

News from Nicola's Books - July 2010

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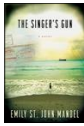


Upcoming Events at Nicola's Books

WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIME - EVERY SATURDAY AT 11 AM

An experienced teller spins yarns for the 7 & under set.

MEET THE AUTHOR - EMILY ST. JOHN MANDEL - FRIDAY, JULY 9TH AT 7 PM



Author **Emily St. John Mandel** joins us for a reading and signing of her new novel, *The Singer's Gun*. This follow up to her first novel *Last Night in Montreal*, while defying classification, will appeal to mystery lovers and others just wanting a taut, suspenseful read.

BIG SCREEN BOOK CLUB - WINTER'S BONE

FRIDAY, JULY 9TH & SATURDAY, JULY 10TH



See the movie **The New York Times** calls "Suspenseful, surprising and subtle with as memorable and vivid a heroine as you are likely to see." Based on the bestselling book by **Daniel Woodrell**, the movie will be introduced by our own **Jack Gillard** who has been a huge fan of the book since its release (and who may hold the record for most copies of a book to be hand-sold in the store!) A special **Premium Ticket** is also available featuring special seating and a copy of the quality paperback edition of *Winter's Bone* (which will be distributed at the show.) Premium Ticket(s) available at ticketweb.com or at the door - see michtheater.org for details.

WASHTENAW LITERACY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - THURS., JULY 15TH AT 10 AM



Washtenaw Literacy will be holding an orientation meeting for anyone interested in tutoring adults in the area who need help with reading and writing. No teaching experience is required. Full training is provided.

BIG SCREEN BOOK CLUB - THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE

THURSDAY, JULY 22ND AT 7 PM



Celebrate the international best-seller and see the film before anyone else in Ann Arbor! This special screening of the movie is followed by a live panel/audience Q&A discussion and unique 50-minute documentary about the author **Stieg Larsson** and his sensational Millennium trilogy. Nicola's will be selling the Millennium trilogy books as well as DVDs of *The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo*. A special **Premium Ticket** is also available featuring special seating and a copy of the quality paperback edition of *The Girl Who Played With Fire* (which will be distributed at the show.) Premium tickets at ticketweb.com or at the door - for more information, visit michtheater.org.

MEET THE AUTHOR - SHUTTA CRUM - WEDNESDAY, JULY 28TH AT 7 PM



Shutta Crum, one of our favorite local children's authors, will be here to launch her new book, *Thomas and the Dragon Queen*. A kingdom is at war, a princess has been kidnapped by a dragon queen, and a brave squire volunteers to set out on a quest to rescue her. There's just one small problem; he's Thomas, the shortest of all the squires. With little more than a donkey, a vest, and a sword, Thomas will have to use all of his courage and determination to battle a beast with many heads, reach a forbidden island, and rescue the princess from a most fearsome dragon - and an even more fearsome fate! Part thrilling adventure, part enchanting fantasy, sprinkled with charming black-and-white illustrations *Thomas and the Dragon Queen* will delight young readers from start to finish.

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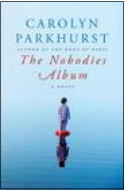
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Hot off the Presses!

The Nobodies Album

by Carolyn Parkhurst

Octavia Frost is a woman trying to rewrite her past by rewriting the last chapters of her very autobiographical works of fiction. When her estranged son Milo is accused of murder and she goes to be with him, Octavia finds that the wounds of the past can be revisited, and perhaps even be healed, but they cannot be made to never have existed at all. If you've never read Parkhurst, this is an excellent place to start. - Jessie



Maybe You Missed It...

A Very Long Engagement

by Sebastien Japrisot

Some of the greatest literature of the 20th century emanated from World War I and *A Very Long Engagement* can rightfully take its place along side other giants of the Great War. Mathilde refuses to believe her fiancée, Manech, has been killed and her quest becomes the basis for a story that is potent, powerful and poignant. The juxtaposition of the brutality of the trenches and the beauty of Mathilde's love create a masterpiece. - Bill

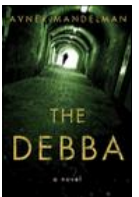


New In Paperback

The Debba

by Avner Mandelman

Avner Mandelman uses the format of a thriller to produce a compelling, nuanced portrayal of Israel, especially at its creation. As his characters progress through a murder investigation, the reader is presented with an Israel far from the stereotype. This as a diverse, conflicted society, like any other, and this superb fiction brings a better understanding of it than any history could. - Bill



Notes from Nicola: Reading Bonanza & Books on the Big Screen

Summertime, time for relaxing with a good book. For our younger readers, we offer our Reading Bonanza incentive program - read ten books you have not read before, list them on our participation form, bring the completed form in to the store, and we will give you a free book up to \$7.99 value! For our youngest readers, having a book read to you also qualifies. Then, at the end of the summer, all completed cards will be entered into a drawing for a **\$50 Gift certificate**.

For book lovers and movie buffs, we continue our series of **Big Screen Book Club** events at **The Michigan Theater**. Beginning **July 9th**, the film of **Winter's Bone** opens. We have been big fans of the book by **Daniel Woodrell**, and we now offer a chance to debate once again the relative merits of book and movie formats. Then on **July 22nd**, a special sneak preview of the Swedish movie version of the second **Stieg Larsson** book, **The Girl Who Played With Fire**, which also includes a special biographical film documentary about the author and a panel discussion of the book and movie. If you saw **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo**, you know why you need to see this one! If you missed the first movie, never fear, we will have the DVD for sale beginning July 6th. For both events, premium tickets are available, with reserved seating and a copy of the quality paperback version of the book, all for one price. Nicola's Books will be selling books at both events, so you can pick up a copy to re-read. Visit michtheater.org for more details, or go to ticketweb.org to reserve seats. There is additional information in the Events section of this newsletter and on our web site: www.nicolasbooks.com.

Upcoming Releases

JULY 6TH

Dark Flame by *Alyson Noel*
The Search by *Nora Roberts*
Shadow Zone by *Iris Johansen*
Shockaholic by *Carrie Fisher*
Undead and Unfinished by *MaryJanice Davidson*
Still Missing by *Chevy Stevens*
Thin, Rich, Pretty by *Beth Harbison*
They're Watching by *Gregg Hurwitz*
The Scarlet Contessa by *Jeanne Kalogridis*

Suck It, Wonder Woman! by *Olivia Munn*
A Dog's Purpose by *Bruce Cameron*
The King's Mistress by *Emma Champion*
Think of a Number by *John Verdon*
Betrayed by *Robert K. Tanenbaum*
The News Where You Are by *Catherine O'Flynn*
Star Wars: Clone Wars Siege by *Karen Miller*
Zoo Story: Life and Death in the Garden of Captives by *Thomas French*
Stork Raving Mad by *Donna Andrews*
The Cookbook Collector by *Allegra Goodman*

JULY 13TH

In a Heartbeat: Cheerful Giving Can Change the World by *Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy*

The Glass Rainbow by *James Lee*
Rules of Betrayal by *Christopher Reich*
Live to Tell by *Lisa Gardner*
Corduroy Mansions by *Alexander McCall Smith*
Savages by *Don Winslow*
Damaged by *Alex Kava*
Red Hook Road by *Ayelet Waldman*
Generation Star Wars by *Bonnie Burton*
The Clique #13: My Little Phony by *Lisi Harrison**

JULY 20TH

The Rembrandt Affair by *Daniel Silva*
Star Wars: Old Republic: Fatal by *Sean Williams*
Discord's Apple by *Carrie Vaughn*
Captive Queen by *Alison Weir*
Murder at Mansfield Park by *Lynn Shepherd*
Linger by *Maggie Stiefvater**

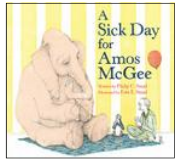
JULY 27TH

Ice Cold by *Tess Gerritsen*
Darius Jones by *Mary B. Morrison*
Dragongirl by *Todd J. McCaffrey*
Super Sad True Love Story by *Gary Shteyngart*
Daniel X: Demons and Druids by *James Patterson**

* denotes a kids title

For Kids of All Ages

A Sick Day for Amos McGee by *Philip Stead*, illustrated by *Erin Stead*



This husband and wife team work beautifully together. Erin's subtle illustrations complement Philip's gently humorous tale of a very meticulous zookeeper who finds he is unable to accomplish his daily routine with his animals because he is confined to bed with a bad cold. His kindness and caring is rewarded when the animals all visit him at home to take care of him, instead of the other way round. - Nicola

Young Reader

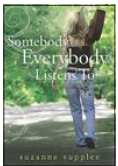
The Secret Zoo by *Bryan Chick*



The zoo next door to Megan and Ritchee is not your average zoo. When Megan witnesses odd things happening at night she investigates and soon goes missing. It's up to Ritchee and his two best friends, along with some surprising help from the animals, to find her before it's too late. Filled with both action and mystery, this is a fun summer book for kids 8 and up.- Linda

Young Adult

Somebody Everybody Listens To by *Suzanne Supplee*



Retta Lee Jones, gifted with a beautiful voice, has always dreamed of making it big in Nashville. So upon graduation she borrows a car and sets out hoping to make it as the next country music sensation. Once there she has one setback after another and begins to doubt herself and her talent. Suzanne Supplee has written a very believable story and a girl you'll admire and root for.- Linda

