



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Do you have this book in stock?
 - You can search our Pinoy Pride collection at KUBO LB by visiting <https://kubolb.com/collections/bel-canto-books>. We do not yet have online ordering via our Retro Row location.

- Can you order a book for me if I don't see it in stock?
 - You can special order books for local pickup by visiting: <https://forms.gle/r2V5QtEQrvBbiAxM6>.
 - You can order books to be shipped directly to your address of choice by using our Bookshop.org partner page (<https://bookshop.org/shop/belcantobooks>).

- If I order books through Bookshop.org or Libro.fm, does it really support your bookstore?
 - Yes, it does! We receive a commission from Bookshop.org and Libro.fm purchases. Physical books ship directly from the publisher's warehouse, saving us time and labor on fulfilling orders. Plus they both have a huge searchable selection of available books.
 - Our Bookshop.org page is <https://bookshop.org/shop/belcantobooks>.
 - Learn more about Libro.fm at <https://libro.fm/howitworks>.

- Where are your store locations and hours?
 - We have three locations in Long Beach CA:
 - Our first stand-alone location, Bel Canto Books Retro Row (2106 E 4th Street, Long Beach CA 90814), is now open! Our soft opening hours are Thursday through Sunday 12pm to 6pm. Please visit our [Instagram page \(@belcantobooks\)](#) for up-to-date hours and information.



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- Inside [KUBO LB](#) (3976 Atlantic Avenue, Long Beach CA 90807). They are currently open Thursday through Sunday 11am to 6pm. Please visit their [Instagram page \(@kubo.lb\)](#) for up-to-date hours and KUBO-related events.
- Inside [Steel Cup Cafe](#) at 2201 N. Lakewood Blvd, Ste E, Long Beach CA 90815. They are currently open 7am to 6pm daily. Please visit their [Instagram page \(@steelcupcafe\)](#) for up-to-date hours and info.

- Do you host author events, book clubs, or other events?
 - Yes, you can find more information about in-person and virtual author events at <https://belcantobooks.net/events>.
 - You can learn more about our monthly book clubs and RSVP for meetings at <https://belcantobooks.net/book-clubs>. Our current book clubs are Graphic Novel Book Club and Burning Issues Book Club (online meetings), as well as an in-person book club with Alder & Sage. We also partner with the [Movies N' Books Club](#) on their monthly online and in-person meetings.
 - Bel Canto Books is the host of the Indie Bookstore Field Trips group which invites book lovers to visit indie bookstores in the LA/Long Beach/OC area. You can learn more [here](#).
 - We are also the co-founder and official bookstore of the [Festival of AAPI Books \(FAB\) Long Beach](#) and [Liwanag Lit Fest](#), in partnership with the Long Beach Public Library.

- Why and how did you decide to start a bookstore?
 - You can learn more about the bookstore and our founder Jhoanna Belfer here:
 - An early interview with book blogger VeeReads: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aGSkFVH3gvU>
 - Long Beach post article about “the book whisperer” by friend of the bookstore and local poet Nancy Lynee Woo:



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<https://lbpost.com/hi-lo/book-whisperer-jhoanna-belfer-knows-what-you-should-read-next-just-ask>

- Forbes article about our #StandUpForAAPI campaign:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/rachelkramerbussel/2021/03/25/asian-american-authors-instagram-users-and-bookseller-launch-stand-up-for-aapi-campaign/?sh=3b7c29003e20>

- What kinds of books do you carry?
 - We offer a curated selection of literary fiction, narrative nonfiction and children's books, organized around a theme of the month, highlighting books by historically marginalized authors. We also focus on work by Filipino-American and AAPI authors.
- What books do you recommend?
 - We have a variety of [recommended reading lists on our Bookshop.org page](#) including bookstore bestsellers, [AAPI books](#), [social and environmental justice books](#), and more.
- How can my book or product be considered for the bookstore?
 - To have a book considered for an event or stock, please fill out [this Event/Stock Inquiry Form](#).
 - If you are a sidelines vendor (book-related gifts that appeal to readers), please use this [Vendor Inquiry Form](#).
 - Please wait to hear from us before dropping off/sending any items for consideration. We are not responsible for unsolicited items.
- How do you choose what books/items to carry?
 - Our owner Jhoanna hand picks every book and gift item in the bookstore, based on industry publications and book reviews, word of mouth, community interest, and her own reading/research.



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- Our monthly featured books are chosen based on the theme of the month:
 - January - Mentorship
 - February - Black History
 - March - Women's History
 - April - Poetry
 - May - AAPI (Asian American Pacific Islander)
 - June - Pride / LGBTQ
 - July - Let's Travel
 - August - Beach Reads
 - September - Hispanic Heritage / Latinx
 - October - Filipino American History
 - November - Native American Heritage
 - December - Holiday
- We also carry a curated selection of new releases, travel books, cookbooks, journals and art supplies, and bookish gifts.