

Messages From Merlin

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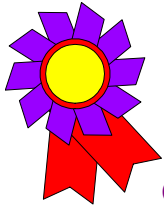
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Featured Authors

Every month, we feature a different author whom we particularly recommend and have a display of some of the books on the front of the cashwrap. For the current feature, check our website (<http://www.cncbooks.com>) or call us at 330-4111.

I am not a speed reader. I am a speed understander.

~Isaac Asimov



Our Bestsellers

Check out the table in the shop or the list on our website to see what's hot these days. Bestsellers are always 15% off for the following month and you might find a new treasure there.

Pour yourself a cup of coffee or tea, grab that book you've been wanting to read and make yourself comfortable~



you're welcome to stay as long as you like. We won't even complain if you take a nap!

I used to walk to school with my nose buried in a book.

~Coolio

New Releases

If you haven't been in the store lately, we now have a board on the wall behind the cashwrap listing many of the upcoming releases you'll want to know about. We'll be happy to put a book on hold for you or look up any author or title you don't see on the list.



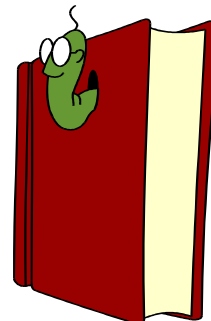
Reading Groups

Morgan's Guild~mystery~this group has recently decided to not select any authors for the following month's reading. We gather to discuss whatever mysteries we've been reading and occasionally have a visiting author. Our next meeting is Thursday, April 25th, at 7PM.

Fool's Company~science fiction, fantasy and horror on a rotating basis. This group chooses two authors for the following month and the members read one or more books by either or both authors. Authors have visited with this group also. The next meeting is Thursday, May 23rd, at 7PM and the authors are Madeleine L'Engle and Octavia E. Butler.

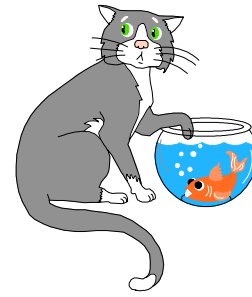
Any books purchased for the reading groups receive 10% discount in addition to your 5% preferred reader discount. Should you pick a book that currently carries another discount, the higher one will apply.

Come join us!!



"One can't believe impossible things."
"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half-an-hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."

~Lewis Carroll



I sometimes doubt that a writer should refine or improve his workroom by so much as a dictionary: one thing leads to another and the first thing you know he has a stuffed chair and is fast asleep in it.

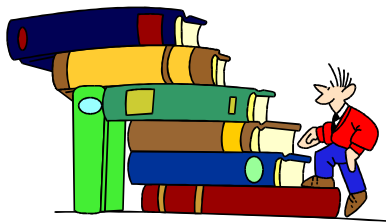
~E. B. White

News

Our second anniversary is coming up in May. To celebrate, we'll have storewide discounts all month and two author signings on May 11th. The event for Rosemary Stevens will be the Richmond debut of The Bloodied Cravat, the newest in the Beau Brummell mystery series and will be a wine & cheese reception (no charge but admission may be limited).

Adults are obsolete children.

~Dr. Seuss



Special Orders

Can't find that great book you read 15 years ago? We'll search for it and then tell you what's available before we order anything. Our fee for this service is 10% of the base cost (prior to the seller's shipping charge), subject to \$1.00 minimum and \$10.00 maximum.



Nobody reads a mystery to get to the middle. They read it to get to the end. If it's a letdown, they won't buy anymore. The first page sells that book. The last page sells your next book.

~Mickey Spillane



Upcoming Author Signings

Saturday, April 27th, 2 to 4PM--Marcia Talley (mystery), Carol Haytko (horror), Steve Korslund (horror & mystery) and Ralph Wright (horror)

Saturday, May 11th, 12 to 2PM--Wendy Howell Mills (mystery) and Mary Montague Sikes (romantic fantasy)

Saturday, May 11th, 4 to 6PM--Rosemary Stevens (historical mystery, 2001 Agatha winner, national bestseller)--wine & cheese reception

Saturday, June 1st, 4 to 6PM--K. J. Erickson (police procedural)

Saturday, June 8th, 12 to 2PM--Tim Myers (cozy mystery, 2002 Agatha nominee)

Saturday, June 15th, time TBA--P. M. Terrell (mystery)--launch party

Saturday, July 13th or 20th, time & date TBA--Andy Straka (P. I. mystery, 2002 Agatha nominee)



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~Truman Capote

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