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Back Room/Front Page: 15 years!

If it weren't exciting enough to be open for browsing these past few months, we now find ourselves preparing for our 15th anniversary! Every year is certainly meaningful, but this one even more so as we are especially grateful to our customers for being able to celebrate it in the first place! We obviously skipped last year (and didn't even know if we'd have something to celebrate this year), so we're eager to get the party started and properly thank you all for your support over the years. Check out the details on the next page.

We were thrilled to learn last month that we received a grant through the Book Industry Charitable Foundation's "Survive to Thrive" program. We were among 115 bookstores and comic shops in 48 states to receive this in recognition of our potential to make a strong recovery from the pandemic. Funds for this were provided by publishers, distributors, and even authors and bookstores. We have lots of plans for the award, including some technology updates.

Our new website is looking great, and we expect to go live sometime this month. We love the new look and think you will too! Meanwhile, keep checking our [Facebook Page](#) for updates about what's going on at the store and around town. We'll post on Facebook when the site is ready.

How's your summer reading going? As always, so many books...

See you in the store!

Thanks for reading and stay safe,
Alice



NOW OPEN MONDAYS!

STORE HOURS:

Monday – Friday

10:00 – 5:30

Saturday

10:00 – 5:00

**Books can be also be
ordered by phone
(515)279-5400
or email**

beaverdalebooks@gmail.com

**Payment can be made at
time of order or pickup.**

**You may still pick up your
books contact-free at the
store, or we can deliver
them to your home (within
a 5-mile radius, no charge)
or ship them to you (or
anyone!) for \$2.00**

June Best Sellers

These were the Top Ten sellers in our store last month - see what everyone's reading!

1. *Malibu Rising*, Taylor Jenkins Reid
2. *How the Word Is Passed: A Reckoning with the History of Slavery Across America*, Clint Smith
3. *People We Meet on Vacation*, Emily Henry
4. *One Last Stop*, Casey McQuiston
5. *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*, Charlie Mackesy
6. *Beautiful*, Stacy McAnulty
7. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents*, Isabel Wilkerson
8. *The Midnight Library*, Matt Haig
9. *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*, Heather McGhee
10. *While Justice Sleeps*, Stacey Abrams

**Saturday
July 10
10:00 – 5:00**



15th Anniversary Celebration

**It's time to celebrate and say thanks
to our customers and authors!**

Stop by for treats, mimosas and more

Meet local authors

10:00 – Liz Bedia and Calla Devlin

11:30 – Jan Blazanin, Jill Friestad Tate, and Kurt (Francis) Sparks

1:00 – Lisa Morlock and Denise Williams

2:30 – Eileen Boggess and Kali White VanBaale

4:00 – Sharelle Byars Moranville

15% off books (except consignment items)

BOGO on select hardcover titles

Free Advanced Reading Copies

THANK YOU FOR 15 WONDERFUL YEARS!

**Tuesday
July 20
10:00 a.m.**



Iowa Public Radio Talk of Iowa Book Club

The next "meeting" of the **Talk of Iowa Book Club** is coming up! Join host Charity Nebbe for a lively discussion on the monthly on-air book club broadcast. Hear about the themes, characters and big picture questions raised by the titles on our reading list. Get the book, find a comfortable chair, and read or re-read.

The selection for June is ***Clap When You Land*** by Elizabeth Acevedo. Written in a richly lyrical novel-in-verse format, the book follows the lives of Camino and Yahaira Rios, half-sisters separated by language, culture and country for most of their lives but brought together by the sudden death of their father. Through shared grief, the two teenagers are forced to face what it means to be a family while exploring the power and pressures of culture, class and privilege. "Clap When You Land" is written for a young adult audience, but its thoughtful prose and compelling characters invite readers of all ages.

If you miss the meeting, or want to catch up on past discussions, podcasts are available [here](#). The Talk of Iowa Book Club podcast is sponsored by Western Home Communities and Cultivating Compassion: The Dr. Deming Foundation.

You can listen to Talk of Iowa weekdays at 10 a.m. on all IPR News and News/Studio One signals or online at iowapublicradio.org. Tune in and join in!

**Pop-Up
Event
Witmer Park
34th & Franklin
5:30 p.m.
Watch our [Facebook](#)
page for date – we’re
watching the weather!**



Poetry in the Park with Pie

**Diane Glass
Pat Boddy**

We’re taking poetry out into the community with local poets Diane Glass and Pat Boddy. Come at 5:30 to enjoy people-to-people time and a slice of pie. Poetry reading begins at 6 p.m. Diane and Pat (along with other poets) will share a few of their poems.

The event will be held in the shelter in the Northeast corner of the park, north of the pond. Bring a blanket or lawn chair.

In **Diane Glass’s** new poetry book, *The Heart Hungers for Wildness*, she recounts through verse a life well lived. Combining a writer’s appreciation for detail and a spiritual director’s ability to probe for depth, she brings new appreciation for experiences as diverse as ministering to people through soup-making to traversing Native American lands, as distinct as discovering the joys of grand mothering to sinking her feet into the soil of her native Iowa. Her spiritual memoir, *This Need to Dance: A Life of Rhythm and Resilience*, recounts how illness has shaped her spiritual life. Diane’s diverse career spans teaching, politics, corporate marketing, spiritual direction, and writing. She served as Vice President of Marketing for the Des Moines Register from 1983 to 2000.

Pat Boddy’s poetry foregrounds the need for conservation policy and climate justice. In retirement, Pat hiked the Dark Divide of the Cascade Mountains as writer-in-residence with Portland-based Signal Fire. She’s a professional engineer, former deputy and interim director of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, past director of Polk County Conservation, Sr. Partner Emeritus of RDG Planning & Design and in an earlier life, an award-winning broadcast journalist. Pat holds a B.J. (Journalism) from the University of MO-Columbia and B.S. and M.S. degrees in engineering and water resources from ISU.

**Mon - Wed
September
20-22**



Okoboji Writers Retreat

Enroll now for the Okoboji Writers Retreat, September 20-22. This retreat is open to beginners and professional writers of all ages. Come to learn, be inspired and take time for yourself. Oh, and you’ll meet very interesting people!

The goal of the retreat is to usher you into a new comfort zone.

The organizers are optimistic all attendees will be able to receive the Covid-19 vaccine by September and can celebrate together!

Iowa writers including Art Cullen, Rekha Basu Ty Rushing, Rachel Yoder, Diane Glass, Douglas Burns, Rachelle Chase, and Lyz Lenz will be with us. Also attending will be former editors of the LA Times, Chicago Tribune and much more. Workshop sessions will be held on memoir writing, finding your voice, self-publishing, finding a literary agent, and more.

For more information and to enroll, visit [here](#).

A New Partnership!

Ready start making travel plans again?



JOHN SHORS
— TRAVEL —

We're thrilled to announce a new partnership with Des Moines native and best-selling author John Shors. If you don't know him personally, you're probably familiar with his many novels, from *Beneath a Marble Sky* to *Unbound*. John's novels are rich in history and lush in detail, drawn from meticulous and extensive research gained from his many travels.

John shares his travel expertise by offering an array of guided tours through his travel agency, and now he's expanded this to include a series of literary tours. There are four tours scheduled for Fall 2021 and Spring 2022, from England (Jane Austen!) to Japan. How exciting would it be to visit the areas of your favorite authors and book characters?

For more information, visit John's website at <https://johnshorstravel.com/beaverdalebooks/>

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2300
FOLLOWERS!

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And more...

Some of our book clubs have suspended meetings for the summer, some are meeting via Zoom, and some are meeting outdoors. Please contact us at 515-279-5400 if you are interested in participating in a discussion for the following book clubs and we'll give you the details:

Beaverdale Book Browsers

Thursday, July 8, @ 6:30

Becoming

by Michelle Obama

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, July 27 @ 7:00 p.m.

Before She Was Helen

by Caroline B. Cooney