

Word Search...Spooky Style!

Old Monsters and Spooks!

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Frankenstein
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Ghosts

Mothman
Lagoon
Mummy
Witch
Spiders

Specter
Phantoms
Miner
Hyde
Clown

Complete this puzzle, and drop on by our shop for
a FREE bookmark from our designated selection!

(While Supplies Last)

Don't forget that we do special orders!

Something Wicked

this way comes... 2026 • Vol. 7 • Issue 3



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Please Note:

Our shop will be closed
October 14th - 17th, and
will reopen on the 21st.

Can't Make An Event?

No problem! Just let our staff
know before the event, and
we will gladly fulfill your order.

Fall Wordsearch:

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a FREE Bookmark! (On the Back Page)

Shop Hours

Wednesday through Friday..... 12:30 pm til 6:00 pm
Saturday..... 12:00 pm til 5:30 pm
Sunday through Tuesday.....Closed except for special events.

Newsletter of the Mechanicsburg Mystery Bookshop

6 Clouser Road | Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Phone: 717 - 795 - 7470 | mysterybookshop@proton.me

Please Note the New Website Address: MysteryBooksOnline.net

The PA Tea Festival 2026 (Sept. 18th - 19th)



We are delighted to be returning to the Annual PA Tea Festival, held at The Rosemary House in Mechanicsburg. Our Literary Corner hosts author talks at 11 am and 1 pm on both days, and this year's authors are...



Friday at 11 am
Laura Bradford



Friday at 1 pm
Ellen Crosby



Saturday at 11 am
Barbara Early



Saturday at 1 pm
Susan Kimmel Wright

Author talks, held in the Literary Corner, are included in the fee for general admission.

All ticket sales go through The PA Tea Festival and are available starting July 1st.

Some crafting classes and tea tastings have an additional fee.

All information can be found on the organizer's website or at the Rosemary House.

A Few Highlighted Lectures/Classes/Activities: (* means extra cost)

Fri (10 am) - Kombucha Tastings

Fri (12:30 pm) - Bittersweet Brews: Tea, Sugar, and Chocolate

Fri (2 pm) - Craft & Sip: A TeaTime Creative Workshop*

Fri (3 pm) - Tea and Honey Around the World*

Sat (10:15 am) - Garden Tour

Sat (12:30 pm) - The Essential Home Apothecary

Sat (2:30 pm) - Embellish a Tea Infuser or Tea Bag Weight*



Craig Johnson is BACK! (More Details to Come!)

November 10th: Craig Johnson Author Event (TBD)

With a foreword by Longmire actor A. Martinez, *Have Courage* is a gripping and open-hearted holiday collection—rich with the humor, humanity, and irresistible high jinks of Craig Johnson's Absaroka County.



Walt Longmire, sheriff of Absaroka County, investigates a series of eccentric small-town crises in fifteen holiday-inspired stories. An old dog mysteriously escapes the animal shelter night after night. A deputy deploys an unexpected diversion during a hostage standoff. The baby Jesus vanishes from a nativity scene. And Walt faces one of his most challenging assignments yet: caring for a 150-year-old sourdough starter, while apprehending a seven-year-old suspect with the diction of a 1930s gumshoe.

NEW Event Location:

Strock Enterprises

729 Williams Grove Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

"If modern day cowboys and Indians interests you, then Craig Johnson's Longmire series will not disappoint! While they mainly drive pick-ups, instead of riding horses, no one mixes Indian stories, murder, and intrigue better than him. And don't forget Dog, the sheriff's sidekick!" - Glenda

Please stay tune to our website, mailings, and social media accounts for more details. This event is still FREE to attend.

Quick Quotes and New News...

Quick Quotes By Fellow Readers:



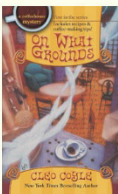
Murder on the S.S. Rosa | Trade Paperback | \$12.99

"Strauss has pure gold with this first in a cozy series... 1920s, charm, elegance, intrigue, murder, and a sprinkle of romance aboard a luxury ocean liner on a trans-atlantic voyage...5 Stars!" - Evelyn



An English Garden Murder | Trade Paperback | \$9.99

"Julie Bird, newly divorced and retired, moves to charming Cotswolds to begin anew, but finds herself getting life right as much getting it wrong when a body is found under her garden shed. With the chief suspect drowned, it is up to her and her labrador to sniff out the killer." - Diane



On What Grounds? | Mass Market | \$7.99

"This first in the series brews murder and coffee beans together into a satisfying story with elements of humor and delectable recipes to try at home. Don't forget the coffee-making tips for crafting the perfect cup!" - Jessica

Mention this newsletter for 15% off ONE of our "Quick Quotes" books (In-store only).

New News From Our Bookshop:

Are you looking for more mystery-themed newsletters like this one?

Our shop has "The Old-Time Detection" newsletters for sale; filled with book reviews, discussions of older detective novels, author interviews, and more, these quality "magazines" are hand-done by a fellow crime fiction enthusiast from New Hampshire, and are only \$5 per issue.

We've also had a number of used books added to our shelves by... Anne Perry, Emily Brightwell, Agatha Christie, and a plethora of Sherlock Holmes. Stop on in to see what's new!

Sales, Sales, and More Sales...

Sept. 16th - 19th: Blind Book Deal Week!

Just for this week, spend \$10 or more to get a FREE Blind Date with a Book. In-store only.

In-House Book Deals!

Get 30% Off the Series When You Buy the Trilogy



Buy all three of the following series in order to get 30% off each title:

**The Emily Dickinson Mysteries
Victoria Emerson Thrillers
(From Now until Oct. 31st)**

Check Out Our Penny-A-Page Bin!

Our shop now has a designated bin with new books that are a penny a page. Discount comes off at the register.

ZOX Bracelets are 50% Off!

From now until December, ZOX bracelets are just \$5.00 and are perfect for gift-giving. They are light on the wrist, have encouraging sayings, and are made from recycled material. In-store only.

Used Hardcover are 50% off!

Why? Because it is reading season, of course! And we want to help our fellow readers get ready for cold nights that are prime for reading time. Plus...they make wonderful gifts to either yourself or someone else.

October's Countdown to Halloween!



Our annual Countdown to Halloween begins on October 1st at our shop, and we are delighted to be celebrating the spookiest month of the year with weekly sales and reading fun for all ages!

Check Out the Following Sales:

Oct. 1st - 3rd:

Any book with an animal on the front will be 15% off.

Oct. 4th - 10th:

Any book that is first in a series is 15% off.

(Our shop is closed the 14th - 17th)

Oct. 18th - 24th:

Senior Citizens (anyone 65+) and Veterans get 15% off
OR...wear your black and red bracelet to get 15% off.

Oct. 25th - 31st:

Any book with a Halloween/paranormal theme is 15% off.

Check out our special Halloween events on the next page



Book Reviews Continued...

Dreamworks The Bad Guys: Haunted Heist

By Kate Howard

Type: Kids Books (Ages 7 - 10 Years)

Price: \$5.99



Wolf and his crew, The Bad Guys, are looking to do their next heist when he tells them all the creepy lore of Reginald E. Scary. A master thief himself, Reginald's obsession over an amulet he stole drove him mad. So mad, in fact, that he died in his house and warned that if others took his treasure, he would haunt them forever. While the rest of his friends are not sold on the idea of stealing from Reginald E. Scary's abandoned house, Wolf leads them in a heist that soon lands him in a bit of a ghostly situation. Just where is the haunting piano song coming from? And will he ever escape his nightmares?

This story was a delightful Halloween tale that I would highly recommend for anyone looking for a spooky read perfect for the season. Now, I will admit that this is the first "Bad Guys" book for me, and it has not been written by the original author, so purest of the series might have a different opinion. But The Haunted Heist, which apparently has a movie adaptation, features the cutesy Halloween I enjoy and it had all of the humor I would expect from this series.

...Reviewed by Sarah

Did You Know that October is Scoobtober?

Our kids books have been restocked and new titles added, including the best dog in mysteries...Scooby Doo!

Kids get 20% off these titles at our shop.



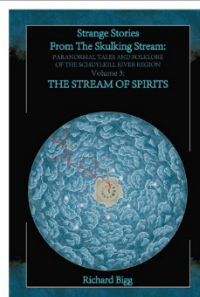
Book Reviews Continued...

Strange Stories From The Skulking Stream: Paranormal Tales and Folklore of The Schuylkill River Region: Volume 3: The Stream of Spirits

By Richard Bigg

Type: Non-Fiction - Trade Paperback

Price: \$18.87



From the Book: The Schuylkill River flows past America's most famously haunted locations. In Volume 3...paranormal investigator and researcher Richard Bigg explores the lesser known, equally mysterious hauntings, along the skulking stream, including: Specters seen by the roadside, Phantom intruders who appear in the witching hour, the many headless ghosts of eastern Pennsylvania, the haunted history of Stony Valley, the mysterious pattern of disappearances, suicides, animal attacks, and drownings in the Tumbling Run Valley.

Bigg's books keep getting better. Volume 3 of his Strange Stories from the Skulking Stream series deals with ghosts and spirits. Volume 1 told stories of strange animals and monsters. Volume 2 covered magic and witchcraft.

The book starts with tales of "Road Ghosts." Many people report seeing images of phantoms along the road as they travel. In one instance cows appeared, then disappeared. Each witness reported different colored cows, yet all were in the same car! He retells the "Mad" Anthony Wayne story which has been told for years.

In one of the more detailed stories, the reader follows Bigg's team on an investigation to a "haunted" home. Another story investigates an old mining museum. He describes the equipment used and conclusions that were reached from these investigations.

A short good read for anyone who likes ghosts or the paranormal.

...Reviewed by Sandy

October's Countdown to Halloween!

October 6th: Author Mark P. Brugh's Ghost Talk



Mark Brugh is a Washington County, Maryland-based historian, writer, and public speaker whose work focuses on the human stories that linger around America's most hallowed ground. *The Ghosts of Antietam* is his third book with The History Press and reflects his ongoing commitment to preserving local history and bringing new audiences to one of America's most important historic landscapes.

Starting at 6:30 pm | FREE to Attend | Talk and Signing

October 10th: Crafting a Luminary with Sarah



Come and have fun getting your crafty on with a bookish luminary and door hanger that can either be spooky themed or all-year themed. All supplies are included in the price, and seats are limited.

This craft is great for beginners to expert crafters alike. For more information, call us or check our website.

Starting at 1 pm | \$20 per person | Pre-Register

October 25th: Susanna's Healing with Herbs



During this Spooky season we will of course talk on garlic, but also the tale of the Four Thieves and how that led to one of our most beloved herbal winter remedies. In this tasting and touching program, Susanna Reppert-Brill of The Rosemary House will talk mostly about winter remedies, so you won't be scared of getting sick this winter, and also about her new book!

Starting at 2 pm | FREE to Attend | Debut Author

Registration is required for ALL events, either online, in-person, or over the phone.

Book Reviews...

You Had Me at Bigfoot (Daphne Drew 1)

By Nancy Campbell Allen

Type: Cozy Mystery - Trade Paperback

Price: \$18.99

Investigative journalist, Daphne Drew, is assigned to write a piece about a high society wedding at a lodge in the Pacific Northwest. Teamed up with an ex-war photographer, Clark Finkelstein-Henry, and both of their dogs, Toby and Fidget, her simple assignment takes a quick turn into much more when a maid vanishes. Between family drama, past secrets, and bigfoot sightings, will they be able to solve this case before the last scooby snack has been devoured? Or will D.B. Cooper have the final laugh? In short, I thoroughly enjoyed this read. The only criticism I have is that the amount of romance in the storyline is at my limit.

...Reviewed by Sherry



The Sasquatch Escape (Imaginary Veterinary 1)

By Suzanne Selfors

Type: Kids Books (Ages 6 - 9 Years)

Price: \$8.99

Ben Silverstein, age ten, isn't looking forward to spending the whole summer with Grandpa Abe. At first glance, Buttonville, a desolate town with few young people since the factory closed, has nothing to do that isn't at the Senior Center. But that all changes when Grandpa Abe's cat drops a "mouse" on Ben's bed and it almost singes his hair clean off from coughing. Ben employs the help of Pearl Petal, and together they head to the old button factory in search of Dr. Woo. Both of their lives are about to change when they discover what really is going on at the "abandoned" building and learn whether or not they really can catch a sasquatch. This book was so much fun that I couldn't put it down! The author, Suzanne, does a wonderful job with the plot and ends the book with the reader wanting for more.

...Reviewed by Sarah

Book Reviews Continued...

My Little Pony: Maretime Mysteries

By Stephanie Williams

Type: Kids Books (Ages 9 - 12 Years)

Price: \$16.99

As someone who has watched the popular TV show, My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic, I was excited to see a mystery-based graphic novel with ponies from Equestria. While they may not live in Ponyville, and feature the main ponies from the show, fans can recognize a parallel in the characters with the same great wit I've come to love.



Misty, who is reminiscent of Twilight, feels a tad frustrated that she hasn't settled quite yet in her new home of Maretime Bay. Her father reminds her to take it one hoof at a time, and asks her to check out the new tea shop in town, Brewtastic Wonders. On the way to the shop, Misty gets a little lost and stumbles into another store filled with antiques and baubles of all sorts. She purchases a board game, Maretime Mysteries, and invites her friends to play. Sunny, Hitch, Misty, and Sparky (a baby dragon much like Spike from the show), find themselves in the middle of a mess when a spirit is released and unleashes a curse over the whole town. Working together, the foursome must decipher riddles and find the sacred gem before time runs out. Will they succeed, or will the twist at the end become too much for the ponies to handle?

I thoroughly enjoyed this graphic novel and would definitely read another one. The author has done a great job at capturing the essence of the show, the lessons of selflessness that it taught, and the wordplay that elevated its writing. The artist, Abby Bulmer, also did not disappoint. Highly recommend for any age, as the vocabulary is larger than you might think. And you don't have to know the show in order to enjoy this read!

...Reviewed by Sarah

We have both Graphic Novels and Dyslexia-Friendly Books!

Counting Down to Halloween with Books...

Do You Like Our Blind Date with a Books?

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(You can even order them for pick-up at our shop.)

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Here Are the Options:

Cozy Mystery | Traditional | Historical | Spy
Thriller | Horror | Variety

Let us know what you like to read, and what to avoid, so our staff can tailor our picks.

13 Used Books.....\$65.00
13 New Books.....\$143.00

All books will include clues on them, wrapped in seasonal prints, and you could possibly get an extra gift!

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