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—BOOK NOOK—

Used & collectable books
for sale.

Hours

Monday-Friday

10am - 4pm

Saturday

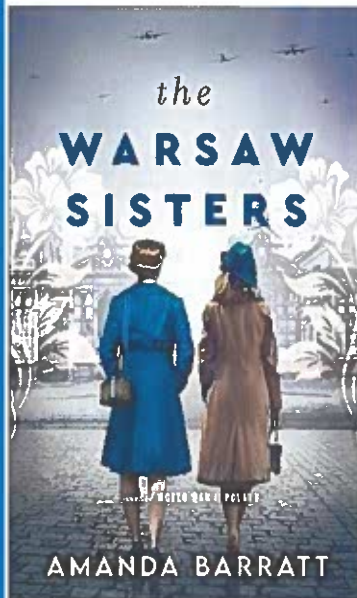
10am - 1:30pm

100% volunteer staffed—
please call ahead for

COFFEE TALK WITH

Amanda Barratt

MONDAY, April 15, 2024 @ 5:30 p.m.



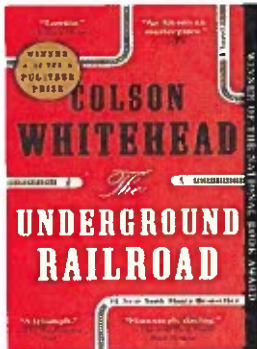
On a golden August morning in 1939, sisters Antonina and Helena Dąbrowska send their father off to defend Poland against the looming threat of German invasion. The next day, the first bombs fall on Warsaw, decimating their beloved city and shattering the world of their youth.

When Antonina's beloved Marek is forced behind ghetto walls along with the rest of Warsaw's Jewish population, Antonina turns her worry into action and becomes a key figure in a daring network of women risking their lives to shelter Jewish children. Helena finds herself drawn into the ranks of Poland's secret army, joining the fight to free her homeland from occupation. But the secrets both are forced to keep threaten to tear the sisters apart—and the cost of resistance proves greater than either ever imagined.

Technical Assistance provided by appointment only Tuesday-Friday 1:30-4:00 PM

"When in doubt go to the library." -J.K. Rowling





Title: The Underground Railroad
Author: Colson Whitehead
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2024
@ 2 p.m.

Cora is a slave on a cotton plantation in Georgia. An outcast even among her fellow Africans, she is on the cusp of womanhood—where greater pain awaits. And so when Caesar, a slave who has recently arrived from Virginia, urges her to join him on the Underground Railroad, she seizes the opportunity and escapes with him.

In Colson Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil. Cora embarks on a harrowing flight from one state to the next, encountering, like Gulliver, strange yet familiar iterations of her own world at each stop.

As Whitehead brilliantly re-creates the terrors of the antebellum era, he weaves in the saga of our nation, from the brutal abduction of Africans to the unfulfilled promises of the present day. *The Underground Railroad* is both the gripping tale of one woman's will to escape the horrors of bondage—and a powerful meditation on the history we all share.

The BOOK NOOK

April Sale

GARDENING AND TRAVEL BOOKS

5 FOR \$1.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dates are subject to change:

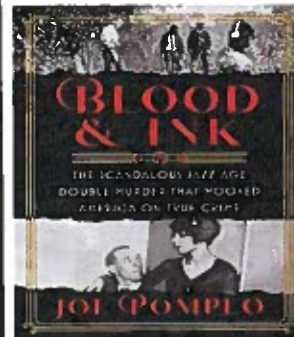
- April 2 -BOOK LOVER'S LUNCH @ 12 p.m.
- April 3-PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11 a.m.
- April 8-SOLAR ECLIPSE PARTY @ 1 P.M.
- April 10-PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11 a.m.
- April 11-LET'S DISCUSS BOOK CLUB @ 2 p.m.
- April 15-TRUE CRIME BOOK CLUB @ 4p.m.
- April 15-COFFEE TALK WITH AMANDA BARRATT @ 5:30 P.M.
- April 17-PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11 a.m.
- April 24-PRESCHOOL STORY TIME @ 11 a.m.



True Crime Book Club

Monday, May 20, 2024

@ 4 p.m.



On September 16, 1922, the bodies of Reverend Edward Hall and Eleanor Mills were found beneath a crabapple tree on an abandoned farm outside of New Brunswick, New Jersey. The killer had arranged the bodies in a pose conveying intimacy.

The murder of Hall, a prominent clergyman whose wife, Frances Hall, was a proud heiress with illustrious ancestors and ties to the Johnson & Johnson dynasty, would have made headlines on its own. But when authorities identified Eleanor Mills as a choir singer from his church married to the church sexton, the story shocked locals and sent the scandal ricocheting around the country, fueling the nascent tabloid industry. This provincial double murder on a lonely lover's lane would soon become one of the most famous killings in American history—a veritable crime of the century.