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2122 E. 4th Street, Long Beach CA
(Tuesday to Sunday 11AM to 7PM)

Valentine's Day Edition

February 2020

Reading Is For Lovers!

Greetings!

Happy V-Day to all and belated Galentine's Day to our gal pals! We hope you're spending this weekend with the ones you love, doing the things that bring you joy.

We're excited to share some exciting news for our faraway readers and online shoppers . . . we have a new online shopping partnership with Bookshop.org - details below!

And we have a few more exciting events to round out the month, including a book-making class on 2/22 (calling all crafters!!!), the next Burning Issues book club meeting on 2/23, and a very special author event for YA/historical fiction lovers on 2/29.

Hope to see you out and about!
Read on!

XXOO,
Jhoanna
Head Booknerd
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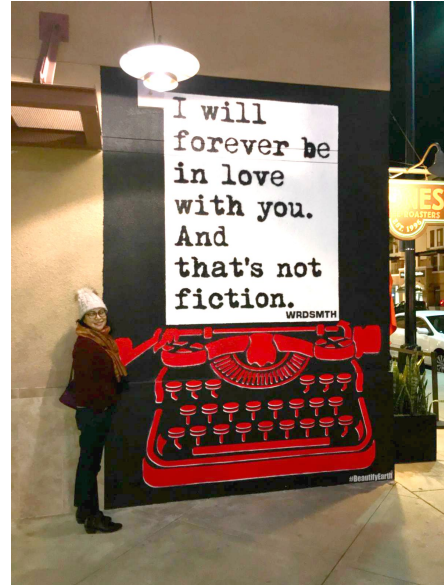


Photo: Jho geeking out at Vroman's Bookstore in Pasadena. Did you know it's Southern California's oldest and largest bookstore? And now has a wine bar for book lovers??? Sadly, we visited too soon to enjoy some vino, but we will be back!

A New Way to Buy Books

Bookshop.org Partnership

We are thrilled to announce that we are now partnering with Bookshop.org for your online book ordering needs!

Bookshop.org was created

specifically to support independent bookstores, authors and book lovers with an easy-to-use, Amazon-free shopping platform.

You'll be able to buy virtually any book online, support our bookstore and peruse our recommended reading lists.

This month, we're featuring our "Black History Month: Our Essential Reads" list, filled with books personally read and recommended by yours truly (no algorithms involved!).

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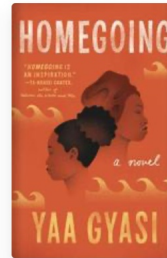
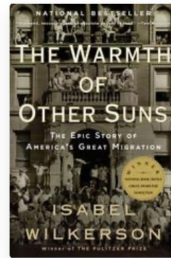
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Our mission is to foster joy, creativity and curiosity, one book, one connection at a time.



Black History Month: Our Essential Reads

[VIEW LIST \(15 BOOKS\)](#)



Featured Event: Mini Book Craft Class - Sat 2/22 at 2PM with Break + Remake

Mini Book Craft Class

Saturday 2/22 at 2PM at The Hangout with Joan Goodspeed of Break + Remake

Always wanted to learn how to make your own book?

Join us for a 2-hour workshop led by crafter extraordinaire Joan Goodspeed of @breaknremake, and take home your own little book of wonders.

\$30+ pp - all supplies provided.

Learn more about Joan and her passion for eco-friendly craft projects at:

- Website: <https://www.breaknremake.com/>
- Watch Joan make a tiny book: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha6oBS5xRCo&t=2s>

[Register for Mini Book Class](#)



Upcoming Events

Click on any of the event photos below to learn more & RSVP!



Sunday 2/23 at 12PM Burning Issues Book Club

Our February book is "**Doughnut Economics**" by renegade economist Kate Raworth.



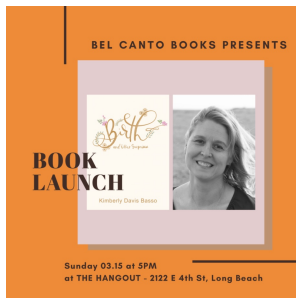
Saturday 2/29 at 3PM YA/Historical Fiction Event

Help us welcome Julie Berry & Sherri L. Smith for a special book reading & signing.



Sunday 3/8 at 11AM Decluttering Workshop

Get organized with Marie Kondo-certified organizer Vivien Lee-Mayhue.



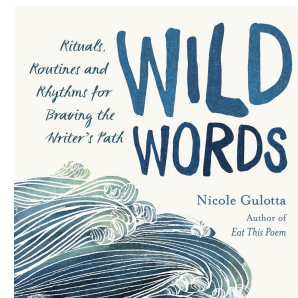
Sunday 3/15 at 5PM Kimberly Davis Basso

Join us for the book launch of Kimberly Davis Basso's hilarious new memoir "Birth and Other Surprises"!



Sunday 3/22 at 6:30PM Veronica Kirin

Author and entrepreneur Veronica Kirin reads from her nonfiction book "Stories of Elders" about the Greatest Generation.



Saturday 3/28 at 6:30PM Nicole Gulotta

Join us for a conversation about creativity, making space to write, and Nicole Gulotta's new book, "Wild Words."

View our Events Calendar on:

- [Bel Canto Books website](#) (for all events)
- [The Hangout website](#) (for events at The Hangout)
- [Meetup website](#) (for author events and book club info)

"Friends with Books" Bookclub
Sunday 3/15 at 3PM

Register now to save your spot for the hottest #booknerd event in



town!

\$35pp includes a handpicked book, light refreshments & all the bookish fun you can handle!

[Register for 3/15 Bookclub!](#)

A V-Day Raffle for Reading to the End

Hooray, You Made It!

Thank you so much for making it this far! We always have way too much to tell you about, so this little newsletter often grows and grows and grows. There's a reason I was a lit major! ;-)

As a thank you, we're raffling off a copy of Ann Patchett's extraordinary memoir *Truth & Beauty*, one of our very favorite books, plus a matching Paloma and Porkchop fabric bookmark!

Just send us an email about the book, place or thing you love the most & you'll be entered in the raffle.

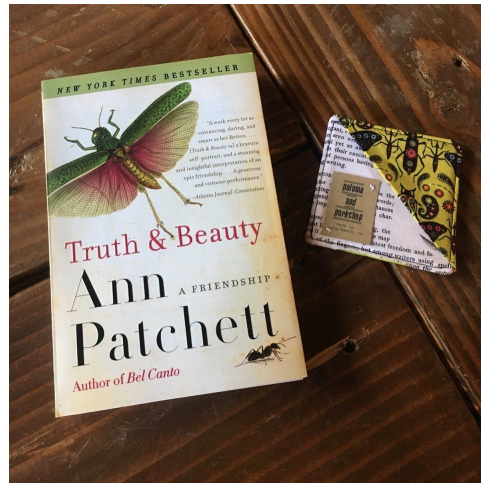
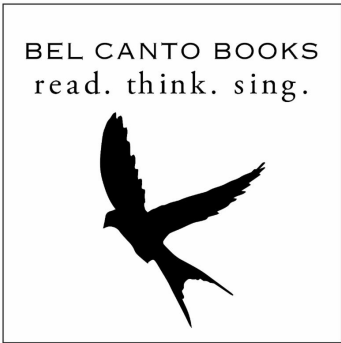


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[What's the book, place or thing you love most?](#)



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