SPECIAL ATHENÆUM BOOKSHELF

OLDER FAVORITES:

ALL ABOUT BOOKSTORES AND BOOKSELLERS

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BIOGRAPHY AND CORRESPONDENCE

84, CHARING CROSS ROAD
HELENE HANFF
A delightful series of letters between New York writer Helene Hanff and Frank Doel, a bookseller at Marks & Co. in London, from whom Hanff orders books during the post-war period. 97 p.

BOOKENDS: TWO WOMEN, ONE ENDURING FRIENDSHIP
LEONA ROSTENBERG AND MADELEINE STERN
A joint autobiography by two antiquarian booksellers. 246 p., ill.

A BOOKSELLER’S WAR
HEYWOOD HILL AND ANNE HILL
Letters between Heywood Hill, a London bookseller who was in the military during World War II, and his wife who ran their store in his absence, with assistance from Nancy Mitford. 208 p., ill.

THE BOOKSHOP AT 10 CURZON STREET
ED. BY JOHN SAUMAREZ SMITH

A BOOKSHOP IN BERLIN
FRANÇOISE FRENKEL
"The rediscovered memoir of one woman’s harrowing escape from the Nazis." 269 p., ill.

HISTORY

BOOK ROW
MARVIN MONDLIN & ROY MEADOR

BOOKSTORE
LYNNE TILLMAN
The life and times of Jeannette Watson and Books & Co. 337 p., ill.

THE VANISHING VELAZQUEZ
LAURA CUMMING
"A 19th century bookseller's obsession with a lost masterpiece." 296 p., ill.
SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY

SYLVIA BEACH
Sylvia Beach was the founder and owner of the original Shakespeare and Company. She also published Ulysses, by James Joyce. 230 p., ill.

ED. BY KRISTA HALVERSON
SHAKESPEARE AND COMPANY, PARIS
A history of the celebrated English-language bookstore in Paris, in both its original and later versions. 384 p., ill.

JEREMY MERCER
TIME WAS SOFT THERE
An unemployed Canadian reporter ends up taking a job at the modern incarnation of Shakespeare and Company. 262 p.

DVDS

THE BOOKSHOP
An English widow opens a bookshop in a coastal town in the 1950s. Starring Emily Mortimer and Bill Nighy. Based on the novel by Penelope Fitzgerald. 1 DVD, 113 min.

EBOOKS

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PETER SWANSON
EIGHT PERFECT MURDERS
A bookstore owner finds the FBI investigating him when his list of perfect murders from literature is put to use by a killer.

CATRIONA McPHERSON
QUIET NEIGHBORS
In this mystery a woman escapes to a remote town where she secures a job as an assistant in an old bookstore, and a rental in a former gravedigger's cottage.

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FICTION

CHARLIE LOVETT
THE BOOKMAN'S TALE
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THE BOOKSHOP  
An English widow opens a bookshop in a coastal town in the 1950s.  
PENELOPE FITZGERALD  
123 p.

THE BOOKSHOP OF THE BROKEN HEARTED  
A Holocaust survivor opens the first bookshop in an Australian town.  
ROBERT HILLMAN  
293 p.

THE BOOKSHOP OF YESTERDAYS  
Miranda Brooks inherits her uncle’s near-bankrupt California bookstore, along with a complex scavenger hunt that leads to unexpected discoveries.  
AMY MYERSON  
364 p.

CAMINO ISLAND  
A bookstore owner has a sideline in stolen rare books.  
JOHN GRISHAM  
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HAPPY PEOPLE READ & DRINK COFFEE  
A French novel about the owner of a literary café in Paris.  
AGNES MARTIN-LUGAND  
242 p.

THE LITTLE PARIS BOOKSHOP  
The owner of a floating bookstore prescribes novels.  
NINA GEORGE  
392 p.

MR. PENUMBRA’S 24-HOUR BOOKSTORE  
A bookstore hides a secret.  
ROBIN SLOAN  
288 p.

THE READERS OF BROKEN WHEEL RECOMMEND  
A Swedish woman opens a bookstore in Iowa.  
KATARINA BIVALD  
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THE STORIED LIFE OF A.J. FIKY  
A bookstore owner rebuilds his life after a devastating theft.  
GABRIELLE ZEVIN  
260 p.

DETECTIVES

BILIOMYSTERIES  
"Crime in the world of books and bookstores." Short Stories.  
ed. by OTTO PENZLER  
526 p.

THE BOOKSELLER  
A security official at the American embassy in Paris investigates the abduction of his antiquarian bookseller friend.  
MARK PRYOR  
303 p.

THE CRACKED SPINE  
A Scottish Bookshop mystery.  
PAIGE SHELTON  
294 p.

THE DISAPPEARANCE AT PERE-LACHAISE  
French bookseller Victor Legris investigates the disappearance of his former lover.  
CLAUSE IZNER  
306 p.

MIDNIGHT AT THE BRIGHT IDEAS BOOKSTORE : A NOVEL  
A bookstore clerk must unravel the mystery of a patron's suicide.  
MATTHEW SULLIVAN  
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Readers are being targeted in this mystery set in France.  
LAURENCE COSSÉ  
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