

WOOZLES' NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2010

Greetings from Woozles

When winter's chill has you thinking wistfully of summer, what better way to wile away the evenings than by curling up with a good book? Our **New Stock** and **Staff Picks** sections are chock-full of suggestions. And be sure to note the dates of **Upcoming Events** that will brighten the long winter months.

Our Valentine Gift to You

For the first two weeks of February, we will be having a **sale of selected books and toys**. We love what we do and we love your support...a perfect combination and our Valentine to you!



Woozles Annual Jelly Bean Jar Contest

Come in between March 1 - 31 to make your guess for our annual **Jelly Bean Jar Contest**. You could win a Woozles Gift Certificate for \$25.

Battle of the Books 2010

We are only weeks away from the **2010 Battle of the Books** competition. Over 20 teams have registered - from the South Shore to Truro and places in between.

If you've never seen a game, consider joining us - you'll be amazed! Call Woozles for dates and times. If you want to read along, the booklists are on our website.

The Gift of Reading

We believe the magic of reading is something that sustains and informs one in childhood and for one's whole life and so we think books make perfect gifts. Everyone loves thoughtful, personal gifts and getting them in the mail is even better!

Our "The Gift of Reading" program can make a year of gift-giving easy for you. Tell us a bit about the person you want to give a gift to and let us take it from there...we love matching readers with inspired choices. Read more about this program on our website or pick up a flyer at the store.



Open 7 Days a Week!

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

9:30 - 5:30

Friday 9:30 - 9:00

Sunday Afternoon 11:00 - 5:00

Kidlit Cafe

After the tremendous success of the inaugural Kidlit Cafe, plans are now in the works for a second. Join author Vicki Grant as she interviews a panel of children's and young adult writers on the topic of "reluctant readers". Stay tuned for details!



Children's Literature Roundtable: New Book Bash & International Children's Book Day Celebration

As people around the world are celebrating the importance of children's books, come and savour the literary riches of our region.

Local children's authors and illustrators will present the works they've published in the past year, and the reception thereafter will provide an opportunity to chat with favourite authors and get books signed.

Sat., April 10, 2010 7:00 - 9:00
Writers Federation of Nova Scotia.



The Book Shelf

Here is a sneak preview of selected new books that will appear on our shelves over the next few months. If you would like us to reserve anything for you, please let us know and we will call you as soon as they arrive.

Picture Books

The Heart and the Bottle

by *Oliver Jeffers*.

New from this much-loved author and illustrator is this tale of a girl who is filled with curiosity and who revels in the joys of the world around her, joys that she always shares with her father. Until the day that his chair is empty. (\$19.95)

Princesses Are Not Perfect

by *Kate Lum*,
illustrated by *Sue Holland*.

The three resourceful damsels from **Princesses Are Not Quitters** are back. This time they each become tired of their own unique talents so they decide to swap. The result is thoroughly enjoyable mayhem at the kingdom's summer party. (\$21.00)

The Easter Egg

by *Jan Brett*.

This exquisitely illustrated tale, which features Brett's trademark lush borders, tells the story of a wee bunny who tries to make the best Easter egg so that he will be chosen to help the Easter bunny deliver eggs on Easter morning. (\$22.50)



You Are My Wish

by *Maryann Cusimano Love*,
illustrated by *Satomi Ichikawa*.

The team that brought us **You Are My I Love You** now offers this beautiful celebration of the unique and special relationship between a grandchild and grandparent. (\$21.00)

Mama's Little Duckling

by *Marjorie Blain Parker*,
illustrated by *Mike Wohnoutka*.

Dandelion Duck is ready to venture out all on his own to visit friends all the way on the other side of the pond. Mama keeps a close eye on her baby but when an ill-intentioned weasel catches them all by surprise, Dandelion proves that he has learned his lessons well. (\$8.50)

Put Me in a Book

by *Robert Munsch*,
illustrated by *Michael Martchenko*.

When a famous writer looks for a kid to put in a book, Hailey volunteers. But being folded and scrunched inside a book turns out to be not so much fun and she seeks her classmates' assistance to help her out. (\$7.99)

Mathilda and the Orange Balloon

by *Randall de Seve*,
illustrated by *Jen Corace*

This is a whimsical celebration of the power of imagination...which can even transform a plain gray sheep into, say, an orange balloon. (\$20.99)



Miss Brooks Loves Books! (And I Don't)

by *Barbara Bottner*,
illustrated by *Michael Emberley*.

Miss Brooks is determined to help Missy find a book that she loves in the library, even if they have to go through each and every one. (\$9.00)

Marshmallow

by *Clare Turlay Newberry*.

This re-issue of a Caldecott award winning classic features Oliver, the cat who revels in his quiet, peaceful existence with Miss Tilly. Then a wee bunny named Marshmallow arrives on the scene... (\$9.25)

Roly Poly Pangolin

by *Anna Dewdney*.

The creator of the ever-charming Llama Llama books now brings readers a new character to love: shy little Roly Poly. Afraid of facing something new and unknown, Roly Poly does what any pangolin would do - he rolls up in a ball and hides. But when he dares to peek out, he makes an interesting discovery. (\$21.00)



It's Snowing!

by *Olivier Dura*.

This is an exquisitely illustrated celebration of the wonder and magic of a snowy night as shared by a mother and her small child. (\$8.99)

Middle Readers

The Underneath

by *Kathi Appelt*.

An abandoned calico cat befriends a chained up hound dog and they soon become an unlikely family in this sweet tale about the power of love and the fragility of happiness. (\$8.99)

The Calder Game

by *Blue Balliett*.

Two Calders have gone missing. One is a sculpture. One is a boy. Calders' friends must fly to England where they endure twists and turns, mazes and mystery as they try to find their friend. (\$9.99)

The Willoughbys

by *Lois Lowry*.

The author of **The Giver** and **Number the Stars** is back with a rather Lemony Snicket-esque book about four siblings avoiding an evil plan hatched by unlikely characters: their own parents. (\$8.99)

11 Birthdays

by *Wendy Mass*.

In what seems like an homage to 'Groundhog Day', Amanda must relive her terrible 11th birthday until she gets it right. (\$8.99)

Timothy and the Dragon's Gate

by *Adrienne Kress*.

Having been expelled from every school in the city, eleven year old Timothy Freshwater finds himself with a new teacher: his neighbour. Mr. Bore is no ordinary role model, and Timothy soon learns about dragons, crazed ninjas, pirates and adventure. (\$8.99)

Cabinet of Wonders

by *Marie Rutkoski*.

This startling debut is about the risks we take to protect those we love, and the magic, political intrigue and heroism some find along the way. (\$8.99)

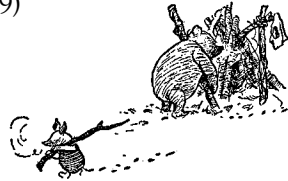


NEW STOCK... continued

A Million Shades of Gray

by Cynthia Kadohata.

Twelve year old Tin is known throughout his Vietnam village as an expert trainer of wild elephants. In the midst of the Vietnam War, he must choose between captivity or fleeing into the depths of the jungle to save an elephant's life...and his own. (\$21.99)



No Moon,

by Irene N. Watts

This retelling of the tragedy of the Titanic is from the point of view of Louisa, a young nursemaid who feels that the whole ordeal is her fault. (\$14.99)

Savvy

by Ingrid Law.

This Newbery award winner is about the Beaumont family. At the age of thirteen, the family members discover what their 'savvy' is. One sibling is able to cause hurricanes, another creates electricity, leaving Milbs wondering just what her special power will be. (\$9.99)

Word Nerd

by Susin Nielsen.

When Ambrose is nearly killed by bullies and a peanut, he is forced to stay at home where he befriends Cosmos, his new scrabble partner. Both are great at scrabble, but one learned the game playing with his mom while the other honed his skills in jail. (\$14.99)

Masterpiece

by Elise Broach.

Marvin is a beetle. James is a boy. Who would expect them to become friends, let alone accomplices. This fast-paced mystery will have readers at the edge of their seats! (\$10.25)

The Switch

by Anthony Horowitz.

Tad Spencer lives a life of luxury with a mansion, servants and all the toys he could dream of. But when his father denies him a trip to a theme park, Tad wishes he were someone else. And you know what they say about being careful what you wish for.... (\$9.99)

The Incurrable Children of Ashton Place

by Maryrose Wood.

It is sometimes said of misbehaved children "they must have been raised by wolves". Well, the Incurrable Children actually were. Luckily, Miss Penelope Lumsley is no ordinary governess. She teaches them many interesting things...and solves a few mysteries too. (\$20.99)

Young Adult

What I Saw and How I Lied

by Judy Blundell.

Heartbreaking and insightful, Evie slowly comes to understand the world of adult deception with the background of a historical mystery. This coming of age tale was the 2008 National Book Award winner. (\$11.99)

Zen and the Art of Faking It

by Jordan Sonnenblick.

San Lee moves to a new town and accidentally gives the impression that he is a reincarnated mystic. Can he pull it off, or will things completely unravel? (\$9.99)

The Sky is Everywhere

by Jandy Nelson.

Seventeen year old Lennie Walker is a bookworm and a band geek who lives happily in the shadow of her older sister, Bailey. But when Bailey dies, Lennie is thrust centre stage, desperately trying to find her own melody. A perfect book for fans of Deb Caletti and Sarah Dessen. (\$22.50)

Only in the Movies

by William Bell.

Jake has always dreamed of being a screenwriter and making movies. So it's no surprise that he is trying desperately to get into film school. That is, until he meets his classmates, specifically the beautiful Alba Magdalena Benedetti. (\$14.95)

Here Lies Arthur

by Philip Reeve.

Everyone's heard of King Arthur, but no one's ever heard the truth. This recreation of the Arthurian myth is thought-provoking, and unexpectedly timely. (\$11.99)

The Musician's Daughter

by Suzanne Dunlap.

When Theresa Maria finds her father dead and his violin missing, she becomes convinced he was murdered. What ensues is an engrossing tale of murder, romance and music. (\$11.00)

The Juvie Three

by Gordon Korman.

Graham Fosse drove the getaway car for a robbery he didn't even know about. After a terrifying trip to 'Juvie', he is able to swap the slammer for a halfway house lived in by two other boys. But they all must stay on track, and if they don't, their second chance will be their last. (\$10.99)

Me & Death: An Afterlife Adventure

by Richard Scrimger.

Jim is an all-around bad kid. But when he gets run over, he resolves to change his ways. His quest for moral redemption meets some bumps in the road in this thought-provoking, scary and often hilarious new book. (\$14.99)

If I Stay

by Gayle Forman.

In the blink of an eye everything changes. Mia cannot remember the accident itself. She can only watch the after effects: her wounded body, her friends, her family and the difficult choice she must make to stay or to go. (\$10.99)

Wave,

by Eric Walters.

At a holiday resort in Thailand, a brother and sister find themselves at the heart of the December 2004 tsunami disaster. (\$14.95)

Borderline

by Allan Stratton.

Sami does not have it easy. But things go from bad to worse when Sami finds his father, and consequently his whole family, at the centre of an international terrorist investigation. (\$14.99)





STAFF PICKS

Some current titles that are favourites with staff



Rose's Garden

by Peter J. Reynolds

This fantastical story is rooted with a wonderful message of adventure, community and creativity. Rose is a world traveller who lands in a large city and decides to bring her special kind of beauty to her surroundings...with a little bit of help. Fans of **Miss Rumphius** will love this one too.
For ages 2 and up. \$20.00

- Christine -

Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg

by Gail Carson Levine, illustrated by David Christiana

Prilla, the newest fairy in the Never Land, is dismayed that she cannot find her talent and her place in the Fairy Haven. But after a disaster that threatens to destroy the Never Land, Prilla must summon her courage and embark on a quest to save the island. Christiana's illustrations are as charming as Levine's prose, and a host of familiar supporting characters make this a delight to read.
For ages 8 - 12. \$12.99

- Lily -



Peeled

by Joan Bauer

Hildy Biddle is a hardworking, curious and ambitious reporter for her school newspaper. When she uncovers a controversial and mysterious story that brings the life of her school newspaper into jeopardy, Hildy and her friends draw inspiration from local community members and come to learn the real value of true and responsible journalism. This is a fast-paced, inspiring tale of teens who believe that the work they do can make a difference.
For ages 12 - 15. \$9.99

- Juliane -



Deadline

by Chris Crutcher

When Ben learns that he has leukemia, and that he likely only has one more year to live, he chooses to keep the information to himself in an effort to let this last year be as normal as it can be. This is a powerful and affecting novel of living life to its fullest, letting go and learning some very life-changing lessons.
For ages 14 and up. \$10.99

- Lisa -



Emperor of Absurdia

by Chris Riddell

From sky fish to umbrella trees, Absurdia is chock full of fantastic creatures you can dream of long after the book is finished. This almost Seussical wonderland and the exploits of its emperor will be sure to entertain and amuse children of all ages!
For ages 3 and up. \$12.99

- Katherine -

American Born Chinese

by Gene Luen Yang

This graphic novel engages young readers with both its bold imagery and narrative fusion, which follows the imaginative and mundane life of a young boy growing up in San Francisco.
For ages 12 - 16. \$11.50

- Jess -

Lord of the Forest

by Caroline Pitcher

Filled with glorious water-colour pictures, this book chronicles the life of a tiger. Other forest inhabitants are pictured through the wanderings of the young tiger. As the tiger ages, and becomes an adult father himself, he and the reader come to learn who all creatures feel is the lord of the forest.
For ages 4 - 9. \$11.50

- Nadine -



The Mystery of the Third Lucretia

by Susan Runholt

Kari and Lucas are best friends who share an interest in painting and solving mysteries. In this novel they set out to uncover the truth when a Rembrandt is unveiled in Amsterdam that has never been seen before. A series of suspicious encounters with a copyist, first in their home of Minneapolis and then at the National Gallery in London, lead the two girls on a thrilling chase through some of Europe's major art museums.
For ages 10 - 14. \$8.50

- Rachel -

A Visitor for Bear

by Bonny Becker, illustrated by Kady MacDonald Denton

Bear doesn't like visitors. He even has a sign. But one day a small and grey and bright-eyed mouse shows up and insists on a 'spot of tea'. Bear tries everything to keep him out, only to find that he rather enjoys the small mouse's company after all. Delightfully classic illustrations mixed with hilarious and heartwarming text make for an all-around great book.
For ages 3 - 6. \$19.00

- Suzy

1,2,3: A Child's First Counting Book

by Alison Jay

A visual delight! Jay's simple wording and charming crackled illustrations of familiar nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters lead us from 1 to 10 and back again. Each picture cleverly houses further items to search for of the showcased number for more advanced viewers. A lovely companion to her ABC board book!
For ages 2 and up. \$12.50

- Pam -

