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Springing Forward with Reading

April 2019

We're Back, Baby!

Greetings!

Behold the glory of spring! After an unusually wet and wild SoCal winter, our hillsides and brain cells are blooming with vibrant flowers and freshly hatched bookstore plans.

This month, we're excited to celebrate National Poetry Month and Independent Bookstore Day with you! Our monthly bookclub "Friends with Books" returns on April 27th to our beloved District Wine, and we're in the process of finalizing other pop-up locations.



And a special thanks for all your well wishes during my post-surgery recovery! I can't wait to see all your beautiful faces at our upcoming events.

Until next time, read on!

Jhoanna
Avowed Booknerd and Owner/Manager
Bel Canto Books

Upcoming Events - Bring a Friend!

Join Bel Canto Books as We Pop Up All Over Town!
All April events in our hometown, Long Beach CA.



Saturday, April 27th at District Wine

Books + Wine = Happy Place

Join us for Bel Canto Books "Friends with Books" book club!

Register at belcantobooks.net and enjoy a hand-picked book just for you, wine toast, and all the bookish fun you can handle.

\$35 per person



Saturday, April 27th
3PM - 5PM
**Friends with Books
Book Club**

District Wine - 144 Linden Ave
\$35 per person
includes a handpicked book,
wine toast, plus Independent
Bookstore Day surprises!

COMING SOON!

**Pop-Up Bookstore
at the Farmers Market**

We hope to make
our pop-up bookstore debut
at the DTLB Farmers Market
on Friday, April 26th.
We'll keep you posted!

Register for Book Club!

***Please Register for Book Club by Tuesday, April 23rd
so we have time to pick just the right book for you!***

National Poetry Month + March Reading Recap

April is National Poetry Month!

As part of our National Poetry Month Celebration, we'll be participating in NaPoWriMo 2019.

Join us as we (strive to) write 30 poems in 30 days! Cue the terror!

NaPoWriMo 2019



Recommended Poetry

If you haven't read much contemporary poetry (ie, not dead white guys), here are a few of our all-time favorites:
Cecilia Woloch, *Late*
Dorianne Laux, *What We Carry*
Lucia Perillo, *The Oldest Map with the Name America*
Sharon Olds, *The Dead and the Living*



#52BooksIn52Weeks Update

We're up to 21 books read so far this year, thanks to our two-month work leave.

Some of our March standouts:

- *The Great Believers* by Rebecca Makkai which really brings home the tragedy of the 1980s AIDS epidemic
- *The Book of Delights* by Ross Gay is pure joy, with 100+ mini essays about finding wonder in the world
- *The Other Wes Moore* by Wes Moore which charts the similar, and divergent, paths of two Baltimore men named Wes Moore



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