to preserve what she loves



JULIÁN AT THE WEDDING

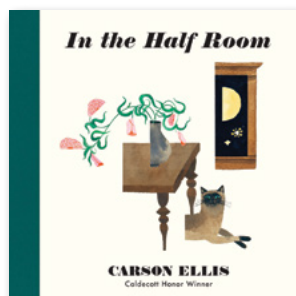
Jessica Love

The boy we loved in *Julián Is a Mermaid*
finds a kindred spirit at a wedding

IN THE HALF ROOM

Carson Ellis

A die-cut book of halves:
moons, rooms, chairs, cats



ME & MAMA

Cozbi A. Cabrera

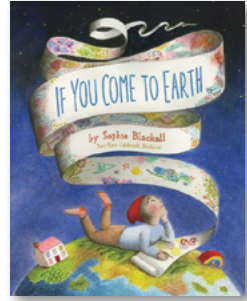
A mother and daughter spend a
beautifully-rendered rainy day together



IF YOU COME TO EARTH

Sophie Blackall

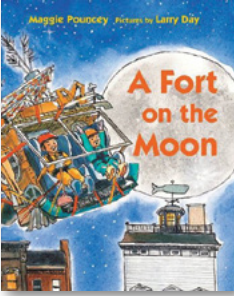
Gorgeous picture book in homage to
the planet we call home



A FORT ON THE MOON

Maggie Pouncey

Brothers with limitless imaginations build
their most elaborate fort yet on the moon

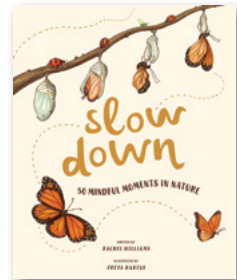


Kids Gift Books

SLOW DOWN: 50 MINDFUL MOMENTS IN NATURE

Rachel Williams and Freya Hartas

Beautiful renditions of small miracles, encouraging
children to find such moments outside on their own



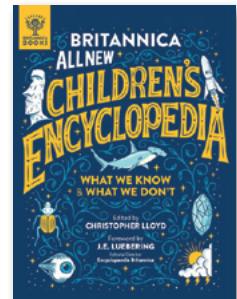
KID IN THE KITCHEN

Melissa Clark

More than just delicious recipes, a primer to help young
people become comfortable—and joyful—in the kitchen

BRITANNICA ALL NEW CHILDREN'S ENCYCLOPEDIA: WHAT WE KNOW & WHAT WE DON'T

Britannica returns to print to present a compendium
of knowledge as an endless adventure



Middle Grade

BRIGHTSTORM

Vashti Hardy

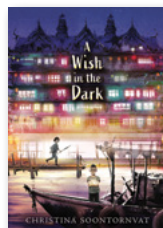
Twins in a steampunk world must save their father and salvage his reputation



A WISH IN THE DARK

Christina Soontornvat

A nine-year-old on the run from a cruel overlord; will the warden's daughter help him or turn him in?



EVERYTHING SAD IS UNTRUE

Daniel Nayeri

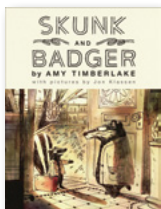
An Iranian refugee finds solace in fantasy in his Oklahoma middle school



WAYS TO MAKE SUNSHINE

Renée Watson

A spunky daughter determined to bring cheer amidst hardship



SKUNK AND BADGER

Amy Timberlake and Jon Klassen

An unlikely couple yes, but oh so delightfully endearing



THE FABLED STABLES #1: WILLA THE WISP

Jonathan Auxier

The first in a series of illustrated chapter books about a boy who takes care of mythical creatures

Young Adult

WE ARE NOT FREE

Traci Chee

Japanese-American teens cope with life in an internment camp in World War II



SMASH IT!

Francina Simone

A high school student finds herself cast in a hip-hopera production of *Othello*



DEAR JUSTYCE

Nic Stone

Quan writes his friend Justyce from prison, grappling with how he became ensnared in the American juvenile justice system



Graphic Novels

DONUT FEED THE SQUIRRELS

Mika Song

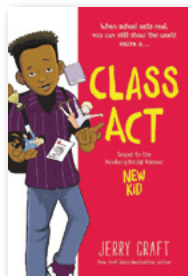
Two squirrels fall in love with donuts, and go on an adventure to get more



CLASS ACT

Jerry Craft

An African American eighth grader fights for friendship and acceptance in a privileged private school



WITCHES OF BROOKLYN

Sophie Escabasse

Witches in Brooklyn? Shocked! Shocked! (And Delighted!)

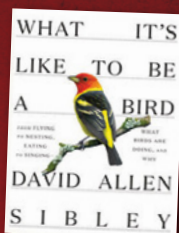


The Perfect Gift

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A BIRD

David Allen Sibley

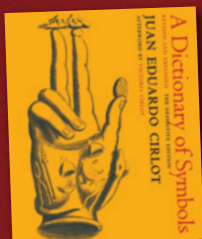
The bird-guide guru moves on to exploring what makes birds tick—and fly, and mate, and nest, and sing



A DICTIONARY OF SYMBOLS

Juan Eduardo Cirlot

The first unabridged English translation of Cirlot's masterpiece. A delight to dip into, each entry a revelation



BLACK FUTURES

edited by Kimberly Drew and Jenna Wortham

A stunning survey of work being generated today by Black artists in multiple genres, from painting to poetry to recipes



BLOOMING FLOWERS: A SEASONAL HISTORY OF PLANTS AND PEOPLE

Kasia Boddy

Iconic flowers that figure mightily in literature, paintings, perfume, and the imagination



XI'AN FAMOUS FOODS: THE CUISINE OF WESTERN CHINA

Jason Wang

Secrets revealed of incomparable food and what it takes to build a restaurant empire from humble immigrant beginnings



THE LONELINESS OF THE LONG-DISTANCE CARTOONIST

Adrian Tomine

The graphic artist offers up his life in vignettes: humorous, painful, often as revealing about us as him

