

The Scoop

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Upstairs at Fifth Avenue Court (99 Fifth Avenue in the Glebe!)



Time Flies!

It seems like we just opened our doors and sent out our very first newsletter. Well, here we are, open for over 3 months already and happily settling into the wonderful children's booklovers community like we've always been here. Thanks to all of our dedicated supporters who continue to come in and shop, and who seem only too happy to pass on the word about our existence. We would be sitting here all alone and surrounded by lovely books without you!

This newsletter may have been sent or forwarded to you by email - it is also available on our web site at www.kaleidoscopekidsbooks.com.

Please feel free to share this with anyone you think may have an interest in kids' books. If you'd like to receive

future copies of the newsletter, as well as other notices of events and special offers, please email us at kaleidoscopekidsbooks@bellnet.ca to be put on our email list.



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Upcoming Events (p.2)

- ◆ Author Readings
- ◆ Great Glebe Garage Sale
- ◆ The Amazing Book Race!

Features

Books on CD:

Summer holidays are on the horizon -- get ready for your travels by coming in to see what wonderful books on CD we have in-store or can be ordered for you! Some titles take a few weeks to ship, so drop by soon to avoid disappointed summer listeners!

Teacher Gifts:

It's time to start thinking of a way to say "thanks" to the people who make such a difference in the daily lives of our kids. Why not consider a store gift

certificate for your book-loving teacher (handy, because teachers receive a special discount at Kaleidoscope, and we can order any books they may have on their wish lists). We are also launching a "Donate a Book" program in June, where you can donate a book in your teacher's name to the "Let's Read! *Lisons!*" Literacy Promotion Program at CHEO, or donate one to the A.L.S.O. Family Literacy Program (see p.2 "The Amazing Book Race" for more info on the Program).



CONTEST! Enter your book review in a draw for a bucket o' books! This month's draw will be held on Wednesday, May 31st. Reviews will be posted in the store, as well as on the web site. Pick up a form at the store or complete one online at www.kaleidoscopekidsbooks.com

Upcoming Events

May 20 Anne Renaud Reading and Signing Join us at the store from 10:30-11:30 a.m. where Anne Renaud will be reading from and signing copies of her book *A Bloom of Friendship: The Story of the Canadian Tulip Festival*. This paperback picture book uses photos, military maps and artifacts from World War II and colourful illustrations to bring history to life and relate the story of the enduring friendship between Canada and the Netherlands.

May 27 Great Glebe Garage Sale Drop by to browse our table of wares on the patio of Timothy's (right on the corner of Bank and Fifth). If you don't find what you're looking for there, come upstairs to the store and enjoy **10% off all stock!**

May 28 Sharon Abron Drache Book Launch "When the Lubavitchers come to Second Avenue in their beat-up yellow Ford, the extraordinary event that all the kids have been wishing for finally happens..." Meet us at the Library and Archives of Canada (395 Wellington) from 2-4 p.m. where well-known local author and Glebe Report book reviewer Sharon Abron Drache will be launching her new book *The Lubavitchers Are Coming to Second Avenue: a Hanukkah Story*.

A reception, reading and book signing

Recommended Titles

We love to help match people with books! Here are a few recommendations for some very important upcoming events for many of our customers, young and not-so-young.

Mother's Day:

Into My Mother's Arms (Sharon Jennings)
\$9.95 Paperback picture book)

Freaky Friday (Mary Rodgers \$8.99
Paperback kids' fiction)

will take place in the foyer in front of the main auditorium. Light refreshments will be served, admission is free, and families are encouraged to bring the kids! Free parking is available in the Supreme Court lot east of the Library.

June 17 The Amazing Book Race Amazing Book Race teams will be racing around the city in an effort to support and raise funds for the A.L.S.O. (Alternative Learning Styles and Outlooks) Family Literacy Program. This community-based program serves over 100 low-income families in Ottawa's downtown core.

Teams will be stopping by our store all day long, and will be required to do a skit in the courtyard with **Clifford the Big Red Dog**. For all you closet divas and divos, this is the perfect chance to come by and join in the fun! Watch for our The Amazing Race ad in the Ottawa Citizen with a 10% off coupon that can be used at the store!

Fridays @ 10 Story time continues every Friday morning throughout the summer. Bring your toddlers and preschoolers by to share our love of books, and maybe a couple of songs thrown in for good measure. Caffeinate and come up!

Haiku Mama (Kari-Anne Roy \$16.95
Hardcover parents' humour)

Why I Love My Mummy (Daniel Howarth)
\$9.99 Paperback picture book)

Just Like You (Jan Fearnley \$12.50 Board
book)

Mommy Hugs (Anne Gutman and Georg
Hallensleben \$8.95 Board book)

Recommended Titles

Father's Day:

Hush Little Digger (Ellen Olson-Brown \$16.95 Hardcover picture book)

My Father the Dog (Elizabeth Bluemle \$22.99 Hardcover picture book)

Mister Seahorse (Eric Carle \$24.00 Hardcover picture book)

Froggy's Day with Dad (Jonathan London

\$8.50 Paperback picture book)

Crouching Father, Hidden Toddler (C.W. Nevius \$12.95 Hardcover parents' humour)

Teacher titles:

Thank You, Mr. Falker (Patricia Polacco \$25.50 Hardcover picture book)

Miss Smith's Incredible Storybook (Michael Garland \$9.99 Paperback or \$25.50 Hardcover picture book)

Gifts for Graduates

Some suggested stories to give on this momentous occasion and keep for a lifetime:

Zen Shorts (Jon J. Muth \$22.99 Hardcover). With vibrant water colours and elegant ink drawings, Stillwater - a giant panda - imaginatively presents three classic Zen stories that abound with enlightenment and love.

The Three Questions (Jon J. Muth \$25.99 Hardcover). What is the best time to do things? Who is the most important one? What is the right thing to do? Based on a story by Leo Tolstoy, this is a profound yet simple book about compassion and living in the moment.

Learning to Fly (Sebastian

Meschenmoser \$11.95 Hardcover). Penguins can't fly. Of course they can't. It's not possible. Or is it? A contemporary fable about believing in the impossible - and in yourself.

Yay, You! (Sandra Boynton \$21.95 Hardcover). For new graduates, or for anyone facing imminent change, here is profound insight, bold inspiration and truly enlightening advice. Also an occasional hippo. No wombats.

Oh, the Places You'll Go! (Dr. Seuss \$22.00 Hardcover). For out-starting upstarts of all ages, here is a wonderfully wise and blessedly brief graduation speech from the one and only Dr. Seuss.



Our Gift Registry has been very well-received. Kids (and anyone else who would like to!) can come in and select books that they would like to receive from gift-buyers in their circle of family and friends. The list is updated as purchases are made. This is also a great idea for baby showers. Come in and make your selections today!

Special Orders

If you've had the chance to drop by the store, you may have noted that our floor space is limited. Though we aim for a *diverse selection* of all of *the best books* we can find, there may be something you are searching for that isn't on the shelf. Please make sure to speak to one of our friendly staff (that would be Karin, Kelly or Kim!) and we'll

do everything we can to get the book you desire into your hands! You can also email us at kaleidoscopekidsbooks@bellnet.ca or call 232-7406 to get the ball rolling.

Hot on the Shelves

Here are the bestsellers from the last month:

Hayley Wickenheiser: Born to Play (Elizabeth Etue, Kids Can Press \$7.95) was the top seller - when Hayley came to the Booster Juice across the street to meet her fans and sign autographs, many of our young customers had this book in hand as they stood in line. Local girls' hockey and ringette teams certainly found someone to light their path!

Goodnight Moon board book (Margaret Wise Brown Harper Collins \$9.99) is the classic going to bed book, enjoyed by generations of readers. A quiet story, with lots of repetition, it still captivates small people making the difficult transition from busy days to peaceful nights.

My Granny's Purse / My Grandpa's Briefcase (P H Hanson, Thomas Allen & Son \$22.95) are two wonderfully interactive activity/board/busy books that keep little hands occupied in the car or stroller, or just when a moment of quiet reflection is needed. A treasure for kids, parents and grandparents alike!

Owen & Mzee (Isabella Hatkoff, Scholastic Books \$22.99) is a moving picture book that details the true story of Owen, a baby hippo separated from his mother in the 2004 Tsunami, who was rescued by a game preserve. He adopts a crabby old tortoise (Mzee) as his mother, and to the surprise of all, Mzee accepts him.

Kids Ottawa & Gatineau 2006 (The Great Little Directory Company \$11.95) A complete directory of resources for children - over 1700 products, services activities and programs for kids aged newborn to sixteen.

The Doll People (Anne M. Martin, Hyperion \$9.99) Annabelle Doll is eight years old - she has been for more than a hundred years. Not a lot has happened to her, cooped up in the dollhouse, with the same doll people, day after day, year after year... until one day the Funcrafts move in... An exciting story of adventure and mystery for 7-11 year olds.

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What's the Buzz?

Kaleidoscope Kids' Book Club: Our group of 8-10 year olds has already read and discussed its first round of books. Participants chose to read any of the great books in C.S. Lewis' Narnia series. The book discussion was held on Friday, April 21, and all participants agreed that they had really enjoyed their selections and would like to read others in the series. The group enjoyed some tasty snacks, including Turkish delight, which got a surprisingly cool reception. "Tastes like soap" was the general consensus.

For the next meeting, each book club member will select and read a **mystery**,

and return to report on their impressions on **Friday May 19th at 7 p.m.** New additions to the group are always welcome! See us at the store for more details.

Other local book clubs: Come in and get 15% off the purchase of 5 or more copies of your book selection! Orders can take up to 2 weeks to arrive, so call your order in early if you can. Depending on the book you select, there may be a publisher's discussion guide available. See us at the store for more details!