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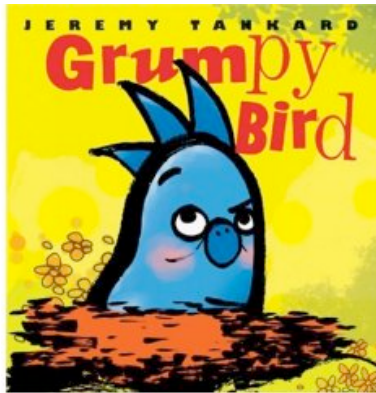
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30 % Off Sale!

Our sale table is brimming with books for all ages in English and French. Stop by and check it out!



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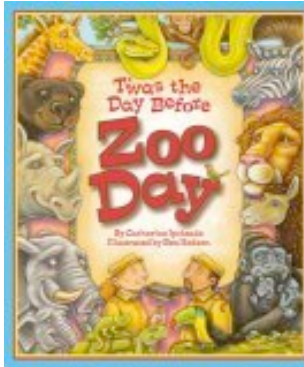


Jeremy Tankard will be here on Monday, February 18th at 10am to sign copies of **Grumpy Bird** (one of Kelly's favourites!) and draw pictures for kids. Come on down to meet a very talented author and illustrator and do some drawing!

Bird wakes up feeling grumpy. Too grumpy to eat or play -- too grumpy even to fly. "Looks like I'm walking today," says Bird. He walks past Sheep, who offers to keep him company. He walks past Rabbit,

who also could use a walk. Raccoon, Beaver, and Fox join in, too. Before he knows it, a little exercise and companionship help Bird shake his bad mood. This winsome, refreshingly original picture book is sure to help kids (and grown-ups) giggle away theirs, too!

Book Launch – 'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day



We're very excited to be launching **'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day**, illustrated by local artist Ben Hodson. Join us on Saturday, March 1st from **1:30 to 3:00pm** to celebrate Ben's newest book. Ben will be doing a drawing lesson to show us how to draw some of the animals from the book.

This delightful adaptation of Twas the Night Before Christmas, shares zoo preparations for the upcoming Zoo Day. But things aren't going according to plan . .

. The llamas won't quit spitting, the giraffes are drooling, and the zebras aren't happy at all with their stripes. Meanwhile, the zookeepers are scurrying this way and that, cleaning up poop, ringing mealtime bells, and trying to get the animals bathed. Will Zoo Day go off without a hitch?

The verse is playful and engaging; the illustrations outstanding. It's a keeper--one of those books kids will want to read over and over again.

Congratulations to the Draw A Spiderwick Sprite, Faerie or Goblin Contest Winners!

Thank you so much to all the talented artists who entered our *Draw a Spiderwick Sprite, Faerie or Goblin* contest. It was difficult for our judges Ben Hodson (illustrator of 'Twas the Day Before Zoo Day launching March 1st) and Graham Ross (illustrator of Alphabetter) but

Happy Birthday to Us!

We just celebrated our second anniversary on Monday, February 11th. We can't thank you enough for all your support and encouragement over the last two years. We really love what we do and are so grateful to all of you for helping us realize our dream!

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they finally decided on the following winners:

*In the age 9 and up category: Adriana

*In the age 8 and under category: Margot

Valentine's Day Titles

Don't forget your little sweeties on Valentine's Day. Here are a few of our suggestions:

Little Pea, by Amy Krouse Rosenthal, is a charming picture book and one of our storytime favourites. Little Pea has to eat five pieces of candy before moving on to a delicious dessert of spinach – ugh! Your kids will be laughing along with you - and perhaps asking for some spinach next time. (Maybe that's expecting a bit too much!)



The Chocolate Touch, by Patrick Skene Catling, is a book for early readers that offers a twist on the tale of King Midas. John loves chocolate so much, he'll do almost anything to get it. But, after wandering into a mysterious candy store one day, he soon learns there really *can* be such a thing as too much chocolate.

For kids interested in learning how to make a difference, check out **Maggie and the Chocolate War** by Michelle Mulder. This story is inspired by real Canadian events when the end of World War II saw food prices skyrocket -- the price of a chocolate bar went up almost 60%! Read the story of Maggie and her friends to see how they strike against the price hike. In the end, victory was sweet indeed.

Black History Month

New from Newbery Award Winner Christopher Paul Curtis: **Elijah of Buxton** is the story of Elijah, the first child born into freedom in Buxton, Ontario, a settlement of runaway slaves near the American border. When a former slave steals money that was being saved to buy Elijah's friend's family out of captivity in the South, Elijah embarks on a dangerous journey to America in pursuit of the thief. With Curtis' trademark humour and strong narrative voice, this tale is by turns gripping and hilarious.

The Patchwork Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom by Bettye Stroud is a beautifully illustrated picture book about a young girl who escapes a southern plantation with her father by using the patchwork quilt her Mama helped her sew before she died. The patterns on the squares offer the clues Hannah and her Papa need to guide them along the Underground Railroad.

Martin's Big Words: the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is an award-winning biography of this civil rights icon and leader. With a captivating and emotional narrative that weaves Dr. King's words into the story, and stunning collage art, this book is a unique portrait of the man whose dream changed America, and the world. For older readers, check out the Graphic Library title: **Martin Luther King Jr. Great Civil Rights Leader**, which presents this story in graphic novel format.

A powerful true story by Ellen Levine, luminously illustrated by Kadir Nelson, **Henry's Freedom Box** explores the story of one of the Underground Railroad's most famous runaway slaves. Henry has an ingenious idea to get himself to freedom – he makes the harrowing journey in a wooden crate – and mails himself to freedom.

There are lots more titles on display as well – why not drop by and take a look?

Free Parking Available While Shopping At The Courtyard

There is free 2 hour underground parking available while you're shopping at the Fifth Avenue Court. Entrances to the parking lot are located off Fourth and Fifth Avenues. Please remember that you may be ticketed if you leave the building – the parking is for Courtyard shoppers only.

Book Clubs & Storytime

Kids

Our kids' book club, for ages 9 to 11, was scheduled to meet on **Friday, February 1st at 7pm** to discuss ***Murder Fit For A King***. However, weather will do what it likes, so to avoid dragging the kids out on a snowy, stormy evening, we'll be rescheduling the meeting very soon. Contact the store or watch your email if you're on our book club list for the new date. We're so lucky that we'll be hosting the author, Larry McCloskey, to answer our questions and join in the discussion!

Dani and Caitlin, two 12-year-old Ottawa girls, have a talent for meeting ghosts. Fresh from their adventures with the spirit of fabled Canadian painter Tom Thomson, the girls find themselves in Quebec, across the river from the capital city of Canada, touring the Kingsmere estate of long-dead prime minister William Lyon Mackenzie King. While there the friends run into someone famous for seeing ghosts himself - the old prime minister, or at least his phantom!

King, affectionately known as Rex, presents the sleuthing duo with a series of problems. It seems developers are keen on despoiling the dead prime minister's estate, not to mention another city park dear to Caitlin's heart. Thrown into the mix are a couple of murders, a former prime minister's place in history, and maybe even a federal crime. Dani and Caitlin are on the job, and the politicians on Parliament Hill better watch out!

Adults

Join us on **Thursday, February 21st at 7pm** at the Arrow and the Loon (on the main floor of the Courtyard) as we discuss Scott Westerfeld's ***Uglies***, a New York Times bestseller. Discussions are always lively, and new faces around the table are more than welcome!

Tally is about to turn sixteen, and she can't wait. Not for her license – for turning pretty. In Tally's world, your sixteenth birthday brings an operation that turns you from a repellent ugly into a stunningly attractive pretty and catapults you into a high-tech paradise where your only job is to have a really great time. In just a few weeks Tally will be there.

But Tally's new friend Shay isn't sure she wants to be pretty. She'd rather risk life on the outside. When Shay runs away, Tally learns about a whole new side of the pretty world – and it isn't very pretty. The authorities offer Tally the worst choice she can imagine: find her friend and turn her in, or never turn pretty at all. The choice Tally makes changes her world forever.

Storytime

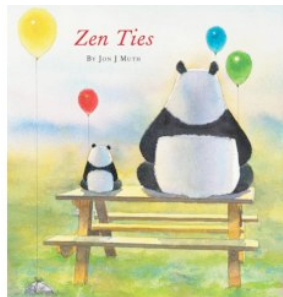
Storytime is at 10am on Friday mornings. Bring your toddler or preschooler in for some stories, songs and fun.

New and Upcoming Releases

Lots of our young customers stay well-informed on when the next title in their favourite series is expected to arrive here. For those of you who may not be as plugged into publishing schedules, here's a brief look at some great titles we're anxiously awaiting over the next few months.

New on the Shelves

Bone 7: Ghost Circles is the latest in this popular graphic novel series by Jeff Smith. This book features a journey through the mysterious ghost circles to Atheia, the old city of the royal family. Right at the front desk, while our supplies last!

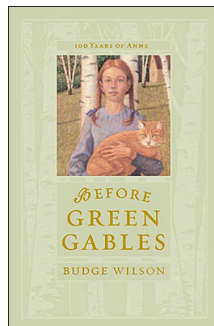


Zen Ties is another beautiful picture book by Jon Muth that features Stillwater the Panda and introduces us to his haiku-speaking nephew, Koo. This new title features a tale of compassion and friendship, with the same lustrous watercolour illustrations from this well-loved author.

Look at Me is the latest addition to the Robert Munsch collection of books. Only this master storyteller could take an innocent face painting excursion and twist it into a silly tale of epic floral dimensions!

Exile is the 14th instalment in the **Guardians of Ga'Hoole** series about owls by Kathryn Lasky. The Striga, a mysterious blue owl from the Middle Kingdom gains control over Coryn's mind and the Band is then banished from the Great Ga'Hoole Tree. How can the Band open Coryn's eyes to the Striga's influence when they are in exile?

Days of Toil and Tears: The Child Labour Diary of Flora Rutherford is the latest chapter in the **Dear Canada** series of stories, this title written by well-known Canadian author Sarah Ellis. Read Flora's diary entries about working in a wool mill. The story is set in the town of Almonte.



Before Green Gables was written by Budge Wilson as part of the ongoing celebrations of the 100th anniversary of the first **Anne of Green Gables** book by Lucy Maude Montgomery. This story tells the story of Anne before she arrives at Green Gables.

Anne of Green Gables – 100th Anniversary Edition is the classic tale of Anne in a special hardcover edition.

Upcoming Paperback Releases

Artemis Fowl : The Lost Colony by Eoin Colfer has teenaged criminal mastermind Artemis Fowl approached by the fairy council to predict when a demon from the Eighth Family colony will materialize on Earth. Because if humans find out about the demons, then all fairies will be exposed.

Physik, the third book in the popular Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage starts with the accidental release of the ghost of the awful Queen Etheldredda. Her evil plan to give herself everlasting life requires Jenna's compliance, the disappearance of Septimus, and the talents of her son, a famous alchemist and physician.

Warriors – Power of Three #1 The Sight is set in the riveting world of Warriors, this exciting new story arc follows the next generation of heroic cats--the grandchildren of the legendary Firestar--who are destined to bring the Clans to new heights or destroy them.

Latest in The Series Releases

Septimus Heap #4: **Queste** by Angie Sage - March 2008.

Percy Jackson and the Olympians #4: **The Battle of the Labyrinth** by Rick Riordan - May 2008.

Hamish X #3: **Hamish X Goes to Providence, Rhode Island** by Sean Cullen - May 2008.

Next in the Inheritance series: **Brindisr** by Christopher Paolini - September 20th 2008.
Reserve your copy now!

