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# Book Notes

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## Bookshop Novels

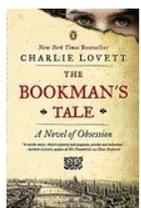
**Bookstores bring all different types of people together. They are places where odd and unexpected things happen. Whether they're fictional or exist in real life, the bookshops featured in these novels are those anyone would love to haunt.**



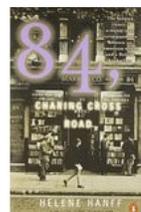
**The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend** (FIC BIV) by Katarina Bivald - Bivald, who grew up working in a bookshop outside of Stockholm, fictionalizes the bookshop experience in her debut novel. A heartwarming reminder of why we are booklovers, this is a sweet, smart story about how books find us, change us, and connect us.



**A Window Opens: A Novel** (FIC EGA) by Elisabeth Egan - Elisabeth Egan has not only written a relatable, empathic story about a woman at personal and professional crossroads, but has turned a sharp and satirical eye to both the self-important, neologism-choked jargon of the corporate world and the claustrophobic self-satisfactions that are often endemic to suburban life.



**The Bookman's Tale: A Novel of Obsession** (FIC LOV) by Charlie Lovett - "Lovett's novel is a marvelous new Shakespearean mystery: an intelligent thriller that is also a love song for books and the people who relish them. Lovett knows his stuff about Shakespeare, rare books, and the passions that both inspire, and he weaves from these a delicious tale of love, loss, and the thrill of discovery.



**84 Charing Cross Road** (B HAN, dvd FIC EIG) by Helene Hanff - This epistolary memoir features the long-distance friendship the author formed with the employees of Marks & Co. Booksellers of London. A quick, charming read or movie for any book lover.

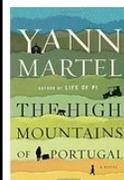


**The Bookseller of Kabul** (958.1 SEI) by Asne Seierstad - This mesmerizing portrait of a proud man who, through three decades and successive repressive regimes, heroically braved persecution to bring books to the people of Kabul has elicited extraordinary praise throughout the world and become a phenomenal international bestseller.

## Top Bookmarks Magazine Selections



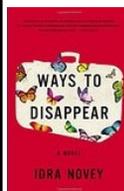
**The Dogs of Littlefield** (FIC BER, LP FIC BER) by Suzanne Berne - With an element of suspense, satirical social commentary, and in-depth character portraits, Suzanne Berne's nuanced novel reveals the discontent concealed behind the manicured lawns and picket fences of darkest suburbia. *The Dogs of Littlefield* is "a compelling, poignant yet unsentimental novel that examines life, love, and loss."



**The High Mountains of Portugal : A Novel** (FIC MAR, LP FIC MAR) by Yann Martel - *The High Mountains of Portugal*—part quest, part ghost story, part contemporary fable—offers a haunting exploration of great love and great loss. Filled with tenderness, humor, and endless surprise, it takes the reader on a road trip through Portugal in the last century—and through the human soul.



**The Vegetarian: A Novel** (FIC KAN) by Han Kang - "Visceral and terrifying, *The Vegetarian* is a startling reminder of the utter unknowability of another's mind. Nonetheless, reading it, you will feel it in your flesh: the desire for peace, a plea for safety, for escape from your own inevitable mortality. It is artfully plotted, sweeping and surreal.



**Ways to Disappear: A Novel** (FIC NOV) by Idrá Novey - For fans of Robin Sloan's *Mr. Penumbra's 24-Hour Bookstore* and Maria Semple's *Where'd You Go, Bernadette*, an inventive, brilliant debut novel about the disappearance of a famous Brazilian novelist and the young translator who turns her life upside down to follow her author's trail.



**Evicted: Poverty and profit in the American City** (339.46 DES) by Matthew Desmond - Based on years of embedded fieldwork and painstakingly gathered data, this masterful book transforms our understanding of extreme poverty and economic exploitation while providing fresh ideas for solving a devastating, uniquely American problem. Its unforgettable scenes of hope and loss remind us of the centrality of home, without which nothing else is possible.

Coming June 1

## The "New" Adult Summer Reading Program "Reader's Monopoly Challenge"

Exercise your mind this summer with the library's "new" Adult Summer Reading Program, **"Reader's Monopoly Challenge."** Participants will be asked to read two or three books from the monopoly property categories of the same color group to earn raffle tickets that will be entered in the drawing at the end of the program for gift cards to local merchants. The program runs through August 31.

Sign up and receive a reading log.

The program, prizes and reading logs are provided by the Friends of the Hershey Public Library.

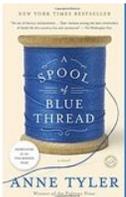
## Looking for Something New and Enjoyable to Read?

Don't miss the unveiling of the library's **2016 Staff Picks** due out at the end of May. Stop by to pick up your brochure to help plan your summer reading "bucket list."

## Adult Coloring Group

The library's newest and very popular "hosted group" is the **Adult Coloring Group**. If you are looking for a way to relax this summer and/or to get out of the heat, stop by the group's monthly meetings that begin at 6:00 p.m. on the following dates: Wednesdays June 8, July 13, and August 10.

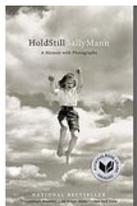
## Top Picks for Book Groups



**A Spool of Blue Thread : A Novel** (FIC TYL, LP FIC TYL, cd FIC TYL) by Anne Tyler -

"Deeply moving . . . *A Spool of Blue Thread* is a miracle of sorts, a tender, touching and funny story about three generations of an ordinary American family who are, of course, anything but . . . Tyler's accomplishment in this understated masterpiece is to convince us not only that

the Whitshanks are remarkable but also that every family—no matter how seemingly ordinary—is in its own way special."



**Hold Still: A Memoir with Photographs** (B MAN) by Sally Mann -

"This spectacular modern memoir reads like a sweeping gothic novel, filled with mystery, violence, controversy, and, of course, love in all its forms. It is a literary family album enlivened by many of the images in the stories told. A Southern work, it is also universally

accessible, as all of Sally Mann's work is, for she reaches deep into her ancestral headwaters and the twisted rivers of human remembrance.

**Interested in joining a book group? Check the library's website in August for openings and book schedules for the upcoming reading year.**

## Don't Miss This Exciting Workshop Sponsored by Friends in May:

**Plant Propagation with Barry Glick**

**Saturday, May 14 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Come and experience Barry's hands-on propagation workshop. At this event, every imaginable aspect of plant propagation will be covered: plant pollination, hybridization, seed collection and sowing to tissue culture. Subjects will also include rhizome division, air layering, branch layering, root division, root cuttings, stem cuttings use of hormones, mist propagation and more. All materials used in this class will be given to the participants.**

The program is free but registration is necessary and can be done either online @ [www.hersheylibrary.org](http://www.hersheylibrary.org) or by calling the Circulation Desk @ 533-6555.

## Adult Enrichment Classes Offered in May

**Pressed Flower Craft Class**

**Tuesday, May 3**

**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Ages 9 and older are welcome  
Fee \$15 (includes all materials)**

**Instructor: Karen Lee Newman**

Learn how to use pressed flowers to make your choice of two of the six projects (bird house, note cards, egg shaped box, book markers, journal cover, or scissor sheath) perfect for Mother's Day gift giving.

**Explore Your Future Workshop**

**Wednesdays, May 4, 11, 18 and 25**

**5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Fee \$25 (for the four-week session)  
Instructor: Iain Hall**

Sponsored by Coming of Age of Central Pennsylvania. If you are 50+ and started asking yourself...What's next in my life? Then join us for a unique opportunity to make your future rewarding and satisfying.

**Pennsylvania German Genealogy**

**Monday, May 9**

**6:00 to 7:30 p.m.**

**Instructor: David Klees**

Learn how to research your Pennsylvania German genealogy.

**This class is free but registration is necessary.**