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Summer's Last Hurrahs

August 2019

Savoring the Last Days of Summer!

Greetings!

It's been wonderful to be back in (mostly) cooler Long Beach this past month and getting to see old book friends and making new ones at our pop-up events.

A huge thank you to those of you who braved our July farmer's market pop-up, where it was HOT, HOT, HOT with fresh books, summer veggies and just baked goodies! We'd still be a fried mess if the good folks at the market hadn't rustled up an extra tent! Hallelujah!

Last month also brought back our "Friends with Books" bookclub at Monks Addiction in Huntington Beach. Bookclub attendees sipped raspberry cider, noshed on an amazing cheese and charcuterie platter, and tried their hands at some watercoloring. We talked about summer travels (turns out Europe was a big destination this year), favorite cheeses (the hit of the day was the lemon Stilton - who knew?) and what we were all reading. Good times!

We'd love to see you at one of our August events:

- **Friday 8/16: Pop-up** at the Downtown LB Farmer's Market
- **Sunday 8/18: Bookclub** at District Wine in Long Beach



Photo: Tara & Jill, two of our favorite readers (and best friends) at the July farmer's market.



Photo: cheese plate + art supplies + raspberry cider? Must be Bel Canto Books bookclub!

Also, we're dreaming up some new events for fall and spring, so stay posted for more bookish fun. And as always, we're sharing below our July Reading Recap and other recommended goodness.

Hope you're taking time for yourself and savoring these last days of summer.

Until next time, read on!

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Avowed Booknerd and Owner/Manager
Bel Canto Books

Upcoming Events - Bring a Friend!

Join Bel Canto Books as We Pop Up All Over Town!

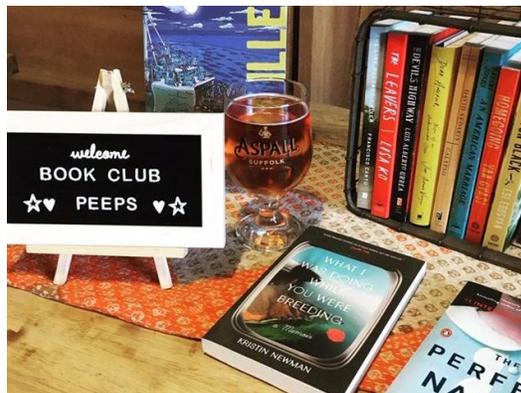


Friday, August 16th
10AM to 2PM

Pop-Up Bookstore
at DTLB Farmers' Market

Promenade between
3rd & 5th Street in Downtown LB

Come pick up our latest book
recommendations, plus all your
farmer's market goodies!
Plenty of free 2 hour parking!



Sunday, August 18th
3PM - 5PM

Friends with Books
Book Club at District Wine

144 Linden Avenue
(& Broadway) in Downtown LB

\$35 per person
includes a handpicked book,
wine toast, and nosh plate
goodness!

[Register for Book Club!](#)

*Please Register by Monday, August 12th
so we have time to pick just the right book for you!*

July News & Reading Recap

A Week of Reading
Deprivation...Say What?

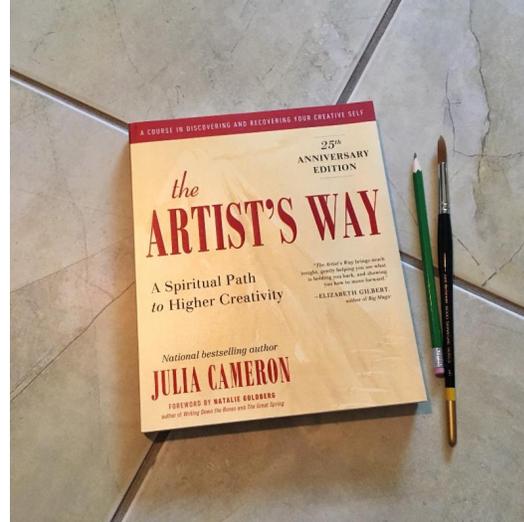
If you've been following along
with our Instagram feeds

(@belcantobooks and @jhoeatworld), you'll know that I started *The Artist's Way* 12-week course with the hopes of bringing an *Artist's Way* reading group to Bel Canto Books.

It's been super eye-opening and challenging in a good way, but the hardest thing I've done so far is a week - yes, a week - of reading deprivation. No book reading, no newspapers, no flipping through word-filled magazines, nada, nothing, zip. Or as much of that as I could stomach.

It's not for the faint-of-heart booklover, but all that not-reading time does force you to try other things, like painting, cleaning your closet or going for long walks. Or seeing an awesome documentary, like the fantastic "Toni Morrison: The Pieces I Am."

#tonimorrisonoriginalbadass



July Reading Recap

With our Reading Deprivation Week and all, we read four books this month and highly recommend all of them!

For the Creepsters:

- *You All Grow Up and Leave Me* by Piper Weiss, a true crime memoir about obsession, girlhood and sexual predators set in the super competitive world of NYC prep schools.



For the Fantasists and YA fans:

- *Shatter the Sky* by Rebecca Kim Wells, a wonderful debut fantasy novel with dragons, a queer female lead and a brutal despot who must be overthrown, written by a Boston-based bookseller.

For the Romantics:

- *Evvie Drake Starts Over* by Linda Holmes (yes, the podcast host Linda Holmes!) about a newly widowed Maine woman who takes in a disgraced baseball star with the Yips.

For the Big-Book-Lovers:

- *The Age of Light* by Whitney Scharer, a beautifully rendered historical novel about the life of Lee Miler, Vogue model, Man Ray muse and WWII photographer.

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