

BOOKMARKS

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ABUNDANCE



This is the time of year to celebrate abundance in our lives.

The gardens are tucked away for the winter and larders and freezers are full of their produce.

The woodpiles are tall and maybe there's even some venison or elk put by.

Not only do we get to live in a beautiful place, we get to share it with a wonderful community.

For all of this I am grateful and also to you, my customers for giving me a reason to continually seek out the very best books and delights for the eye as well as for the palate.

The Bookloft is brimming with abundance of another kind – wonderful new fall releases of all kinds and for all ages. Our bargain books section is overflowing with great, reasonably priced treasures. And even our chocolate assortment has grown (I know, can you believe it?) to include Theo's holiday flavors as well as other decadent dark chocolate bars.

Here are a few recent books I've been reading:

TRAVELING WITH POMEGRANATES by Sue Monk Kidd and Ann Kidd Taylor

In this thoughtful narrative, a mother and daughter reflect on several trips they took together. The trips were to Greece, Turkey and France and because I have, in my own few travels, been to these three countries, the book peaked my interest. That and also because the mother in the narrative is Sue Monk Kidd, the author of *The Secret Life of Bees*. Their travels occurred before she wrote her most popular book and she reveals some about how that novel came to be. But mostly the book is a look at two women at pivotal points in their lives and how the places they visited impacted them. Sue was about to turn 50 and was struggling a bit with the mid-life issues that come up at that time. Ann had just graduated from college and had been rejected by the graduate school of her choice, throwing her into a quandary as to what to do with her life. Both women teetered on the edge of depression over their issues.

Their travels together however, allowed them to explore new ideas and reconnect with each other, thereby helping each other through their respective transitions. The myth of Demeter and Persephone, with its themes of mother and daughter, loss, search and return, runs through their travels as well as their introspections. The title of the book refers to the bargain struck by Persephone allowing her to return to the earth from the underworld. By eating some pomegranate seeds, she is forced to return to the underworld for part of every year. Likewise, Sue and Ann each find that they must journey deep within themselves before they can re-emerge into a new life. 15.00 paperback Penguin Books.

BLOOD OF THE PRODIGAL by P.L. Gaus

The first in a series of Amish-country mysteries, this novel centers around the abduction of a ten year old by his father who has left the Amish community. Members of the community reluctantly ask two outsiders to help find the boy. Full of interesting descriptions of Amish life and the area in Ohio where they live, this was also a well-plotted mystery with good characters. 13.00 Plume

For young adult readers:

THE HUNGER GAMES by Suzanne Collins

This book is part one of a series set in a futuristic North America. There are now 12 districts each one responsible for a particular need of the society – agriculture, fuel, technology etc. Each year there is a televised competition between the districts with all of the glamour and fanfare of our current survival type reality shows. But this competition is a fight to the death with only one winner. And the competitors are young people chosen by a drawing called the reaping. Katniss Everdeen is picked as a contender in The Hunger Games and brings a whole different flavor to the games with her somewhat rebellious attitude toward The Capital, the seat of government. Fast-paced and exciting, this young adult book was a compelling read. There is violence – after all the competition is a fight to the death – but the story is much more than that. Through her experiences, Katniss learns about human nature, her own personal strengths and what the really important things in life are. 8.99 Scholastic

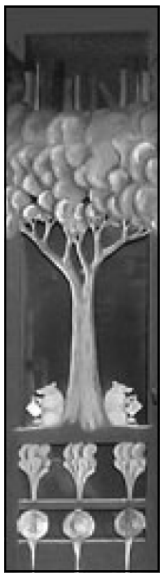
HUSH, HUSH by Becca Fitzpatrick

This is a very good young adult read and there aren't even any vampires in it!

Nora Grey has been given a new lab partner in biology. He is a gorgeous, mysterious guy named Patch and Nora is equally intrigued and repelled by his refusal to disclose anything about himself. As their attraction grows, Nora finds herself taking chances and going to unusual lengths to find out his story. Both romantic and action-driven tension make this quite a page turner.

9.99 Simon & Schuster





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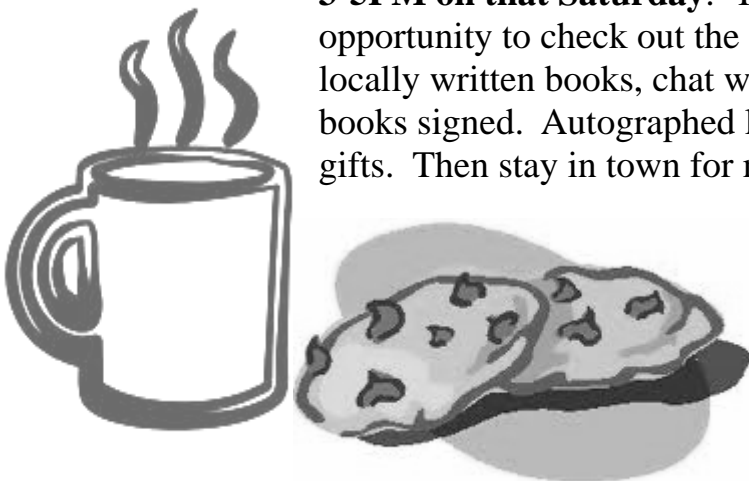
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UPCOMING EVENTS

David Jensen traveled to Peru earlier this year and he will share his experiences in a photo exhibit at The Bookloft. His photographs will be on display in the gallery beginning around Nov 15th and **Dave will present a slide show from his travels Thursday Nov 18th at 7PM.**

There will be a **book signing party for Wallowa County native Paty Jager on Saturday Nov 27 1-3 PM.** Paty will be signing copies of her latest book *Spirit of the Mountain*, a novel about the Nimiipuu.

Winterfest is happening in Enterprise Sat Dec 4th complete with tractor parade at night. We will be hosting a **local author fest from 3-5PM on that Saturday.** This is a perfect opportunity to check out the many interesting locally written books, chat with the authors and get books signed. Autographed local books make great gifts. Then stay in town for my favorite parade.



Mary's special hot spiced cider and cookies from Wildflour Bakery will be available all day.

