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Annual Holiday Sale — November 18th - 22nd!

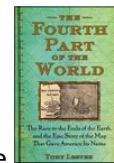
We're gearing up for the holiday season! Our Holiday Catalog is due in your homes in early November (if you do not receive our Catalog in the mail, copies will be available in the store) and then, our annual sale: Take **20% off** all books in our sale catalog! In addition, all other regularly priced books and gifts will be **10% off** during the sale. Our staff is already standing by, ready to assist you in picking the perfect gift.



Hot off the Presses!

The Fourth Part of the World
by Toby Lester

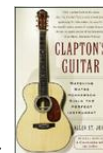
Toby Lester revisits the exploration and discovery of the American continents through the story of the famous Waldseemüller map and gives us a fresh perspective on a European society on the cusp of enormous change. The map provides the backdrop for a story many think they know but will discover had many elements previously unknown as a truly brave new world was created in a relatively short time. - Bill



Maybe You Missed It...

Clapton's Guitar
by Allen St. John

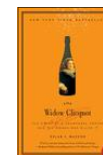
Wayne Henderson, a rural luthier with a down home country feel, now has an international following for his beautiful hand crafted and ethereal sounding flat top acoustic guitars. His journeys, with a little help from his friends, have yielded a prolific tonewood stash including the highly coveted and rare Brazilian rosewood. The limited amount of photographs purvey a bevy of information, tips and heuristic techniques. - Guido



New In Paperback

The Widow Clicquot: The Story of a Champagne Empire and the Woman Who Ruled it
by Tilar Mazzeo

My eye was caught by the title because I enjoy a glass of Veuve Clicquot at suitable moments of celebration, but once I began reading about the early days of the champagne industry, I began to realize how much has changed. The Lady was widowed when quite young, and it took a great deal of character to persist in continuing her husband's business. Her son, even in his adult years, was more of a liability than a help, but through sheer determination, she developed her champagne into one of the great names. This is a business story of how to succeed by never admitting that failure is possible. - Nicola



Upcoming Events at Nicola's Books

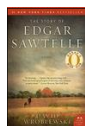
WEEKLY CHILDREN'S STORY TIME - EVERY SATURDAY AT 11 AM

NOVEMBER 14TH - Come for our usual story time at 11 and stay to meet the lovable, snuggly children's book character *Pat the Bunny*.



MEET THE AUTHOR - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 7 PM

David Wroblewski, author of *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, will join us for a discussion and signing. We are thrilled to have the author of this riveting saga of an American family that captures the deep and ancient alliance between humans and dogs, and the power of fate through one boy's epic journey into the wild.



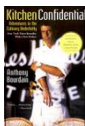
SPECIAL EVENT @ THE ALUMNI CENTER - THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AT 4-6 PM

Attend a talk by frequent NPR commentator and author **T.R. Reid**, titled: "Japanese Health Care - A System That Works." We will have copies of his book, *The Healing of America*, available for sale. RSVP to umcjs@umich.edu



ANN ARBOR CONVERSATIONS EVENT - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH AT 8 PM

Chef, author and host of *No Reservations* on the Travel Channel, **Anthony Bourdain** will be appearing at the Michigan Theater as part of the Ann Arbor Conversations Series. Bourdain is well known for his rock star looks and blunt observations about the world of restaurants, chefs and cooking. Nicola's Books will be providing books for sale.



SPECIAL EVENT @ ANN ARBOR DISTRICT LIBRARY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH AT 2 PM

Weslie Janeway will be at the Pittsfield library branch to discuss her book, *Mrs. Charles Darwin's Recipe Book*. More than a cookbook, it delineates a lifestyle at the top of English society and intelligentsia at the time.



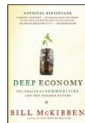
MEET THE AUTHOR - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH AT 7 PM

Local author **Micheline Maynard** will be here with her latest book, *The Selling of the American Economy: How Foreign Companies Are Remaking the American Dream*. Maynard presents a compelling, story-driven narrative about how foreign companies, despite the suspicion and unease many Americans harbor, are powerfully and positively transforming America's communities and economy.



SPECIAL EVENT BY THE ECOLOGY CENTER - WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH AT 8 PM

Author and activist **Bill McKibben** will be appearing at Rackham Auditorium for a discussion and book signing. McKibben is one of America's most important writers on business, culture and the environment. Nicola's Books will be on hand with copies of his books, including his latest, *Deep Economy*.

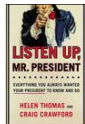


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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

Kick off your holiday shopping with your local independent bookstore!

SPECIAL EVENT @ MICHIGAN THEATER - TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH AT 7 PM

White House press corp veteran **Helen Thomas** will be at the Michigan Theater for a discussion of her new book, *Listen Up Mr. President*. In her book, Thomas outlines the qualities and actions that make for the most successful leaders, in this entertaining work that is part history lesson and part presidential primer.



Notes from Nicola: Thank You

As you may know, I own the bookstore jointly with my four children, now all busy with their own careers. Some of you may have met Charlotte when she has been working at the store. When they were small children, one of the lessons I tried to teach them was the importance of five words: "please," "thank you," and "I'm sorry." I still believe that they are underused in the world in general - so may I redress the balance in my world by saying thank you to all the people who have made it possible for us to remain in business, doing what we love - sharing our passion for books with you and earning a living while being surrounded by books.

Thank you to our customers, for continuing to come to us for books, even when the choice of where to buy books is wider than ever. Thank you to two of our main suppliers; Ingram Books, for helping me get the business going in the early days, and Partners in Lansing for delivering books to us each day, less than 24 hours after our order goes out. Of course the publishers are indispensable, and so are the authors - many of whom have become our friends. We are very fortunate to have numerous talented local authors, and a high class MFA program here in town - so a big thank you to everyone who makes the business of running a local independent bookstore possible and enjoyable.



WRITE HERE... in our own backyard

The Ann Arbor Book Festival is presenting a fall Writer's Conference November 14, from 8:30 - 3 at Pioneer. This full day experience features sessions on poetry, nonfiction, and fiction presented by Jeff Kass, Eileen Pollack, Michael Byers, Susan Hutton, Keith Taylor, and Scott Beal - all from here in our backyard. The cost is \$95/adult; \$50/full-time student (17 & up) and includes 3 sessions, coffee, lunch, and a participant reading time.

For more details, visit www.aabookfestival.org

Upcoming Releases

NOVEMBER 2ND

On the Brink by Henry M. Paulson Jr.
Eating Animals by Jonathan Safran Foer
The Big Short by Michael Lewis
Crocodile Tears by Anthony Horowitz

NOVEMBER 3RD

Fire by Ford County by John Grisham
Kindred in Death by J.D. Robb
The Lacuna by Barbara Kingsolver
Rainwater by Sandra Brown
The Audacity to Win by David Plouffe
Knit the Season by Kate Jacobs
The Quilter's Holiday by Jennifer Chiaverini
Abigail Adams: A Life by Woody Holton
The Last Empress by Hannah Pakula
Fourth Part of the World by Toby Lester
Lincoln: Life-Size by Philip B. Kunhardt III
Tear Down This Wall by Romesh Ratnesar
No Less Than Victory by Jeff Shaara
Miracle on the Hudson by Bill Prochnau & Laura Parker
The 39 Clues #6 by Jude Watson

NOVEMBER 4TH

When the Game Was Ours by Larry Bird & Earvin "Magic" Johnson

NOVEMBER 10TH

Open by Andre Agassi
Under the Dome by Stephen King
Hoodwinked by John Perkins
Broken Jewel by David Robbins
The Atlantis Code by Charles Brokaw
Ice by Linda Howard

NOVEMBER 17TH

I, Alex Cross by James Patterson
The Wrecker by Clive Cussler
Last Words by George Carlin
Too Much Happiness by Alice Munro
The Original of Laura: A Novel in Fragments by Vladimir Nabokov

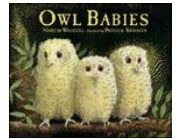
NOVEMBER 24TH

A Good Fall by Ha Jin
Pirate Latitudes by Michael Crichton
The Imperial Cruise by James Bradley
First Lord's Fury by Jim Butcher
Hollywood Moon by Joseph Wambaugh
The Collaborative Habit by Twyla Tharp
Breathless by Dean Koontz
The Morning Show Murders by Al Roker
Warriors: Omen of the Stars #1: The Fourth Apprentice by Erin Hunter

For Kids of All Ages

Owl Stories, old and new ...

There's something special about owls, and these two books feature some very cute and quirky ones! In the classic **Owl Babies**, Martin Waddell's 3 owl siblings nervously await the return of their mother, each pondering what could be keeping her so long.



Owl Babies

Ill Sung Na's owl in the gorgeously illustrated **A Book of Sleep** is wide awake whilst all the other animals sleep through the night. Guess who's sleepy next morning? - Sue

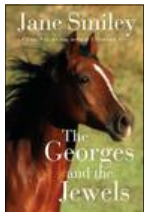


A Book of Sleep

Young Reader

The Georges and the Jewels by Jane Smiley

With problems at home and stress at school, 12 year old Abby is only comfortable when she is working with the horses on her family's California ranch. But problems with one horse, dubbed Ornerly George, are causing once pleasant afternoons to become filled with tension and worry. Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jane Smiley has written a novel that any young reader who loves horses will enjoy. Ages 9-12. - Linda



Young Adult

I Am a Genius of Unspeakable Evil, and I Want to Be Your Class President by Josh Lieb

Oliver Watson is a genius. And evil. And in the 7th grade. While posing as a hefty, slow-witted boy with a love of Fluffernutter sandwiches, Oliver actually runs a global (evil?) empire from his lair deep beneath his parents' house. But when he decides to run for class president, he finds that it's not as easy as, say, overthrowing the dictator of a small country. (How else to get your hands on his collection of rare Star Wars action figures?). A very, very funny book. - Jessie *Featured on NPR's Weekend Edition Sunday!

