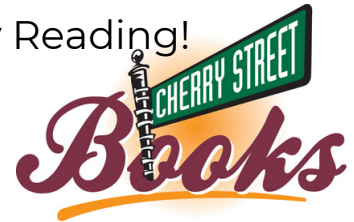


A Message from Emily

Happy New Year! It has been so fun these past couple of days watching peoples Goodreads 2023 goals and their top reads of the year. I struggled finding books that I really enjoyed in 2023. It came down to the last few hours of the year and I finished my number one read! *Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah.

While this book took me a bit to get into, I really felt it resonated with me because my Grandma grew up in Texas during the Dust Bowl and the depression. While reading *The Four Winds* I found myself researching these topics as well. My Grandma only ever told us "If you would have grown up when I did, you wouldn't think reusing tin foil was that funny." She never talked about what it was like. I now wish I was able to ask her questions. This is one reason I love reading Historical Fiction. It makes me think and I learn as I am reading. My goal this year is to keep track of books I read and to find books that really hit home for me! Happy Reading!

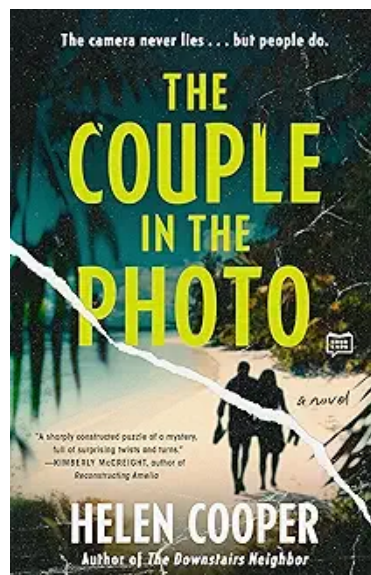
Emily



Book of the
month
Always
10% OFF

The Couple in the photo

By: Helen Cooper





We have a few new things we would like to introduce to you! We've been working hard over the course of the past year. Many of you have been in and noticed we have a new software system. The reason for moving to a new system is we wanted to be able to find a way to sell you books online! Well the time is almost here! ALMOST! We are working on getting our new website up and running. We look forward to launching this with more information in the very near future!

We are also excited to offer you used books in our store! Every day we have customers asking us if we sell used books. Over the summer we decided we were going to give it a try! This week we will be launching our used book section. We know this is going to raise some questions from our customers and we would love to share more information with you. If you have an interest in selling your used books to us please stop in the store or give us a call and we will explain how our process works.

Story Hour! New this week is our punch card program. If your child attends 10 story hours they will receive a free t-shirt. They are so cute we can't wait to get them to you!

Book Club

We have six different book clubs that meet in the store. If you would like more information or would like to join a club please call the store. We prefer you to sign up in advance for any of our book clubs. This way in the event we need to cancel due to weather or illness we have contact information from you.



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BOOK CLUB MEETING INFO

Interested in joining one of our book clubs or starting one?

Reach out to us at 320-763-9400!

Sunday Afternoon Book Club -

Meets 1/7 @ 3:30pm

Reading: A Holly Jolly Ever After by Julie Murphy and Sierra Simone

Between the Covers Book Club -

Meets 1/16 @ 5:30pm

Reading: The Coworker by Frieda McFadden

Broadway Book Club - Hosted at Copper Trail Brewery

Meets 1/2 and 1/9 @ 7:00pm

Reading: Mickey7 by Edward Ashton

Wednesday Morning Book Club -

Meets 1/3 @ 10:00am

Reading: There, There by Tommy Orange

Thursday Evening Book Club -

Meets 1/25 @ 7:30pm

Reading: As Long As the Lemon Treea Grow by Zoulfa Katouh

Thursday Morning Book Club -

Meets 1/18 @ 10:00am

Reading: All That She Carried by Tiya Miles

Please check our social media for updates on cancellations or other updates!



Store Hours

Monday- Friday

10:00am to 5:30pm

Saturday

10:00am to 4:00

Sunday

11:00am to 3:00pm

If you are coming from
afar please check our
social media for any store
hour changes.



Every Saturday 10am
PLEASE WATCH OUR FB
FOR CANCELATIONS DUE
TO INCLEMENT WEATHER
OR STAFFING



We will be closed January
24th
all day for our staff
Christmas Party

Anne's book rec

My final read of 2023 was *The Puppets of Spelhorst* by Kate DiCamillo. This is an original fairy tale for ages 9-12, but perfect for adults and children of all ages! It is the story of 5 puppets- a king, a boy, a wolf, a girl, and an owl- who are purchased from a shop window by a broken hearted old man. Through fate they end up on a mantel together where two sisters use them for a puppet show. This beautiful little book is perfect for read-aloud and is the first in a projected trilogy.

Some of my favorite reads from 2023, in no particular order and grouped by genre:

Fiction/Literary:

Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver

Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Covenant of Water by Abraham Verghese

Fiction/Historical:

Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See

Chenneville by Paulette Giles

Sci-fi:

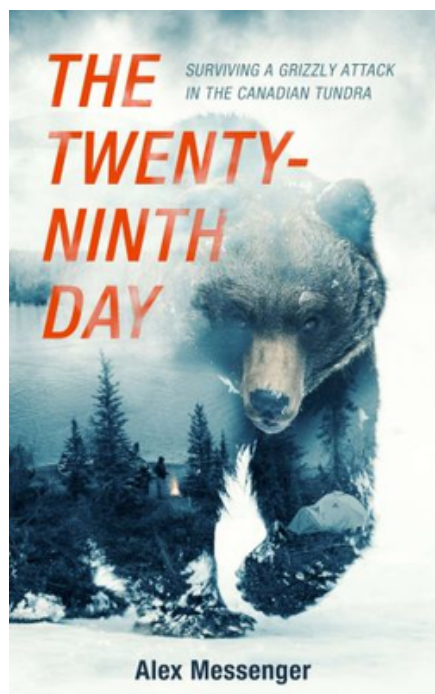
Rubicon by JS Dewes

YA Fiction:

Firekeepers Daughter

Stop in the store and ask me for more recs! I also read a lot of romance, dystopian, a few memoirs, thrillers, horror, and general fiction. Thank you for a great year of talking books! Happy reading in 2024!

Becky's book rec



I haven't read a lot of nonfiction this year but what I did read captured my full attention. *The Twenty-Ninth Day* by Alex Messenger is a fascinating adventure of six teenage guys on a six-hundred-mile canoe trip through the Canadian tundra. On the twenty ninth day, while out hiking alone, Alex was mauled by a grizzly bear and left for dead. When he wakes, the rest of his trip is now focused on staying alive and getting to a spot where they can contact a rescue team. This brave young man shares his nightmare of being trapped by a giant bear: he's been taught "don't run, don't run, don't run" but in that terrifying moment all his body wanted to do was turn and flee! This was a fast, fascinating read from the safety of my warm couch and blankets! This is a great read for anyone interested in Boundary Waters trips or wilderness camping- he describes the first twenty eight days of the trip in such a way that you MAY be inspired to explore and venture into the wilderness yourself! Just bring your big can of bear spray....

Anglica's book rec

Top 12 Books I Read In 2023

(in no particular order)

- *The Only One Left* by Riley Sager (Mystery/Thriller)
- *The Door-To-Door Bookstore* by Carsten Henn (General Fiction)
- *The Marsh King's Daughter* (Mystery/Thriller)
- *Night's Edge* by Liz Kerin (Horror)
- *Galatea* by Madeline Miller (Short Story Mythology)
- *No Exit* by Taylor Adams (Thriller)
- *The Quarry Girls* Jess Lourey (MN Mystery)
- *The Woman in The Window* by A.J. Finn (Psychological Thriller)
- *Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides (Psychological Thriller)
- *The Life We Bury* by Allan Eskens (MN Mystery)
- *Looking Glass Sound* by Catriona Ward (Horror)
- *The Chain* by Adrian McKinty (Mystery/Thriller)

It was a wonderful year full of wonderful books! My goal for 2023 was to read 80 books... I managed to read 91! For 2024, my goal will 100 books! Happy New Year and happy book reading!