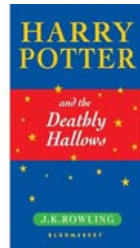


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Reviewers Needed

We would love to post your book review in our store or on our website. Drop by the store and pick up a book review form and start reading and writing!



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows

It's going to be tough to wait, but fans around the world (and right here in the store!) are ecstatic that the final instalment of the Harry Potter series is on its way.

Slated to be released at midnight on July 21st, start planning now to attend our **Harry Potter Party** that will run from **9 p.m. to midnight on Friday, July 20th**.

We're already accepting **pre-orders!** Receive a **30% discount for prepayment**, and a **20% discount for pre-orders without payment**. Orders need to be in soon, so come on by or call and reserve your copy now.

New and still arriving...

Here's a list by category of what's destined for the shelves in the next month or two:

Board Books

- Skippyjon Jones Up & Down and Skippyjon Jones Color Crazy by Judy Schachner: Everyone's favourite kitty boy is now in board book format! Learn about opposites and colours Skippy-style.
- Beach Babies Wear Shades: a new instalment by Michelle Colman and Nathalie Dion, the same duo that brought us two other board book greats – Urban Babies Wear Black, and Country Babies Wear Plaid.
- Ducks in Muck by Lori Haskins is a simple rhyming story with eye-catching illustrations in a size that's just right for little hands to grasp.

Contact Us

There are lots of ways to get in touch with us – please do!

Come visit us upstairs at the Fifth Avenue Court – 99 Fifth Avenue Court, Unit 13 (Fifth at Bank in the Glebe).

Call us at 613.232.7406

Check out our website at www.kaleidoscopekidsbooks.ca

Email us at kaleidoscopekidsbooks@bellnet.ca



Picture Books

- Skippyjon Jones in the Doghouse – now in paperback!
- Even More Parts: The third funny picture book by Tedd Arnold about a boy's fears that all of his parts are loose (like his teeth) or coming off (like belly button lint). He thinks he's falling apart!
- Thomas' Milkshake Muddle: A paperback compilation of three Thomas and Friends stories includes *Thomas' Milkshake Muddle*, *Toby Feels Left Out* and *Thomas and the New Engine*. Two copies of this book were sold while I was trying to finish the newsletter today!

Kids Fiction

- Hamish X and Cheese Pirates by Sean Cullen – now you can enjoy this great read in paperback! Good for kids 8 and up, with laughs, adventure, an orphan who can escape from any orphanage and cheese pirates.
- Hamish X and the Hollow Mountain by Sean Cullen – the sequel to the Cheese Pirates adventure, coming soon in hardcover! He's baaaack....
- Ghost Hunters and the Muddy Monster of Doom by acclaimed author Cornelia Funke is the fourth in her Ghost Hunters series. To earn his Ghost hunting diploma, Tom's got to nab a deadly Twelfth Messenger. While on the hunt, he comes across a mud-loving minotaur who's commanding an army of ghosts. Suddenly, there's more at stake than graduation!
- Dragon of the Red Dawn – Magic Treehouse #37: Jack and Annie have returned! Their mission is to discover one of the four secrets of happiness. Join this brother and sister team on their newest adventure to a land of fierce samurai and great beauty in ancient Japan of the 1600's.
- How to Cheat a Dragon's Curse by Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III (translated from the Old Norse by Cressida Cowell) follows an adventure where Hiccup must find the antidote to deadly Vorpentitis and fight the Doomfang. Can he brave the axe of Norba the Nut job and be the hero yet again?

Gift Registry & Certificates

Just a reminder that we have a gift registry available – it makes birthday party shopping so much easier! We're also happy to make recommendations if you need a suggestion.



We also have gift certificates – a perfect gift for those hard-to-keep-up-with readers who read so much, no one has any idea what they have and haven't read! They're also a great gift for teachers.

Teen Fiction

- Double Identity by Margaret Peterson Haddix (who wrote Among the Hidden on Kim's nightstand and one of Kim's new favourite authors!). A teen book about a girl who finds out that she is a clone of her older sister who died.
- Double or Die – New Young Bond by Charlie Higson: Kid. Violence. Explosions. Murder. No ordinary weekend...
- The Faerie Path by Frewin Jones is an interesting story set in modern-day England, and in the magical land of Faerie. Swept away into a court of magic and beauty, Anita discovers that she is Tania, the lost princess of Faerie.
- Forever in Blue: The Fourth Summer of Sisterhood by Ann Brashares: With unravelled embroidery and fraying hems, the traveling pants are back for one last, glorious summer!

Upcoming Events

Alphabetter



Alphabetter was one of the recent picks of the CBC Children's Book Panel. Local illustrator Graham Ross will join us on **Saturday March 17th from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** to give us a drawing lesson. Learn how to hide letters and numbers within your drawings – with enough practise,

you'll be able to leave cryptic messages!

Speaking to Kids About Sex

How many parents relish the idea of explaining about the birds and the bees? Ottawa social worker Susan Lindsay will come to our rescue on **Friday April 27th at 6:30 p.m.** to give us "the talk", so we can in turn, give our kids "the talk". Please contact us (see contact info on the previous page) to reserve your spot.

Book Launch - Shillings: A Canadian History Mystery

We're pleased to be working with our friends at Prime Crime Mystery Bookstore to launch Shillings, a new kids' mystery set on the canal by local author Vicki Cameron, in concert with Locked Up, tales of mystery and intrigue along the Rideau Canal for adults, edited by Sue Pike. Join us from **2 -4 on Saturday, April 14th** in the Fifth Avenue Courtyard for games and crafts from 1832!

Storytime

A reminder that our storytime for toddlers and preschoolers is every Friday at 10am.
Songs + stories = lots of fun for kids ages 3 to 5.

Book Club for 8 to 10 Year Olds

Our book club members just discussed Because of Winn Dixie and will be meeting next on Friday, March 23rd at 7pm at the store.

March's book is First Term at Malory Towers by Enid Blyton. See you then girls!

On Our Night Tables

Here's what we're reading right now:

Kelly

I'm reading some "must-reads" – books that we've had in the store for a while and I've been meaning to get to. I just finished Airborn by Kenneth Oppel. Matt Cruise, a cabin boy on an airship, joins passenger Kate de Vries as she tries to find the fantastic flying creatures that her grandfather wrote about in his journal. Deadly air pirates and a shipwreck threaten their success – and their lives. I can't wait to read the sequel to this winner of the Governor General's award for children's literature, Skybreaker.

Magyk by Angie Sage is the first in the Septimus Heap trilogy. The Heap family of wizards must try to save their kingdom, and themselves, from the forces of Dark Magyk. Full of adventure, humour, mystery and, of course, magic, it's a great read for ages 9 and up.

Kim


The Gravesavers: This first young adult book from Canada's Sheree Fitch is an excellent read for kids 10 and up. It tells parallel stories of a 12 year old present day girl who is sent to stay with her strict grandmother in Nova Scotia for the summer, as well as that of a young boy leaving England in 1873 for the United States on the ill-fated SS Atlantic. Their stories overlap in interesting and surprising ways as the book progresses. A book filled with adventure, sadness and humour, main character Minn (short for Cinnamon) has something to teach us all.

Among the Hidden: This book by Margaret Peterson Haddix is the first in the Shadow Children series which just ended with the seventh book (Among the Free). Set in a future where the world's food supply is decreasing so families are limited to having 2 children by law, this is the story of one of the "hidden" third children. Luke must stay in his house day after day while the rest of his family goes to work and school. One day, he sees a curtain moving in a nearby window, and he discovers Jen, another third child like him. Jen introduces him to new ideas about the world they live in and prompts him to make some difficult decisions about his life and his future. This book would be a great introduction to science fiction for kids 10 and up!

Karin

With a new publishing season upon us, I've been spending a lot of my reading time reviewing many advanced reader's copies of books that allow us to decide whether or not these new publications will be right for the store. Suffice it to say that many are sent, but few are chosen ☺

One book that will soon arrive on our shelves is Physik by Angie Sage (the third book in the Septimus Heap series). Having read both Magyk and Flyte (arriving in paperback later this month!), I was eager to see how the story would end. Silas Heap (Septimus' father) unSeals a forgotten room in the Palace and releases the ghost of a Queen who lived five hundred years earlier. Queen Etheldreda is as awful in death as she was in life, and she's still up to no good. Her diabolical plan to give herself everlasting life requires Jenna's compliance, Septimus's disappearance, and the talents of her son,



Marcellus Pye, a famous Alchemist and Physician. With action, adventure and a dash of humour, this is a great read for the 9 and up crowd.

I've also been reading some of the classic books we have on the store's shelves. Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson is a book that I read many years ago -- one I was reminded to pick up again when young movie-goers came into the store looking for the original version of this story. This is a simply-told, powerful story of two (at first unlikely) friends who create a secret kingdom in the woods named Terabithia. They reign as king and queen, fighting off imaginary giants and the walking dead, sharing stories and dreams, and plotting against the schoolmates who tease them. Jess and Leslie find solace in the sanctuary of Terabithia until a tragedy strikes and the two are separated forever. For ages 9 and up, keeping in mind that more sensitive readers may struggle with the ending.

