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Book Clubs

Armchair Travelers Book Club

Public welcome. Meets the second Wednesday of each month at the Inkwell Bookstore. The moderator is Madeline McKenna.

Wednesday, February 8, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
Harvard Yard
by William Martin
Time Warner, $7.99

Classics Book Club

Public welcome! Meetings are at the Inkwell. For more information contact the moderator, Betsy Doud at 508-564-6406.

Wednesday, February 15, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
The Quiet American
by Graham Greene
Penguin, $14.00

Art & Artists Club

Public welcome! Meets the third Wednesday of each month at the Inkwell Bookstore.
The moderator is Susan M. Pennington.

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 - 4:00 PM
Daphnis and Chloe
by Marc Chagall
with Ravel: Bacchanalia
Prestel, $14.95

Spirituality Book Club

Public welcome! Meetings are at the Inkwell Bookstore; contact Cyndi at the Inkwell. We will do some exercises from February's book.

Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 PM
Ask and It Is Given
by Esther Hicks
Hay House, $14.95

Mosaic Book Club

Meetings are 6:30 p.m. at the Gus Canty Recreation Center. For further Information, contact Charlotte at the Inkwell. Public welcome.

Thursday, February 23, 6:30 PM
The Kite Runner
by Khaled Hosseini
Penguin, $14.00

History Book Club

We have had a few people express interest in a History Book Club. If you are interested, or would like to lead this group, please contact Cyndi at the Inkwell. Phone at 508-540-0039.

Book Clubs

Contemporary Fiction Book Club

Public Welcome! Meetings are held at the Inkwell. Contact Kathleen at the Inkwell.

Monday, February 27, 6:30 PM
Train
by Pete Dexter
Vintage Books, $13.00

Science Fiction Reading Group

Meetings are at the Inkwell. For more information contact Michelle at the Inkwell.

Monday, February 27, 7:00 PM
Stories of Your Life & Others
by Ted Chiang
Orb Books, $14.95

Inkwell Museum Tours

Tour Guide: Susan M. Pennington
Organized by Madeleine I. Felker

Wednesday, March 22
10:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum

Tickets are $30.00 non-refundable. Includes pastry and coffee at the Inkwell, round trip bus fare, entrance to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and guided tour. Please purchase tickets in advance. A reservation has been made at the Gardner Cafe for those who wish to purchase lunch.

Winter Events

Friday, February 3,
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Bookworm Quilters & Readers

Let the quilting begin! Learn how to make a baby quilt and about the mysteries of quilts via literature. Sign up by contacting Charlotte at the Inkwell. No experience required.

Sunday, February 5,
3:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Author and Musician
Merrily Fenner of *The Secret*

Merrily will read and sing from her new children's book, *The Secret*. Merrily is an accomplished musician and newly published author from Martha's Vineyard. Bring your children for a fun-filled hour!

Saturday, February 11,
2:00 PM
Author
Robert Wolley of *Seniors in Love*

Robert Wolley, local resident, will be at the Inkwell for a book signing.

Sunday, February 12,
4:30 PM to 7:00 PM
We Love Our
SENIORS NIGHT
Celebration

Complimentary soup, roll-up sandwich, salad and dessert. Discounts, a raffle and fun. Dinner will be served at 4:30 and dessert at 5:30. Must be 55 or older to celebrate on this eventful evening.

SNOW DATE: Monday, February 13,

Friday, February 24,
9:30 AM to 11:00 AM
Bookworm Quilters & Readers

Future dates include: Friday, March 10 which will include a discussion of the book ***Alice's Tulips*** by Sandra Dallas.

Sunday, February 26,
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
READERS' DELIGHTS
Chocolate

This month's theme: *Chocolate!* Come by for mouthwatering samples prepared by our staff.

New Releases

Week of February 6

- ***A Strong West Wind: A Memoir of the Chief Book Critic for the Boston Globe***
  by Gail Caldwell,
  Random House, $24.95
- ***Sea Change***
  by Robert B. Parker,
  Putnam, $24.95
- ***Manhunt: The 12 Day Chase For Lincoln's Killer***
  by James L. Swanson
  William Morrow, $26.95

Week of February 13

- ***Preemption: A Knife That Cuts Both Ways (Issues of Our Time)***
  by Alan M Dershowitz,
  W.W. Norton, $24.95
- ***Entertaining with the Sopranos: A Guide To Special Occasions***
  by Allen Rucker
  St Martin's Press, $24.95
- ***Silos, Politics, and Turf Wars***
  by Patrick Lencioni,
  Random House, $24.95
- ***5th Horseman***
  by James Patterson,
  Little Brown and Company, $24.95

Week of February 20

- ***Man in The Middle***
  by Brian Haig,
  Putnam, $24.95
- ***The Old Wine Shades***
  by Martha Grimes,
  Viking, $25.95
- ***Two Minute Rule***
  by Robert Crais,
  Simon & Schuster, $24.95

Week of February 27

- ***Rebels of Ireland: The Dublin Saga***
  by Edward Rutherford,
  Doubleday, $28.95
- ***Sour Puss***
  by Rita Mae Brown
  Bantam, $25.00
- ***Inspiration Your Ultimate Calling***
  by Wayne W. Dyer,
  Hay House, $24.95

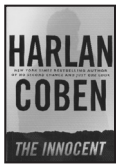
Staff Reviews

Recommended by Kathleen

Don't Try This at Home: Culinary Catastrophes from the World's Greatest Chefs
by Kimberly Witherspoon
Bloomsbury, $24.95

"This book delivers exactly what it promises...dire, yet entertaining stories from kitchens all over the world. Read about the chef who got drunk on the job to spite his boss, and the New Year's Eve gala event that was an unmitigated disaster. *Don't Try This at Home* proves that all of us can have an off day. If you are a Food Network addict, this book is for you!"

Recommended by Kay



The Innocent
by Harlan Coben
Dutton, $26.95

"An electrifying novel that peeks behind the white picket fences of suburbia. It is a twisting, turning, emotionally charged story, and a compelling tale of the choices people make and the repercussions. It keeps you guessing, and is stocked with fascinatingly creepy characters."

Performers

We are on the lookout for talent! During the holiday season, we invited various musicians to come and play in our store for an hour or two, with great success. If you play an instrument, and are looking for a different venue, give us a call. We are especially interested in having a Friday or Saturday night event. Call Cyndi at Inkwell, phone 508-540-0039.

Calling all Poets

We had our first Poetry Reading with David Toole in January, and it was well-attended. If you would like to read your poetry - or another's - we would love to have you. Call Cyndi at the Inkwell for further information.

Staff Reviews

Recommended by Michelle

Never Let Me Go
by Kazuo Ishiguro
Knopf, $24.00

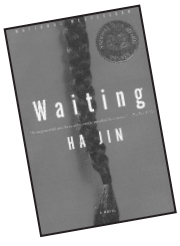
"Ishiguro has written five other acclaimed novels, including *Remains of the Day.* His sixth, *Never Let Me Go*, is another stunning feat of writing. The choosing of words and details to fill each scene is done with such precise skill that the power of the novel grows imperceptibly until the final pages. Three children are bound by a terrible fate, pawns in a society that doesn't see them as human. Particularly striking is the exploration of childhood logic, memory and behavior that becomes almost mythical upon retelling. This is a futuristic morality tale in the tradition of Margaret Atwood."

Recommended by Marjorie

Gentlemen & Players
by Joanne Harris
William Morrow, $24.95

"This intriguing novel, set at an English boys school, is cleverly constructed. Each chapter offers a piece of the puzzle, presenting a challenge for the reader to solve. You won't want to put this book down!"

INKWELL'S PICK
FEBRUARY



Waiting
by Ha Jin,
Vintage $13.00

"This sublime novel is set in communist China in the second half of the 20th century. Torn between tradition and desire, army doctor Lin Kong spends years leading a double life. With simple prose that sounds like poetry, Ha Jin deftly creates an elegant, restrained love story."

Inkwell Workshops
Writing After Fifty

BEGINS
Saturday, March 5,
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM

and runs for 8 sessions
on the first and third Saturdays.

If you ever had a desire to some day write a book, or just wanted to learn how to express yourself in writing, this workshop is for you. Each meeting a different topic is presented to cover basic mechanics, as well as subjects such as " Letter to the Editor", interview with an unusual person, book or film critique, press release, diary, or a humorous article.

The workshop is limited to 6 people so that each participant can be given individual attention. The 8 session workshop is $40.00, for seniors $36.00.
Please sign up in advance at the Inkwell.

TRAVEL WRITERS
Travel Writing For Fun or Money

BEGINS
Saturday, March 5,
2:00 PM to 3:00 PM

and runs for 8 sessions
on the first and third Saturdays.

Turn your writing skills and love of travel into a profitable enterprise by learning to write travel copy. Discover the twelve most popular kinds of travel articles. Learn how to save time with preliminary research and find new angles for overworked subjects.

Whether you're an avid tourist or an armchair traveler, make the world your footstool and register for this exciting workshop.

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Both writing workshops are orchestrated and conducted by Madeleine, a published author. During the past several years she has been teaching languages and writing classes in Boston, Cambridge and Cape Cod.

Requested textbook for both workshops:

On Writing Well, 25th Edition
by William Zinsser
Harper, $14.00

E-mail: staff@inkwellbookstore.com

WRITERS CLUB

BEGINS
Saturday, February 25,
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
AT
THE INKWELL BOOKSTORE
afterwards fourth Saturday of the month.

New club for writers is FREE and open for those published authors and future writers who wish to exchange experience, to read their work, or just to meet with people of the same interest. A prominent editor will be our guest speaker for the February meeting. Reservations required. Phone the Inkwell.

E-mail: staff@inkwellbookstore.com

MY BOOK-OF-THE-MONTH

by Madeleine I. Felker, author and educator

Pride and Prejudice
by Jane Austen
Penguin, $10.00

"Each month this selection is based on those classical and contemporary novels and short stories that inspired adaptation to film, TV, opera, symphony, ballet, Broadway, painting or sculpture.
Pride and Prejudice captures the affections of class-conscious 18th century English families with matrimonial aims and rivals.
George Eliot called Jane Austen "the greatest artist that has ever written." There have been many adaptations of the novel for film and TV. Tim Miller, Entertainment Editor of the Cape Cod Times, wrote this about the latest 2005 movie: "It is quite simply one of the most beautiful films I have ever seen. It is also the best movie I've seen for this year."

Roundtable

Saturday, February 11,
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM
AT
THE INKWELL BOOKSTORE
afterwards second Saturday of the month.

Everyone is welcome to join the NEW and FREE monthly Roundtable discussion at the Inkwell. Come share experience, opinion and interesting news about exhibitions, performances, movies, literary or other cultural events, happenings here or overseas. Occasionally we will invite guest speakers. This meeting will focus on prejudice and discrimination as the worst illness of societies. The group will also compare the various movie adaptations of Jane Austen's novel *Pride and Prejudice*. Some sections of the book will be presented by audio tape.

FALMOUTH
YEAR OF THE READER 2006
Mountains Beyond Mountains
by Tracy Kidder

Inkwell Museum Tours

Wednesday, April 26
10:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Clark Art Institute, Williamstown

Tickets are $50.00 non-refundable. Includes pastry and coffee at the Inkwell, round trip bus fare, entrance to the Institute and guided tour. Please purchase tickets in advance.

Wednesday, May 24
7:00 AM to 11:00 PM

Metropolitan Museum of Art New York

Tickets are $75.00 non-refundable. Includes pastry and coffee at the Inkwell, round trip bus fare, entrance to the museum and guided tour. Please purchase tickets in advance.

Inkwell Workshops
Spring & Summer

ART OF CALLIGRAPHY & MAKING JOURNALS
SECRETS OF DRAMATIC WRITING
CHARACTERS MAKE YOUR STORY
HUNGARIAN FOR TRAVELERS

Falmouth Year of the Reader
Discussion

Friday, March 10,
10:00 AM
AT
THE INKWELL BOOKSTORE
The Inkwell, in conjunction with the Falmouth Public Library, invites you to a discussion of the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains* by Tracy Kidder. This is the 2006 selection for the Falmouth Year of the Reader. *Mountains Beyond Mountains* is the true story of the quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a man who would cure the world. Complimentary coffee and pastry will be provided.

QUILTING GROUP

FRIDAYS 9:30 AM
AT
THE INKWELL BOOKSTORE
Check for dates in the Winter Events on page 1.

KNITTING GROUP

Thursdays 6:30 PM
AT
THE INKWELL BOOKSTORE
For further information contact Cyndi at the Inkwell. Phone 508-540-0039. Bring your project and share tips and technique with other knitters.

Recent Bestsellers at the Inkwell

NONFICTION BESTSELLERS

1. ***Million Little Pieces***
by James Frey, Anchor, $14.95
(Last month this was nonfiction...now it is considered fiction.)
2. ***Year of Magical Thinking***
by Joan Didion, Knopf, $23.95
3. ***Mountains Beyond Mountains***
by Tracy Kidder, Random House, $14.95
4. ***Devil in the White City***
by Erik Larson, Vintage, $14.95
5. ***Collapse***
by Jared M. Diamond, Penguin, $17.00
6. ***Education of a Coach***
by David Halberstam, Hyperion, $24.95
7. ***Night***
by Elie Wiesel, Hill & Wang, $9.00
8. ***Burn Journals***
by Brent Runyon, Vintage, $12.95
9. ***Furry Logic***
by Ten Speed Press, $9.95
10. ***Sudoku Easy Volume 1***
by Will Shortz, St. Martin's, $6.95
11. ***Teacher Man***
by Frank McCourt, Scribner, $26.00
12. ***The Big House***
by George Howe Colt, Scribner, $14.00
13. ***Our Endangered Values***
by Jimmy Carter, Simon & Schuster, $25.00
14. ***Misquoting Jesus***
by Bart Ehrman,
Harper San Francisco, $24.95
15. ***It's All in Your Head***
by Stephen M. Pollan, HarperCollins,
$23.95

FICTION BESTSELLERS

1. ***My Sister's Keeper***
by Jodi Picoult,
Washington Square Press, $14.00
2. ***The Other Boleyn Girl***
by Philippa Gregory,
Touchstone, $16.00
3. ***Train***
by Pete Dexter, Vintage, $13.00
4. ***Wicked***
by Gregory Maguire, ReganBooks, $15.00
5. ***The Time Traveler's Wife***
by Audrey Niffenegger, Harvest, $14.00
6. ***The Lighthouse***
by P.D. James, Knopf, $25.95
7. ***A Wedding in December***
by Anita Shreve,
Little Brown and Company, $25.95
8. ***White Teeth***
by Zadie Smith, Vintage, $14.95
9. ***Tell No One***
by Harlan Coben, Dell, $7.99
10. ***Whiteout***
by Ken Follett, Signet, $7.99
11. ***Memoirs of a Geisha***
by Arthur Golden, Vintage, $14.95
12. ***Before You Know Kindness***
by Chris Bohjalian, Vintage, $13.95
13. ***Little, Big***
by John Crowley, Harper Perennial, $15.95
14. ***Marrying Mozart***
by Stephanie Cowell, Penguin, $14.00
15. ***The Shadow of the Wind***
by Carlos Ruiz Zafon, Penguin, $15.00

"I cannot tell a lie, I chopped Oprah's last pick into a million little pieces."

From the Desk of the Inkwell's Owners

"What book would you recommend?" That is a question we hear every day...from customers, friends, and strangers who find out we own a bookstore. An easier question to answer would be, "What books do you enjoy?"

A recommendation is different from books we just love because the taste and personality of another person must be considered.

A bookseller's primary objective is to suggest books, yet it is a challenge to pair the right book with a reader. This challenge thrills us; finding the perfect book is so gratifying. The idea of sharing the written word, the words that become so much more in our minds as we read them, is important and exciting to us.

Some books we love,
but *can't* recommend:

Haunted by Chuck Palahniuk

Cloud Atlas by David Mitchell

Freedom & Necessity
by Steven Brust and Emma Bull

Swallows and Amazons
by Arthur Ransome

A Trail Through Leaves
by Hannah Hinchman

The Stars My Destination
by Alfred Bester

We want to know about the books you love too. Don't forget to share with us the books you treasure.

January ended with a bang for us at Inkwell. We had 80 Cape readers who ventured out on a stormy day to join us for a lunch and forum with author Joan Anderson. Of course we are delighted that Joan chose the Inkwell to host her forum, and we are just as grateful to all the locals who made this event so much fun. When we started our bookstore, we envisioned Inkwell as a community-oriented meeting place, with many activities covering all the arts to interest the residents of the Upper Cape. Our town is full of knowledgeable and well-read residents who have shared with us their enthusiasm and appreciation for the events and community service we provide.

We are creating more than a bookstore, as one customer told us, we are "books plus".

Thank you for the warmest welcome imaginable. You share your ideas, passions, wishes, and favorite reads with us.

We appreciate you!

Kathleen, Michelle, and Cyndi