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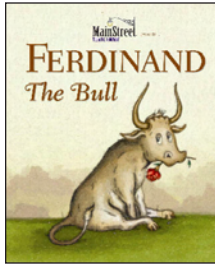
April 2009 Newsletter



Upcoming Events

MainStreet Theatre Company Storytime Saturday, April 4th, 11 am

One of the all-time favorite picture book characters in a live-action play! Members of the cast of MainStreet Theatre Company will be previewing their new production **Ferdinand the Bull** - based on Munro Leaf's classic picture book. There will also be live Spanish-style music written especially for this production. This is a storytime not to miss! *The Story of Ferdinand*, \$17.99



Advanced Readers Club



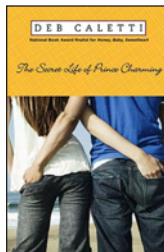
The Advanced Reader's Club is open to anyone who loves to read & discuss great books. We read preview (advanced reader's) copies of books & write reviews. Some of us even write reviews for the Mrs. Nelson's newsletter! We have three clubs—one for younger readers ages 8-9, one for middle readers ages 10-12, and one for older readers ages 13+. Our Advanced Readers meeting dates are set for:

Middle Grade: Sunday, April 12th at 1 pm
Younger Readers: Sunday, April 12th at 2pm
Young Adults: Sunday, April 12th at 3pm

If you are unable to attend at the scheduled time, please let Andrea know dates in May that will work for you.

Young Adult Author, Deb Caletti Thursday, April 23rd, 4:00 pm

National Book Award Finalist, Deb Caletti, will be in town to talk about her new book, *The Secret Life of Prince Charming*. Deb Caletti is a master at writing books about real teens with real problems, but with a side quirkiness and a large dose of humor. In her latest book, 17-year-old Quinn is the practical one in her family, but she must confront her father's misdeeds in a way that is anything but sensible. If you'd like to have Ms. Caletti visit your school, please email Andrea (avuleta@mrsnelsons.com). *The Secret Life of Prince Charming*, \$16.99



The 14th Annual Los Angeles Times Festival of Books Saturday, April 25th, 10 am to 6 pm Sunday, April 26th, 10 am to 5 pm

Join us at UCLA for the book event of the year! Be sure to stop by our booth near the Kid's Stage for specials and author signings. Some of the authors that will be stopping by are: Cornelia Funke, Lisa Yee, Mark Teague, David Shannon, Mike Thaler, and Kadir Nelson. Check out our website in coming weeks for more detailed information about the Festival of Books.



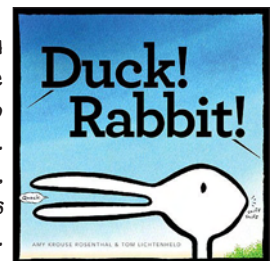
Fantasy Adventure Author Patrick Carman Monday, April 27th, 4:00 pm



Fan-favorite Patrick Carman will be visiting our store to talk about his groundbreaking new adventure mystery, *Skeleton Creek*. Patrick is best known for *The Land of Elyon* series and the *Atherton* series. In *Skeleton Creek*, there are strange things happening and Sarah and Ryan are trying to find some answers. When the two are split up, Ryan tells the story through his journal while Sarah uses video to describe her investigation. In this exciting multi-media work, Patrick Carman introduces a new storytelling method that will knock your socks off! *Skeleton Creek*, \$14.99

Amy Krouse Rosenthal signs *Duck! Rabbit!* Tuesday, April 28, 10:00 am

Is it a Duck or is it a Rabbit? Can you tell? Well, you can ask Amy Krouse Rosenthal herself when she comes to Mrs. Nelson's for Tuesday Storytime. She will be talking about her books, including *Cookies* and *Christmas Cookies*, and will sign your books, too. If you'd like to have Ms. Rosenthal visit your school, please email Andrea (avuleta@mrsnelsons.com). *Duck! Rabbit!*, \$16.99



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Upcoming Events



May 6th, 4 pm
YA Fantasy Author Aprilynne Pike
 Faeries as you've never read them before!



May 15th, 4 pm
Fantasy favorite Tamora Pierce
 (available during the day for schools)
 The exciting sequel to Beka Cooper!

Reviews

Blueberry Girl by Neil Gaiman and illustrated by Charles Vess

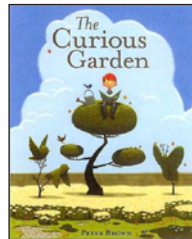


Originally written as a prayer for a friend about to have a baby girl, Gaiman verges on the edge of poetry as he describes the wishes for a girl growing up strong, independent, and creative. "Help her to help herself, help her to stand, help her to lose and to find. Teach her we're only as big as our dreams." It's what every parent hopes for

their daughter. The whimsical words of the blessing are accented by lively, imaginative paintings, each featuring a different girl. Vess's pictures are inspired by the illustrations found in classic children's stories. Detail-rich with soft, muted colors, they are the perfect match to Gaiman's sparkling words. Ages 3 to 100.

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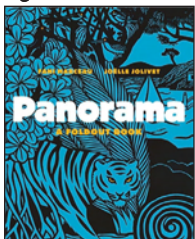
The Curious Garden by Peter Brown



Even though Liam lives in a city with no vegetation, he likes to explore his city. One day he discovers an abandoned railway and finds a few little plants struggling to survive. He helps them grow and prosper, finding pleasure in being a gardener. Soon he begins exploring the city as he follows the spreading, growing plants. As the plants infiltrate the city, Liam finds that many other people like gardening as well, until the whole city is no longer gray, but green. Quirky, colorful illustrations make this story a joy to read. Ages 4 to 8

The Curious Garden.....\$16.99

Panorama: A Foldout Book by Fani Marceau and illustrated by Joelle Jolivet

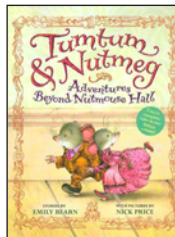


Take a trip around the world in this amazing foldout book! The book pages unfold into one long page that depicts different parts of the world from Iceland to Ecuador to Australia. The text is spare yet very descriptive. Jolivet's strong artwork is so eye-catching, kids of all ages will love to unfold the book and pick out each meticulous detail. Wonderfully imaginative

book that is sure to please. Ages 3 to 8

Panorama: A Foldout Book.....19.95

Tamtam and Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall by Emily Bearn



Tamtam and Nutmeg are a happily married mouse couple. Their home, Nutmouse Hall, is inside the human's Rose Cottage. The mice live quietly and look after the two human kids that live in the cottage. The book has three separate stories, each one as adventure-filled and as exciting as the last: Pirate rats, an evil aunt, a former general and ballerina mice on pogo sticks - these stories have it all. But most of what these stories have is charm. Funny and fast-paced, you won't want to put the book down! Ages 7 to 11.

Tamtam and Nutmeg: Adventures Beyond Nutmouse Hall\$16.99

Just One Wish by Janette Rallison



Annika will do anything for her little brother Jeremy who has cancer. When he wishes to meet Robin Hood, his Saturday-morning TV idol, Annika resolves to make it come true, no matter what it takes. And it takes a lot. She and her best friend travel to Hollywood to find the actor who plays the character and then to convince him to come home to meet Jeremy. With an unexpected plot and characters you want to befriend in real life, this is a fantastic read. Ages 10-16

If I Stay by Gayle Forman

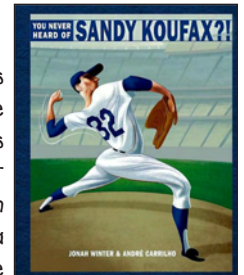


Mia has a loving family, wonderful friends, a boyfriend, and a promising career as a classical cellist. Things change instantly when her family's car crashes and her parents are killed. Mia is badly hurt and while she lies in a coma, she reflects about her life and loves and dreams. As the people who love her visit her, she gets a real understanding of how she touches their lives. Her

decision to try to pull through or to give up the struggle is the force behind this unique story. Mia's unique perspective on life and living will make readers think about their own lives. Not an easy book to read, but worthwhile for all the effort. Ages 12 and up

If I Stay.....\$16.99

You Never Heard of Sandy Koufax? by Jonah Winter



This unique biography of one of baseball's all-time greatest pitchers is sure to please fans of all ages. Brooklyn-born Sandy was a star athlete in all the sports he tried, but it was his super fast pitches that got him signed to the New York Yankees while still a teenager. His early years on the team were tough as he learned control, but when he finally found it he broke every record. But his fame came with a painful price - a severely injured elbow. Wonderfully written, illustrated to perfection, and full of fun facts. This is a great book for all baseball fans.

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Store Hours

Mon-Fri 10am-7pm
Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

Storytimes

Pre-school Tuesday - 10am
Pajama Friday - 6pm
Weekend Saturday - 11am

