

News from Nicola's Books - May 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.

MAY 22ND - Stay after story time and meet the Wild Thing!



MEET THE AUTHOR - ANTHONY COLLINGS - THURSDAY, MAY 6TH AT 7 PM



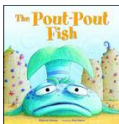
Meet **Anthony Collings**, author of *Capturing the News: Three Decades of Reporting Crisis and Conflict*. Collings has travelled the globe as an AP correspondent and CNN reporter. Now he has gathered stories about his work in a book that is both a journalist's memoir and a commentary on the current ethical crises in the news media and how to address them.

MEET THE AUTHOR - LAUREN MYRACLE - SUNDAY, MAY 9TH AT 4 PM



Children's author **Lauren Myracle** joins us with her new book for young teens, *Thirteen Plus One*. This book continues the series that started with *Eleven*, following Winnie as she copes with becoming a teen, and the books have only grown more popular as her fans have grown up. [Read Linda's review on the next page!](#)

SPECIAL EVENT - DEBORAH DIESEN - TUESDAY, MAY 11TH AT 7 PM



Meet Michigan Reads author **Deborah Diesen** at the Ann Arbor District Library Pittsfield Township Branch. *Diesen's The Pout-Pout Fish* was the 2009 selection for Michigan Reads!, a one-state, one-children's-book program devoted to increasing early childhood literacy. More details are available at www.michigan.gov/michiganreads

MEET THE AUTHOR - ANNE CARSON - THURSDAY, MAY 13TH AT 7 PM



Poet and former U of M professor **Anne Carson** will be here for a reading and signing. Her latest work, *Nox*, is a stunning replication of an epitaph she wrote for her late brother in the form of a very unique concertina style book.

MEET THE AUTHOR - LOUIS SACHAR - FRIDAY, MAY 14TH AT 7 PM



Louis Sachar, author of *Holes*, will be here with his new book for teen readers *The Cardturner*. As the summer after junior year begins, Alton Richards finds himself becoming intrigued by his great-uncle Lester, by the game of bridge, and especially by a pretty and shy girl. [Read Linda's review on the next page!](#)

ANN ARBOR BOOK FESTIVAL - FRIDAY, MAY 14TH - SATURDAY, MAY 15TH

The Ann Arbor Book Festival is returning to its roots this year, focusing on the core events that have made it a do-not-miss event for writers around the Midwest. Find information on this year's events at www.aabookfestival.org.



WASHTENAW LITERACY VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION - THURSDAY, MAY 27TH AT 7 PM

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.



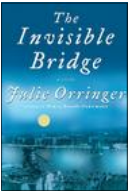
Leader in the Literary Arts Award

Our own Nicola Rooney is being honored this year at the Ann Arbor Book Festival as a Leader in the Literary Arts! This award is granted to an individual or organization who has made "outstanding contributions to the prominence of the book, fostering a love of reading, and promoting literacy."



Hot off the Presses!

The Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer



Putting a human face on the tragedy of World War II Europe, *The Invisible Bridge* will carve a permanent place in the minds of readers. In a narration that evokes memories of the great 19th century novels, **Julie Orringer** uses the story of the Levi brothers to convey the horror of the era, but also the potential of the individual human spirit. - Bill

Maybe You Missed It... Plainwater and Decreation

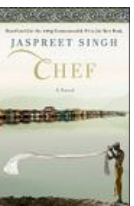
by Anne Carson



Anne Carson is a poet, playwright, and essayist, and these two books are filled with beautiful thought provoking meditations on a myriad of topics. Sappho, Homer, the difference between men and women while driving through Indiana. Guns. The list goes on. The beat goes on. Read the book at one sitting or read a poem or essay a day. Like a missal or a book of hours. It will take you only minutes to read but will linger with you for days, months, a lifetime. - Jack
Meet Anne Carson May 13th!

New In Paperback

Chef by Jaspreet Singh



Set in Kashmir, this spare and intense novel is a superb depiction of the result of blind ignorance, hate and bigotry. As a former military chef looks back upon his life, the reader sees not only the destruction of individuals, but a whole society and culture being desolated. The beauty of the landscape and food is perfectly juxtaposed against the horror of the political climate. - Bill

Notes from Nicola: 5 Years of News from Nicola's Books

With this May issue, the News from Nicola's Books newsletter enters its fifth year! Since its debut in May of 2006, the newsletter has grown from one page to two (up to four or five at the holidays,) features have come and gone, as have key staff members. We have published 367 reviews, starting with perennial store favorites *Suite Française* and *The Lake, the River, and the Other Lake*. We've moved to sending the electronic version via Constant Contact, which is now going to 4,500 customers a month! We continue to strive to bring you timely, interesting content, so please continue to let us know what you'd like to see in these pages.

Business conditions continue to be a challenge, and with the demise of Ann Arbor's daily paper, and no really local talk radio station any more, it is hard to get the word out about what's happening and who's coming to the store. Old fashioned word of mouth is a great help, so please do pass the word on to your friends and neighbors whenever you notice something you think others would like. We also have our web site and our Facebook page to help raise our profile, but any help from our customers is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support of your local independent bookstore.



Ann Arbor Book Festival - May 14 - 15

This year's Ann Arbor Book Festival includes a poetry event, Literama!, on Friday, May 14 and Author Breakfast, Writer's Conference, and Author Forum with Bonnie Jo Campbell on Saturday, May 15. Find details about all events on the website - www.aabookfestival.org.

Upcoming Releases

MAY 4TH

Girl in Translation by Jean Kwok
Innocent by Scott Turow
Dead in the Family by Charlaine Harris
The Last Stand by Nathaniel Philbrick
Sports from Hell by Rick Reilly
The Map of True Places by Brunonia Barry
Tell All by Chuck Palahniuk
Blue-Eyed Devil by Robert B. Parker
The Shadow Effect by Deepak Chopra
Passages in Caregiving by Gail Sheehy
I'll Mature When I'm Dead by Dave Barry
Talisman, Vol. 1: Road of Trials by Stephen King
The Trials of Roderick Spode by David Mamet
The Prince of Mist by Carlos Ruiz Zafón *
Charlie Bone and the Red Knight by Jenny Nimmo *
Thirteen Plus One by Lauren Myracle *

MAY 11TH

Put On Your Crown by Queen Latifah
Heart of the Matter by Emily Giffin
Fever Dream by Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child
Happy: Simple Steps to Get the Most Out of Life by Ian K. Smith
Executive Intent by Dale Brown
War by Sebastian Junger
The Nearest Exit by Olen Steinhauer
The Ark by Boyd Morrison

Steinbrenner by Bill Madden
The Good Son by Michael Gruber
Falcon Seven by James W. Huston
Dragon Haven by Robin Hobb
A Nation Rising by Kenneth C. Davis
The Last Hero: A Life of Henry Aaron by Howard Bryant
The Cardturner by Louis Sachar*

MAY 18TH

Storm Prey by John Sandford
61 Hours by Lee Child
Somewhere Inside by Laura Ling & Lisa Ling
The Promise: President Obama, Year One by Jonathan Alter
Supreme Justice by Phillip Margolin
The Rational Optimist by Matt Ridley
Blood Oath by Christopher Farnsworth
A Secret Affair by Mary Balogh
Spirit Bound: A Vampire Academy Novel by Richelle Mead *
Ranger's Apprentice #8: The Knights of Clonmel by John Flanagan *

MAY 25TH

Sidney Sheldon's After the Darkness by Sidney Sheldon
Hearts on a String by Kris Radish
Star Wars: Fate of the Jedi: Allies by Christie Golden
The 39 Clues #9 by Sue Park *
*denotes a children's title

For Kids of All Ages

The Sandwich Swap

by Queen Rania Al Abdullah
with Kelly DiPucchio



Lily and Salma are best friends who share everything, except for their taste in sandwiches. Learn how the girls resolve their differences and encourage others to do the same. Rarely does a picture book combine valuable life lessons- friendship, understanding and acceptance- with such great storytelling and illustrations. - Sue

Young Reader

The Cardturner

by Louis Sachar



Life doesn't seem to be going right for Alton Richards lately, so his plan is to concentrate on getting a summer job and otherwise laying low. Even that goes wrong when he gets pushed into turning the cards for his wealthy, blind, elderly uncle at his local Bridge club. Soon though, Alton finds he's not only fascinated with the game, but drawn into the complex lives of the variety of people his uncle is surrounded by. - Linda

Meet Louis Sachar May 14th!

Young Reader

Thirteen Plus One

by Lauren Myracle



Fans of the novels, *Eleven*, *Twelve* and *Thirteen* will be very happy to have Winnie back in her fourth book, *Thirteen Plus One*. She's another year older and anxiously but eagerly preparing to enter high school. At times her new book is crazy-fun, but Lauren Myracle is adept at capturing situations that teen girls can easily relate to when it comes to family, friends and boys. - Linda

Meet Lauren Myracle May 9th!

