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Back Room/Front Page: Thoughts of Thankfulness

A BIG Thank You to Our Customers and Staff

As we head into the upcoming holiday season, we want to take a few moments to reflect on the kindness and loyal support we have received from our friends, neighbors, and customers. It's been quite a year to say the least. We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Sunday Hours Begin November 7, Noon to 4:00 PM

Just in time for your holiday shopping, Beaverdale Books will be open Sundays from Noon to 4 p.m. during the months of November and December. Check out our vast collection of books for your favorite reader, as well as other gift items, including jewelry, puzzles, great Beaverdale merchandise including shirts, decals, signs, and more!

Need More Gift Ideas?

Peruse the Beaverdale Books Gift catalog. Friends and neighbors will soon receive this catalog filled with gift ideas. Not finding it in your mailbox--stop in to pick one up.

Shop Early to Get Your Holiday Gifts On! The [supply chain](#) is even more disrupted this year due to COVID-related labor shortages in publisher warehouses, printing capacity limitations, and shipping issues. All of which means potential out-of-stock books and order delays. Our best advice is to shop early this holiday season.

Love Audio Books?

[Libro.fm](#) makes it easy to buy audiobooks online while supporting your favorite local bookseller. Simply create a free account to sign up for a monthly membership or buy audiobooks à la carte. Select Beaverdale Books as the bookstore you'd like to support. Then, listen to your selection anytime, anywhere.

Book Clubs Return to Store

Covid brought many challenges and one of the things we missed was seeing the members of our [monthly book clubs](#). We are glad to welcome them back into the store this month and look forward to hearing all about the books they have read during the pandemic. New members are welcome. (Masks are required.) See November titles listed below.

FundRaise SunDay

Beaverdale Books is proud to host a fundraiser on Sunday, November 14 from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Twenty percent of sales will be donated to [Restoring Hope](#): The Honorable Colin J. Witt Memorial Foundation.

Meet Our Newest Staff Members

Beaverdale Books is pleased to announce two new staff members, Caitlin and Diane. They join our other staff members in the joy of helping customers find the perfect gift for everyone on your list.

Thanks for reading. Have a happy Thanksgiving and stay safe,
Alice

November Events

Tuesday, November 2 @ 6:30 PM
Meet the Author: Stacey Spangler
The Grace Shawl

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Everything We Didn't Say

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Wyman and the Florida Knights



October Top Ten Best Sellers at Beaverdale Books

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

1. *Our Friend Sitting Bull: The True Story of a Pioneer Couple's Friendship with the Famous Lakota Chief, Mary Christopher**
2. *Bet the Farm: The Dollars and Sense of Growing Food in America, Beth Hoffman**
3. *Cy's Perfect Day: The Iowa State Way, John Walters**
4. *Love, Zac: Small Town Football and the Life and Death of an American Boy, Reid Forgrave**
5. *Mollie's Big Score, Katie Purcell**
6. *The Lincoln Highway, Amor Towles*
7. *Cloud Cuckoo Land, Anthony Doerr*
8. *Peril, Bob Woodward and Robert Costa*
9. *State of Terror, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Louise Penny*
10. *Bewilderment, Richard Powers*

*Iowa Author



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Book Signing: John Mahoney
History Through the Headsets

Indie Bookstore Day &
Small Business Saturday
Saturday, November 17

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Meet the Author:
Tracey Garvis Graves
Heard It in a Love Song

STORE HOURS:
Monday – Friday
10:00 – 5:30
Saturday
10:00 – 5:00
Sunday
12:00 – 4:00



We will be closed Thursday,
November 25 for Thanksgiving.

Tuesday
November 2
6:30 p.m.



Meet the Author: Stacey Spangler

The Grace Shawl

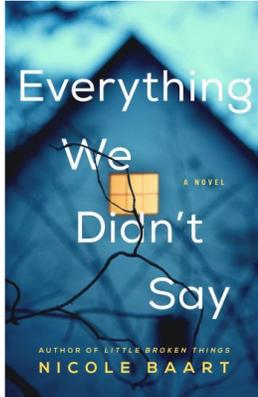
Spangler's new book offers a glimpse behind the curtain of the Christian façade, a look at the reality of daily struggles and the balance of faith and freedom with doubt and compulsions. This perspective is what sets the book apart from all others.

Anna lives the backslide. She endures the setbacks. She doesn't do it with grace and dignity. It's dirty. It's hard. And it's raw. Anna doesn't feel worthy. She struggles with addiction. She lacks purpose and wallows in regrets from her past. She battles mental demons and bombards herself with negative self-talk. We see her pain and experience her inner turmoil. The story highlights the ups-and-downs that so many people live but so few talk about. It's a story of grace, sin, lost love, new love, acceptance, change, mercy, forgiveness, family, friendship, coffee, and truth.

About the author...

Stacey Spangler has published five books in three different genres. She flexes her wordsmithing skills across multiple platforms as a published novelist, short-story writer, children's book author, and blogger. She currently lives in Northwest Arkansas where she fulfills her authorly duties by loving to read, loving to write, and drinking entirely too much caffeine.

**Thursday
November 4
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Nicole Baart
Everything We Didn't Say

Juniper Baker was 19, college bound, and deeply in love on the night her world was torn apart. As fireworks lit up the summer sky, her neighbors were brutally murdered right outside their barn, and—to her horror—her younger brother became the prime suspect. In an instant, everything she loved fell away. She escaped, pledging never to return to her tiny Iowa town.

Until now. Juniper is back in town to “help a friend.” But really, she’s here to repair her relationship with her teenage daughter who her parents have raised, the source of her deepest regret—and to solve the infamous Murphy murders. As history begins to repeat itself, the race to the truth puts past and present on a dangerous collision course. Except this time, it’s her daughter’s life that hangs in the balance.

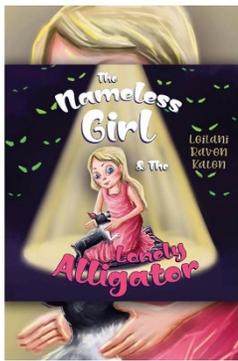
About the author...

Nicole Baart is the mother of five children from four different countries. The cofounder of a nonprofit organization, One Body One Hope, she lives in a small town in Iowa. She is the author of nine previous novels, including *You Were Always Mine*, *Little Broken Things*, and *The Beautiful Daughters*.

Nicole lives with her family in a small town in Iowa but holds dual American/Canadian citizenship and considers British Columbia her second home. Since Liberia is also home, Nicole likes to think of herself as a global citizen. She and her family love to travel and hope to see the world together—before her kids are too old to consider their parents cool.

Moderated by: Kali White VanBaale, a Des Moines-area creative writing professor and award-winning author of novels, short stories, essays, and articles. www.kaliwhite.com

**Saturday
November 6
2:00 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Leilani Raven Katen
The Nameless Girl and the Lonely Alligator

The nameless girl, who is unaware of the consequences of her actions, ignores the dangers her mother spoke to her about the outside world. Curious and afraid, the nameless girl meets a lonely alligator.

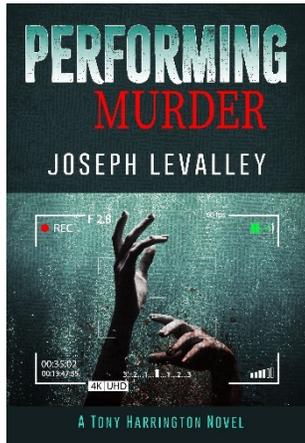
Is giving all that you are worth the price of losing everything that you have?

About the author...

Leilani Raven Katen is a young Filipino/American writer, growing up on the Island of Maui and then moving to the state of Iowa. She learned the importance of diversity, allowing her a more colorful life experience. With the experience of learning about different cultures and traditions; Leilani grew to know the world was not in black and white, but in all shades of color.

The imagination that influences her writing due to her complex background, makes for endless possibilities. Leilani has a bachelor’s degree in English Literature. She now lives full time in Iowa, with her three kids, Arie, Sebastian & Seraphine, her husband Ricky, two cats, and a dog.

**Sunday
November 7
2:00 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Joseph LeValley

Performing Murder

In this fourth tale of his exploits, Tony Harrington races against time to save the people he loves, win a woman's heart, and stop a criminal genius from once again *Performing Murder*.

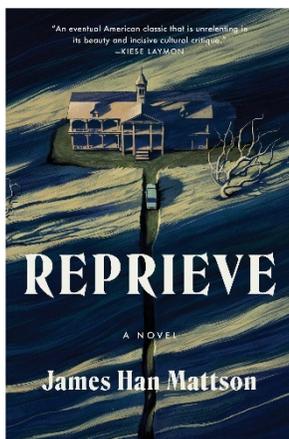
A major motion picture company chooses Orney, Iowa for the on-location shooting of its latest drama/thriller. Tony Harrington and others at the Orney Town Crier join the rest of the community in excitedly welcoming the arrival of international celebrities to their small city. However, just two weeks into filming, the excitement turns to horror when one of the lead actresses is found dead, the victim of a violent homicide.

Tony's world comes crashing down when someone he loves is charged with the crime and the evidence is indisputable. Distraught but still determined, he uncovers a dark secret from thirty-five years in the past that hints at an unspeakably evil hand at work behind the scenes. As Tony gets closer to finding the truth, he finds himself trapped and unable to escape the greatest peril of his life.

About the author...

Joe's career path to becoming an author was unusual. He likes to describe it as a life of "outrageous good fortune." His significant roles in the past have included being a reporter-photographer for Iowa newspapers for seven years and serving as an executive in Iowa hospitals and its largest statewide health care network for over 30 years. A writer all his life, Joe published his first novel in early 2019. He now has written five novels, is working on number six, and has begun two other books.

**Wednesday
November 10
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Jim Mattson

***Reprieve* – [ONLINE EVENT](#)**

Join authors Kali White VanBaale and James Han Mattson as they discuss his critically-acclaimed new novel *REPRIEVE*, a chilling and blisteringly relevant literary novel of social horror centered around a brutal killing that takes place in a full-contact haunted escape room—a provocative exploration of capitalism, hate politics, racial fetishism, and our obsession with fear as entertainment. An astonishingly soulful exploration of complicity and masquerade, *REPRIEVE* combines the psychological tension of classic horror with searing social criticism to present an unsettling portrait of this tangled American life.

Registration required for this virtual event hosted by Beaverdale Books and Pageturner Books. Copies of the book are available for purchase. [REGISTER HERE](#).

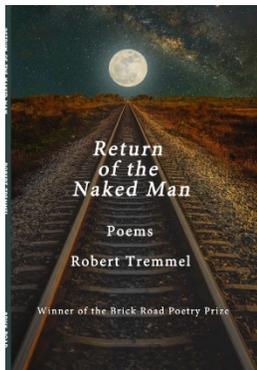
A 2021 Recommended Book by *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Esquire*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *O Quarterly*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Xtra Magazine*, *Thrillist*, *Popsugar*, *Lambda Literary*, *Shondaland*, *Lithub*, *The Millions*, *Crimereads*.



About the author...

James Han Mattson was born in Seoul, Korea and raised in North Dakota. A graduate of the Iowa Writers' Workshop, he has received grants from the Copernicus Society of America and Humanities North Dakota. He has been a featured storyteller on The Moth, and has taught at the University of Iowa, the University of Cape Town, the University of Maryland, the George Washington University, Murray State University, and the University of California – Berkeley. In 2009, he moved to Korea and reunited with his birth family after 30 years of separation. He is also the author of *The Lost Prayers of Ricky Graves* and is currently the fiction editor of *Hyphen Magazine*.

**Friday
November 12
6:30 p.m.**



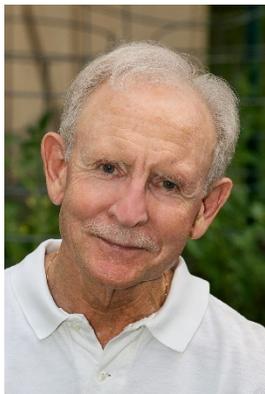
Meet the Author: Robert Tremmel

The Return of the Naked Man

In Robert Tremmel's sly, playful poems, the naked man contains multitudes: alternately bodied and bodiless, muse and mused-upon, happy to disrupt life on earth and observe it from afar. When the man is, as in *Saturday Night*; out in his garden / with an open bottle of Budweiser / and an old pie pan / from Bakers Square, his vision is cosmic, as he also ponders his drinking buddies / the slugs, already / stirring deep beneath / the lettuce leaves.

In *Somewhere There is This Lake*, the boundary between the earthly and the sacred is even more thrillingly tangled, to the point where there is no more boundary. The man realizes his boss's mind is; completely riddled / with bullet points / and she is pointedly / ignorant of the riddle / and infinite points / that are the naked man / himself, sitting there / in a straight-backed / chair, silently / watching the drama / and the riddle / of the infinite points / that are the woman / sitting in front of him.

If the naked man has indeed returned (from exile? the future? the great beyond?), he also never left. Through his eyes, all things are not just possible but probable.



About the Author...

Robert Tremmel grew up in Northwest Iowa, studied at the University of Iowa, and is Emeritus Professor of English at Iowa State University. His most recent book of poems is *The Records of Kosho the Toad* from Bottom Dog Press, and he has published widely in both academic and literary journals and magazines.

For the last twenty-three years, he and his wife, Michelle, have lived in Ankeny, Iowa, just a short drive from waters polluted by farm run-off from Northwest Iowa.

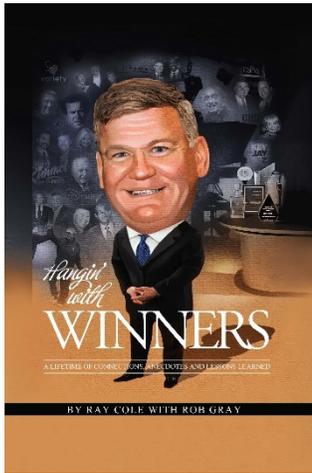
**Fund Raise
Sun Day
November 14
Noon - 4:00**

Twenty percent of sales will be donated to **Restoring Hope: The Honorable Colin J. Witt Memorial Foundation** — a local entity dedicated to helping youth in need understand their worth and value to our community and the world.

The foundation was created in honor of Colin Witt, who as a juvenile judge made it his life's work to help kids see their possibilities and how one mistake, or many, doesn't have to define their future. For more info, visit: restoringhopedsm.org



**Monday
November 15
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Ray Cole

Hangin' with Winners: A Lifetime of Connections, Anecdotes and Lessons Learned

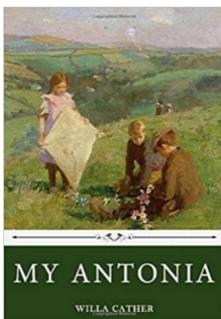
What makes a winner? Sure, it's a vague question, but one that's essential for highly driven and motivated individuals to ask. And it often takes a lifetime of experiences to find answers. Iowa author Ray Cole, a television broadcasting executive whose hall of fame career spans five decades, explores this question and brings together a wealth of knowledge in *Hangin' with Winners: A Lifetime of Connections, Anecdotes and Lessons Learned*. Cole and co-author Rob Gray interviewed titans in all kinds of industries and places – television, politics, and philanthropy – and compiled their thoughts on “winning” and success.

Read stories about, and advice from, acknowledged winners like Bob Iger, George Bodenheimer, Diane Sawyer, Bob Woodruff, Robin Roberts, George Stephanopoulos, Ted Koppel, Dick Vitale, Jay Williams, Michael J. Fox, Jimmy Kimmel and more, as well as extraordinary Iowans like Gov. Robert D. Ray, Gov. Terry E. Branstad and William Knapp. A must-read for anyone looking to ascend in their own careers and lives, this book is filled with valuable information about how to roll with the punches and find success. You'll leave inspired, ready to tackle any challenge and prepared to chart your own path to becoming a “winner.”

About the Author...

Ray Cole is a hall of fame broadcaster whose career spans five decades. As president and chief operating officer of Citadel Communications Company, Ray has held leadership roles on the boards of the ABC-TV Affiliates Association, National Association of Broadcasters, Television Bureau of Advertising and Broadcasters Foundation of America. He has been recognized for his leadership in the broadcasting industry and his contributions to the community at large.

**Tuesday
November 16
10:00 a.m.**



Iowa Public Radio - Talk of Iowa Book Club

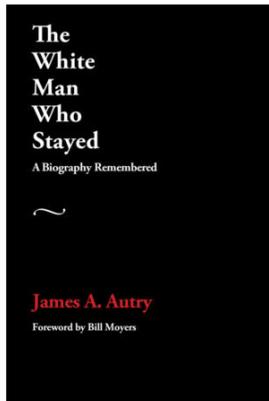
Join host Charity Nebbe for a lively discussion on the monthly on-air book club broadcast. Hear about the themes, characters and big picture questions raised by the titles on our reading list.

***My Antonia* by Willa Cather**

Published in 1918, *My Antonia* is a classic that brings the pioneer experience of the Midwest to life. Told as a flashback, the story begins as two young people arrive in Nebraska to build new lives. Jim Burden is newly orphaned and traveling to live with his grandparents on their farm. Antonia Shimerda is traveling with her Bohemian immigrant family, seeking a new life on the prairie. In telling the characters' stories of growth, hardship, and connection, the book explores issues of class, gender and what it means to be American.

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. 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!

**Tuesday
November 16
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: James A. Autry

The White Man Who Stayed

This is a story of one white man, but also of an epic struggle that still plagues the South. Following perilous duty on a destroyer in World War II, then becoming the first person in his family to earn a college degree, Douglas Autry returned to his native Mississippi and was elected county superintendent of education. Thus began a heroic journey to bring change to a place and to people who had proved over and over again they did not want any change that threatened their way of life.

FOREWORD by Bill Moyers, an American journalist and political commentator. Moyers served as White House Press Secretary under the Johnson administration from 1965 to 1967. He also worked as a network TV news commentator for ten years.

About the Author...

James A. Autry, a former Fortune 500 executive, is an author of fifteen books, a poet and consultant whose work has had a significant influence on leadership thinking. His book, *Love and Profit: The Art of Caring Leadership*, a collection of essays and poetry, won the prestigious Johnson, Smith & Knisely Award as the book which had the most impact on executive thinking in 1992. *Love and Profit* also has been published in Japanese, Swedish, Chinese, Spanish, and Russian, and is still in print in paperback.

His other books are: *Looking Around for God, The Oddly Reverent Observations of An Unconventional Christian, The Book of Hard Choices, The Spirit of Retirement, The Servant Leader, Real Power; Business Lessons from the Tao Te Ching (with Stephen Mitchell), Confessions of An Accidental Businessman, Life and Work: A Manager's Search for Meaning, Life After Mississippi. Nights Under a Tin Roof.*

**Sunday
November 21
2:00 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Tony Tracy

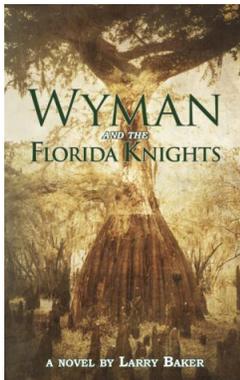
Welcome to Your Life

The chief characteristic of these poems is extreme simplicity of style united with profound emotion. The poems reveal impressive imagination, blended with strange and beautiful word-pictures.

About the Author...

Tony Tracy is the author of three poetry collections: *The Christening, Without Notice* and his newly released book overseas, *Welcome to Your Life*. He is a Pushcart Prize nominated writer whose poetry has recently appeared or is forthcoming in *North American Review, Burningword, Jelly Bucket, Poetry East, Tar River Poetry, Rattle, Hotel Amerika, Painted Bride Quarterly, Potomac Review, Briar Cliff Review*, and various other magazines and journals.

**Monday
November 22
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Larry Baker

Wyman and the Florida Knights

Peter Wyman was the most famous portrait painter in America, but his fame had come with a high price—his mind and soul. Nearing the end of his life he wants to erase himself, but how? He decides to go into hiding. But where? He's clueless until an aging blond cashier in St. Augustine points him in the right direction...

"There's one place you might go look for, north of Orlando, if it still exists. I've heard stories about it for years but now it seems to have disappeared. Hasn't been in the news for decades. Ex-boyfriend of mine came from there and told me it was full of crazies, which I thought was funny, since he turned out to be a meth dealer."

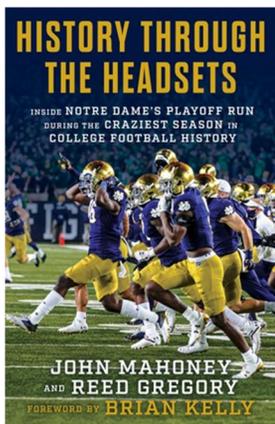
"Place doesn't exist?"

"All I know is what I've heard. You want to disappear, you go to Knightville."

About the Author...

Larry Baker earned his doctorate at the University of Iowa and is a former member of the Iowa City Council. He is included on Iowa City's Literary Walk and is the author of seven novels.

**Friday
November 26
2:00 – 3:00**



Book Signing: John Mahoney

History Through the Headsets

Notre Dame football is a program defined by its many traditions: its status as an independent, the rivalries with USC and Navy, the rumble of the crowd as the Victory March plays. In 2020, that all changed. Amid a global pandemic, the season hung in the balance all spring. Then the schedule was scrapped as the Irish were folded into the ACC. The stands at Notre Dame Stadium stayed empty. In an unprecedented look inside this historic program, players Reed Gregory and John Mahoney chronicle a season that won't be forgotten. Fans will get an up-close view as Brian Kelly's squad navigates a new course and makes their run to the Rose Bowl. Filled with insight and personal reflections recorded throughout the year, this fascinating keepsake captures the realities of college football at the crossroads of something much greater.

About the Author...

John Mahoney grew up in West Des Moines, Iowa and is a 2021 graduate of the University of Notre Dame. He played safety for the Fighting Irish from 2017 to 2020 and served as the 2020-2021 President of the Notre Dame Walk-On Players Union.

Stop by the store to greet John and get a signed copy of his book. A great holiday gift for football fans!

**Tuesday
November 30
6:30 p.m.**



Meet the Author: Tracey Garvis Graves

Heard It in a Love Song

Layla Hilding is thirty-five and recently divorced. Struggling to break free from the past—her glory days as the lead singer in a band and a ten-year marriage to a man who never put her first—Layla’s newly found independence feels a lot like loneliness.

Then there’s Josh, the single dad whose daughter attends the elementary school where Layla teaches music. Recently separated, he’s still processing the end of his twenty-year marriage to his high school sweetheart.

Equally cautious and confused about dating in a world that favors apps over meeting organically, Layla and Josh decide to be friends with the potential for something more. Sounds sensible and way too simple—but when two people are on the rebound, is it heartbreak or happiness that’s a love song away?

Moderated by: Kali White VanBaale, a Des Moines-area creative writing professor and award-winning author of novels, short stories, essays, and articles. www.kaliwhite.com

About the Author...

Tracey Garvis Graves is the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, and international bestselling author of contemporary fiction. Her debut novel, *On the Island*, spent 9 weeks on the *New York Times* bestseller list, has been translated into thirty-five languages, and is in development with MGM and Temple Hill Productions for a feature film. She is also the author of *Uncharted*, *Covet*, *Every Time I Think of You*, *Cherish*, *Heart-Shaped Hack*, *White-Hot Hack*, *The Girl He Used to Know*, and *Heard It in a Love Song*. She is hard at work on her next book.

Tracey loves to interact with her readers and can be found on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

**Saturday
November 27
10:00 a.m. –
5:00 p.m.**

Beaverdale Books is proud to celebrate Indies First and Small Business Saturday.

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**Meet Area Authors
Free Advance Reading Copies
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Refreshments**



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If you know someone who loves to read, invite them to visit our web site and sign up for our monthly newsletter! It's a great way to stay up to date with best-selling books, fascinating author visits, and other fun bookstore happenings!

Make New Friends, Discover New Books – Join a Monthly Book Club!

Hunter's Classics

Tuesday, November 9 @ 6:30

The Haunting of Hill House

by Shirley Jackson

Beaverdale Book Browsers

Thursday, November 11 @ 6:30 p.m.

The Body Farm

by Patricia Cornwall

Mystery Book Club

Tuesday, November 23 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Thursday Murder Club

by Richard Osman

Our monthly book discussions are now being held in the store. New members are welcome. Masks required.

