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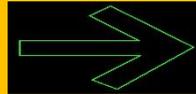
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AUGUST 2022

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Local Author Fair

We are pleased to host a wonderful variety of local writers as they share their newly published works on **Saturday, August 13 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
Free refreshments and plenty of interesting conversation!



It's National Bookstore Romance Day!

Join in this annual celebration of steamy novels, innocent love stories, and zany rom-coms. Don't miss this chance to meet five outstanding romance writers—all from Iowa! Plus, we will be serving champagne and chocolates during the event.

The Land Beneath Us – A Land Panel

Join us for a lively discussion at **6:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 22 at Artisan Gallery 218** in Valley Junction featuring agricultural lawyer Neil Hamilton, farmer Beth Hoffman, and photographer Ameer Ellis, moderated by agricultural engineer Pat Boddy.

It's Not the Heat—It's the Humidity

Either way, August is the perfect time to enjoy some sun and shade (and maybe some air-conditioning) with a favorite book! We have a wonderful selection of beach reads, best-sellers, classics, and our staff is always happy to help. (Visit our web site to see [What We're Reading.](#))



Our State Fair Is a Great State Fair

And we have the book to prove it! Join us on **Tuesday, August 30 at 6:30 p.m.** as authors Kay Fenton Smith and Carol McGarvey share stories and recipes from the Iowa State Fair food competitions—plus samples!

Thanks for reading and stay safe,
Alice and Hunter

July Best Sellers at Beaverdale Books

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

1. *Horse*, Geraldine Brooks
2. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, Delia Owens
3. *Principal Park: A Diamond in the Rough*, Steve Dunn*
4. *Then and Now: Cancer Journals*, Alicia Elifritz*
5. *Book Lovers*, Emily Henry
6. *A Thousand Acres*, Jane Smiley*
7. *Bet the Farm: The Dollars and Sense of Growing Food in America*, Beth Hoffman*
8. *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir*, Michelle Zauner
9. *6:20 Man: A Thriller*, David Balducci
10. *The Land Remains: A Midwestern Perspective on Our Past and Future*, Neil D. Hamilton*

*Iowa Author!

Upcoming Events

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Monday – Friday

10:00 – 8:00

Saturday

10:00 – 5:00

Sunday

12:00 – 4:00

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We are happy to provide fabric totes to customers as needed. If you have extra totes, we are also happy to take donations. Thanks!

**Sunday
August 7
2:30 p.m.**
@Beaverdale Books



Meet the Author & Illustrator: Mary Gordon & Candace Camling

Hello Iowa

Encouraging Kids to Say Hello to Iowa Destinations

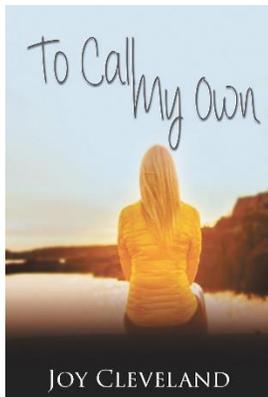
Bring the kids to meet author Mary Gordon and illustrator Candace Camling as they share stories about their work and the fascinating sites featured in the book. *Hello Iowa* was published in January of 2019.

It is a great guide to a variety of sites in Iowa, and it's written in a way that helps children learn about our great state and makes a great gift. Parents and grandparents will find it a great resource for planning short trips to the many wonders of our state.

Mary Gordon worked in the Des Moines Public School system for 37 years as a teacher, reading and math program coordinator and elementary principal. She was a partner in Gordon and Royal Educational Consulting and has also written two other children's books, *Bedtime Surprise* and *Little Bethlehem Star*.

Candace Camling lives in Des Moines, Iowa where she writes and creates artwork in her attic studio. She lives with her family--including two naughty cats. She earned a BFA in illustration and digital media from Kendall College of Art & Design. Being an illustrator means getting to solve visual problems, learning about new topics constantly and trying to bring a little joy into the world. Her favorite things to read are non-fiction picture books, graphic novels, and anything with a hint of magic. Candace has won many awards in juried shows and contests. She has also worked with a wide variety of clients and collaborators.

**Saturday
August 13
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
@Beaverdale Books**



Local Author Fair

If you love to read, write, and meet authors, head to Beaverdale Books for our Local Author Fair featuring five local writers! Free refreshments and plenty of fun!

Joy Cleveland | *To Call My Own*

Hoping for a fresh start, Dr. Karis Henry accepts a position in Harbor, Missouri, a small, underserved town by Feather Lake. The long hours and demands of the community clinic are just what she wants—a way to bury the memories and control the pain. But the moment Clay Montes shows up, her plans fall to pieces.

Clay is a changed man who wants to right the wrongs of his past; at least, that's what he says. Why else would he work for a non-profit and live in a camper? But he'll have to do a whole lot more than open his mouth because Karis isn't listening. Her wounds are deep. Will the truth heal or just cause more pain?

Joy Cleveland is a writer, histotechnologist, wife, mother of four and shameless grandmother of six. She lives in Iowa where there are few distractions and lots of glorious cornfields, and where she has spent 24 years in the medical field. She has written short stories, plays for children, and quirky newsletters. This is her first novel.

Anita & Brandon Holmes | *Safe! in Outerspace*

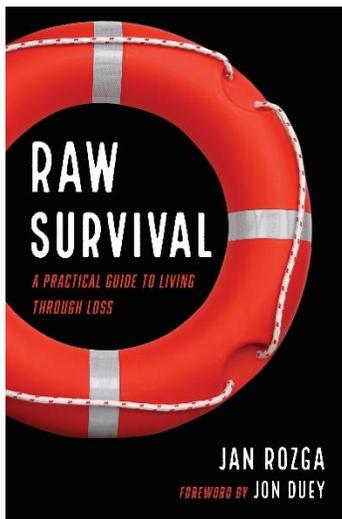
After being whisked away in a spaceship, Brandon's brought in to be the pinch hitter in an intergalactic ball game. He must win to return to home on Earth, but it proves harder than he thinks when he's given rules from another planet. *Safe! In Outerspace* is a fun, alien picture book geared for children ages 3-7 and is great for beginner and reluctant readers. Boys, girls, primary school students, adults, and parents can enjoy this new intergalactic adventure.

Anita and Brandon Holmes are a mother-son author team. This is their first book and they had a great time working on it together. They reside in Iowa with the rest of their family. Anita loves spending time with her family and is an active member of the community. Brandon has been making up out-of-this-world stories since he was little. Brandon is still in school and loves math, reading and science. When Brandon is not making up stories he loves playing with his friends.

Scott Galenbeck | *She Said, He Said*

When a million-dollar bearer bond is cashed at a Swiss bank, Kar Gudman, former insurance investigator for Censur Re, is asked to discover who cashed the bond and how it got to Switzerland. The bond has a dark history: On September 11, 2001, high in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, a brokerage firm handed the bond to its trusted courier for delivery to a nearby bank. Moments later, terrorists struck the tower. The courier was never seen again, the bond presumed lost. Although Gudman resolutely pursues the cold transactional trail, assisted by his friend Tony and a spritely English detective, Fanselasia, he approaches the bond search with mixed emotions; his own complicated history includes too many secrets.

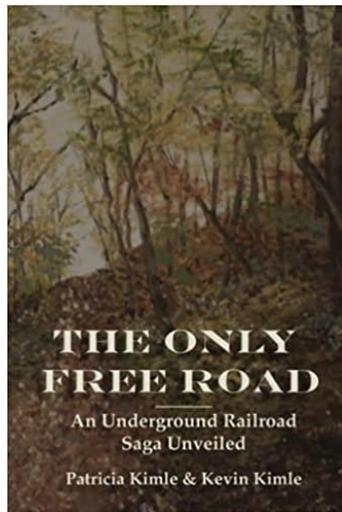
Scott Galenbeck studied at Grinnell College (B.A., history) and the University of Hull, Hull, England. After service in the U.S. Army, he attended the University of Iowa, College of Law (J.D.). Following law school, Scott worked for the Iowa Supreme Court as a research attorney, then as a law clerk for federal magistrate Michael R. Hogan, District of Oregon. Subsequently, Scott practiced in the law firm Lively & Wiswall of Springfield, Oregon, initially as an associate, then as a partner. Scott currently maintains a general litigation practice focused on representation of licensees of State of Iowa licensing boards, which include the Iowa Board of Medicine, the Iowa Pharmacy Board, and the Iowa Nursing Board.



Jan Rozga | *Raw Survival; A Practical Guide to Living Through Loss*

On June 6, 2010, one week after graduating from high school, the **Jan Rozga's** son David smoked a synthetic drug called K2 with a group of friends. He took his life ninety minutes later. Her world stopped. She had so many unanswerable questions, felt so many overwhelming emotions. Breath by breath, day by day, God got her through. *Raw Survival* is a testimony of God's faithfulness, a celebration of our son's life, and a practical guide to help others survive a loss.

So many people are suffering today – because of the pandemic and because of loss in general. Grief can paralyze us...causing us to withdraw from life – to feel very alone...very hopeless. *Raw Survival* equips readers with practical tools for surviving grief and gives them a safe place to connect with someone else who has also experienced loss. It contains important tips for surviving the first days, first year, and even years after experiencing loss. This book is also a great resource for anyone who is providing support for others who are walking through grief and will help them to get an honest look at what grieving hearts experience....what they need and what they don't need.

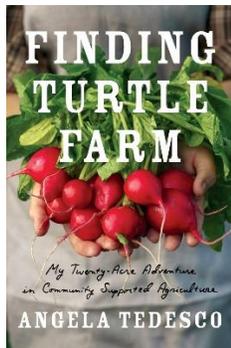


Patricia & Kevin Kimle | *The Only Free Road: An Underground Railroad Saga Unveiled*

This stunning novel brings to life the surprising violence of ideas and actions of the Underground Railroad and puts you alongside major figures of 1859 America such as John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, J.B. Grinnell, James Jordan, as well as everyday people who shaped American history. Travel with two young couples, one abolitionist and one fugitive, seeking freedom in a frantic story of slavery, heroism and the fight for freedom.

Patricia Kimle is an artist and lover of history. After 30 years in the craft and jewelry industry, she has turned her attention to painting and writing. Historical fiction is her favorite genre to read, so it was fun to make up a story with her husband and work together. Working on the *Only Free Road*, Patricia indulged her habit of diving down research rabbit holes in order to try to get lots of details to enrich the story. She and Kevin have three grown children and live in Ames, Iowa.

**Wednesday
August 17
6:30 p.m.
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Meet the Author: Angela Tedesco

Finding Turtle Farm: My Twenty-Acre Adventure in Community-Supported Agriculture

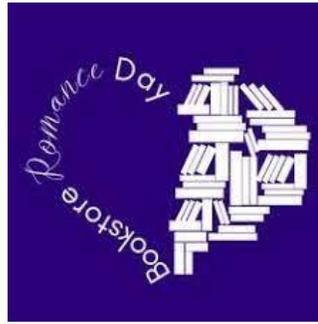
On a twenty-acre farm in Iowa in 1995, Angela Tedesco planted the seeds (quite literally) of a quiet revolution. While American agriculture had strayed so far afield, her farm would raise food that served the earth and the community as well as the palate. In *Finding Turtle Farm*, Tedesco recounts this adventure in all its down-and-dirty work and wonder, from plan and plot to harvest, with nods along the way to the vagaries of weather, pests, and human nature.

About the Author...

For seventeen years Angela Tedesco was the owner and operator of Turtle Farm. A founding member of the Iowa Network for Community Agriculture, she has served on the board of Practical Farmers of Iowa and was a contributor to Teresa Ophem's book *The Future of Family Farms: Practical Farmers' Legacy Letter Project*. Prior to her career as a farmer she worked in research laboratories and was director of religious education at the First Unitarian Church in Des Moines. Now retired, she lives in Johnston, Iowa.



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About the Authors...

Mary Lee Ashford is a lifelong bibliophile, an avid reader, and supporter of public libraries. In addition to writing the Sugar and Spice series for Kensington Books, she also writes as half of the writing team of Sparkle Abbey, author of the national bestselling Pampered Pets mystery series from Bell Bridge Books. She is the founding president of Sisters in Crime – Iowa and a board member of the Mystery Writers of America Midwest chapter, as well as a member of Novelists, Inc., Romance Writers of America, Kiss of Death the RWA Mystery Suspense chapter, Sisters in Crime, and the SinC internet group Guppies. She resides in the Midwest with her husband, Tim, and Sparkle, the rescue cat namesake of the Sparkle Abbey pseudonym.

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

Julie Stone was born a child of the seventies complete with rainbow shirts, bell bottoms and a belief in unicorns. All that whim and whimsy ushered her into the wonderful world of being a teenager in the eighties, something she has a hard time letting go of most days. Graduating with a degree in English from the University of Iowa (go Hawks!) where along with a degree she also earned herself a husband. The magical world of motherhood brought along a new chapter of joy, terror and sleepless nights. Through raising two boys and several moves around the Midwest, her stories and keyboard kept her company -- and relatively sane. Currently settled in Iowa, she continues to pursue her love of the written word, her cat and "sMothering" the three boys in her life to the best of her abilities.

Maggie Ann Martin hails from Des Moines, Iowa but moonlights as a New Yorker. She earned a BA in English and Journalism from the University of Iowa, the most welcoming literary community in the world. When she is not writing, you can find her binge watching TV shows or passionately fangirling over fictional characters on the Internet. Her two young adult novels, *The Big F* and *To Be Honest* are available now from Swoon Reads (Macmillan).

Denise Williams wrote her first book in the second grade. *I Hate You* and its sequel, *I Still Hate You*, featured a tough, funny heroine, a quirky hero, witty banter, and a dragon. Minus the dragons, these are still the books she likes to write. After penning those early works, she finished second grade and eventually earned a PhD. After growing up a military brat around the world and across the country, Denise now lives in Iowa with her husband, son, and two ornery shih-tzus.

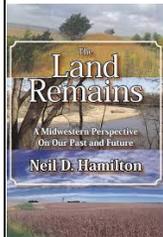
**Monday
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@Artisan Gallery 218**



The Land Beneath Us – Panel Discussion

Join us for a lively discussion at Artisan Gallery 218 in Valley Junction featuring agricultural lawyer Neil Hamilton, farmer Beth Hoffman, and photographer Amee Ellis, moderated by agricultural engineer Pat Boddy.

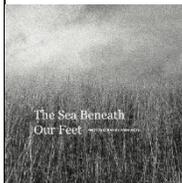
Neil Hamilton is an emeritus professor of law and the former director of the Agricultural Law Center at Drake University in Des Moines. He retired from full-time teaching in 2019 after thirty-eight years focusing on agriculture and food law. Raised on his family farm in Adams County, he attended Iowa State University for Forestry and the University of Iowa for Law. His advice is sought by Presidential candidates, cabinet secretaries, reporters, and others looking for insight on issues involving farming, rural society, conservation, and land tenure. He has served for decades on a variety of non-profit boards including the Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and Seed Savers



Exchange. He lives with his wife Khanh at Sunstead Farm, a market garden oasis they created on Sugar Creek, near Waukee.

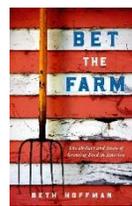
The Land Remains: A Midwestern Perspective On Our Past and Future blends personal memoir, a history of Iowa land conservation, and an analysis of contemporary issues of soil health, water quality, public lands, and future challenges to tell the story how land shapes our lives.

Amee Ellis grew up around the Midwest and studied fine art photography at Columbia College Chicago. Her work has appeared in solo and juried group exhibitions and received Best in Show at “Iowa Exhibited XXXVI” in 2021. She has participated in juried art festivals, including the Des Moines Arts Festival and Art in the Pearl in Portland, Oregon. Amee recently completed a special project for Des Moines Metro Opera titled *The Sea Beneath Our Feet*, a photographic interpretation of their 2022 world-premiere opera, *A Thousand Acres*. She lives in Des Moines, Iowa.



The Sea Beneath Our Feet is a project commissioned by the Des Moines Metro Opera, a photographic interpretation of their 2022 world-premiere opera *A Thousand Acres*, based on Jane Smiley’s novel. These photographs reflect on the women of the story and the Iowa farm where they grow up, live, and move away from. Ellis’ photographs consider the sisters through the Iowa landscape and ask the viewer to contemplate its past, present, and future.

Beth Hoffman was living the good life: she had a successful career as a journalist and professor, a comfortable home in San Francisco, and plenty of close friends and family. Yet in her late 40s, she and her husband decided to leave the big city and move to his family ranch in Iowa—all for the dream of becoming a farmer, to put into practice everything she had learned over decades of reporting on food and agriculture.

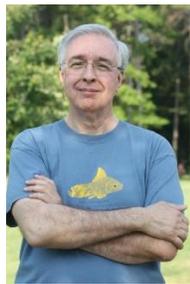


Bet the Farm chronicles their journey through Beth’s eyes as a beginning farmer. She must contend with her father-in-law, who is reluctant to hand over control of the land. Growing oats is good for the environment but ends up being very bad for the wallet. And finding somewhere, in the midst of COVID-19, to slaughter grass-finished beef is a nightmare. The couple also must balance the books, hoping that farming isn’t a romantic fantasy that takes every cent of their savings.

Moderator **Pat Boddy** is a writer, harpist, grandmother, and professional engineer whose work has focused on policy, planning, and designing related to water quality and climate. She began her career as a journalist and continues to find work effective when it embraces many perspectives and keeps environmental justice in its sight.

**Thursday
August 25
6:30 p.m.**

@Beaverdale Books



Meet the Poet: Dennis Maulsby

Heart Songs

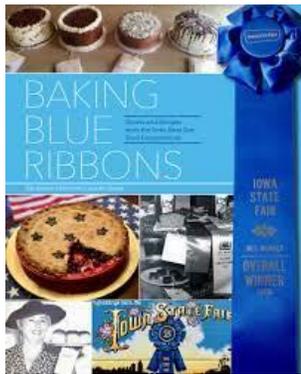
Heart songs come from many sources. We welcome those of love, whether romantic or platonic. Our life experiences evoke other songs, whether bawdy, prideful, humorous, sad, happy, terrifying, or in joyous dance — the heart's percussion, riffs, and chords changing in response to each experience. Poetry can capture them all, permitting the intimate sensual and intimate virtual to blend. In this book, think of the poems as the author's sheet music — records of the heart's songs.

About the Author...

Dennis Maulsby's poems and short stories have appeared in *The North American Review*, *Star*Line*, *The Hawai'i Pacific Review*, *The Briarcliff Review* (Pushcart nomination), and on National Public Radio's *Themes & Variations*. His traditionally published books include, *Near Death/Near Life* (Military Writers Society of America (MWSA) gold medal winner), *Free Fire Zone* (MWSA silver medal winner), *Winterset* (Eric Hoffer Award winner and Global eBook gold medal winner), *Heart Songs*, and *House de Gracie* (Reader Views and Global eBook silver medals). Maulsby holds memberships in the SFWA, the SFPA, the MWSA, and is a past president of the Iowa Poetry Association.

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

@Beaverdale Books



Meet the Authors: Kay Fenton Smith & Carol McGarvey

Baking Blue Ribbons: Stories and Recipes from the Iowa State Fair Food Competitions

For the first time in Iowa State Fair history, Kay Fenton Smith and Carol McGarvey have written a book, *Baking Blue Ribbons*, highlighting the history, stories, and recipes from the very first Fair in 1854 through 2021. This book showcases what it means to be a part of the Midwest culinary experience and how recipes and stories have helped shape the Food Department at the Fair throughout the years.

The Iowa State Fair Blue Ribbon Foundation helped bring this book to print by coordinating donations. The Foundation is responsible for raising funds for the renovation and preservation of the historic Fairgrounds and even helped with the development of the Elwell Family Food Center in 2009.

The Iowa State Fair's food competition is the country's largest state fair food department offering 894 classes and 216 divisions. Proceeds from *Baking Blue Ribbons* will benefit the Iowa State Fair Food Department.

About the Authors...

Kay Fenton Smith has competed and won ribbons at the Iowa State Fair for more than a decade and **Carol McGarvey** has judged and sponsored food competitions for 36 years. Together, these incredible authors, with experiences from both sides of the judging table, bring a unique outlook to readers, plus fun stories and delicious, award-winning recipes.





Sign Up for a Literary Tour

John Shors Travel is offering a series of exceptional literary tours in 2022 and 2023 and he will lead all tours. [More information here.](#)

Current tours offered:

- Uzbekistan – September 2022.
- India – October 2022.
- SE Asia – January 2023.
- Bhutan – April 2023.
- Japan – May 2023.



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Iowa Public Radio - Talk of Iowa Book Club

Iowa Public Radio recently announced the next novels for the Talk of Iowa Book Club. Each book was carefully selected by host Charity Nebbe, highlighting culturally relevant topics from a diverse group of authors with Iowa connections. Here's the reading list for the bi-monthly meetings!

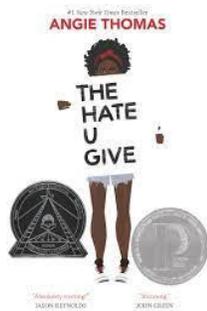
August 16: *The Hate U Give*, by Angie Thomas

October 11: *We Heard It When We Were Young*, by Chuy Renteria

December 20: *Homegoing*, by Yaa Gyasi

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Join a Monthly Book Club!

Hunter's Classics

Tuesday, August 9 @ 7:00 p.m.

The Glass Menagerie

By Tennessee Williams

(New members are welcome.)

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

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie

Mystery Book Club

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

Crowners Crusade

by Bernard Knight

(New members are welcome.)

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