A New Year Jaunt With Your Book Club

Kick off the New Year with your Book Club and arrange for your group to attend an author appearance in which guest authors speak and sign copies of their latest book. Two noteworthy venues for book clubs to visit are the Book Revue in Huntington and Barnes & Noble (author appearances vary by location).

The Book Revue located at 313 New York Avenue in Huntington is “Long Island’s largest independent bookstore, selling new, used and discounted books”. Founded in 1977 The Book Revue has a continuous schedule of author visits and readings. Most of the appearances are held during the week at 7 pm and are free and open to the public. Here is a sampling of their January 2014 author visit schedule:

- Tuesday, January 7th @ 7 pm – Jane Pauley will sign copies of her book *Your Life Calling: Reimagining the Best of your Life.*
- Wednesday, January 8th @ 7 pm – Rocco Dispirito will speak and sign copies of his latest book *The Pound a Day Diet.*
- Thursday, January 9th @ 7 pm - Scott Reich will discuss and sign copies of his book *The Power of Citizenship: Why JFK Matters to a New Generation.*
- Saturday, January 25st @ 7pm – Anne McCarthy Strauss discusses her novel *A Medical Affair.*

For more information regarding the Book Revue and upcoming author appearances, please visit their website [www.bookrevue.com](http://www.bookrevue.com).

Your Book Club may also consider a trip to a Barnes and Noble bookstore in Manhattan to attend an author visit. Most of B&N’s author appearances occur at their Manhattan locations. To find a listing of author appearances visit [www.barnesandnoble.com](http://www.barnesandnoble.com). Click on the “Store & Events” link located in the upper right hand corner of the webpage. You may search by either city & state or zip code. I typed in New York, NY and several NYC branches popped up. I selected the Union Square location at 33 E. 17th Street. Here is a sampling of their January 2014 author visits:

- Tuesday, January 7th @ 7 pm – Author Ishmael Beah (*A Long Way Gone: Memoirs of a Boy Soldier*) will discuss and sign copies of his latest book *Radiance of Tomorrow.*
- Wednesday, January 8th @ 7 pm – Sue Monk Kidd (*The Secret Life of Bees, The Mermaid Chair*) will discuss and sign copies of her latest novel *The Invention of Wings.*
- Tuesday, January 28th @ 7 pm – Anna Quindlen (*Black & Blue, Lots of Candles, Plenty of Cake*) will discuss and sign copies of her latest novel *Still Life with Bread Crumbs.*
- Thursday, February 6th @ 7 pm – E.L. Doctorow (*Ragtime, Billy Bathgate*) will discuss and sign copies of his latest novel *Andrew’s Brain.*

Happy Holidays and Best Wishes for a New Year filled with memorable books.

Author appearance are subject to change, please check with store to confirm times and dates. -Lisa Jones, Readers’ Services Librarian
2013 National Book Award Winners

The winners of the 2013 National Book Awards have been announced. Our congratulations to the following winners:

**FICTION**

*The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride

“Fleeing her violent master at the side of legendary abolitionist John Brown at the height of the slavery debate in mid-19th-century Kansas Territory, Henry pretends to be a girl to hide his identity throughout the historic raid on Harpers Ferry in 1859.”

**NONFICTION**

*The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America* by George Packer

“Paints a picture of the last 30 years of life in America by following several citizens, including the son of tobacco farmers in the rural south, a Washington insider who denies his idealism for riches, and Silicon Valley billionaire.”

**POETRY**

*Incarnadine: Poems* by Mary Szybist

“Beautiful and inventive, *Incarnadine* is the new collection by one of America’s most ambitious poets.”

**YOUNG PEOPLE’S LITERATURE**

*The Thing About Luck* by Cynthia Kadohata

“Just when 12-year-old Summer thinks nothing else can possibly go wrong in a year filled with bad luck, an emergency takes her parents to Japan, leaving Summer to care for her little brother while helping her grandmother cook and do laundry for the harvest workers.”

For more information on the National Book Foundation, Presenter of the National Book Awards, as well as a complete listing of past winners and finalists, visit the official website: [http://www.nationalbook.org](http://www.nationalbook.org).

(All descriptions provided by the publishers) - Jacqueline Ranaldo, Head of Readers’ Services

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New to Book Club in a Bag

Readers’ Services has added the following book to our Book Club in a Bag collection:

*The Storyteller* by Jodi Picoult

“Becoming friends with Josef Weber, an old man who's particularly loved in her community, Sage Singer is shocked when one day he asks her to kill him and reveals why he deserves to die, causing her to question her beliefs--and to wonder if his request would be murder or justice.” (from the publisher)

Let us provide everything you need for a successful book discussion. We can supply you with 10 copies of the book and a discussion binder. The binder contains discussion questions, biographical information and critical material.

Please contact Readers’ Services, 921-7161, ext 241 or 239 to reserve a book for your Book Club.

- Evelyn Hershkowitz, Readers’ Services Librarian