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"We're Going Virtual, Baby!" Edition

March 2020

Adjusting to the New Normal

Greetings!

It's hard to believe that just last Wednesday, we were still open to the public at the bookshop, making videos for our next round of events and arranging for in-store pickup of customers' special orders. What a difference a week makes!

We sincerely hope this email finds you and yours in good health and managing the abrupt transition to home quarantine. We're doing our best to adapt to the new normal and have implemented some new programs to help you keep stocked with great books, discover new writers and connect with our community of readers.

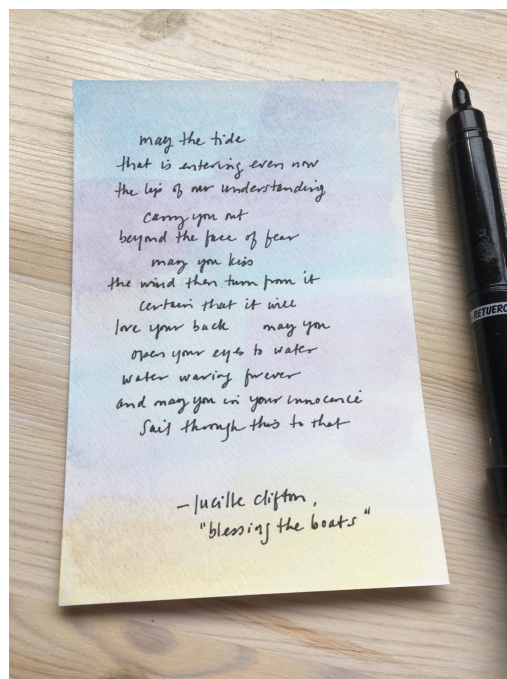
Please read on to learn more about:

- our new "Books Go Mobile" book concierge program
- new online events like "Wine-ing About Books" and Virtual Storytime
- and virtual Book of the Month Club and Burning Issues Book Club!

We've had such good fortune with our merry band of readers, writers, artists, friends and loved ones, and we hope it continues.



Photo: At our local farmer's market which has stayed open and full of fresh veggies & welcoming vendors.



Let's stay connected and, as Lucille Clifton has written, "may you in your innocence / sail through this to that."

Photo: Jho's watercolor postcard of "blessing the boats" by Lucille Clifton

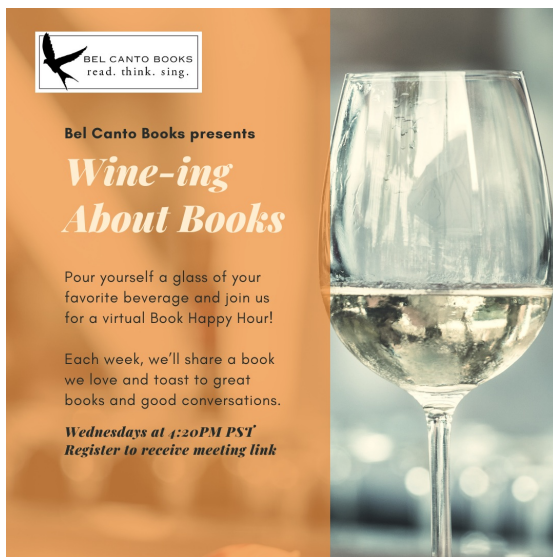
Read on!

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NEW VIRTUAL BOOK EVENTS

While our bookshop space at The Hangout remains closed, we are excited to bring you lots of exciting book programming via Zoom Meetings.

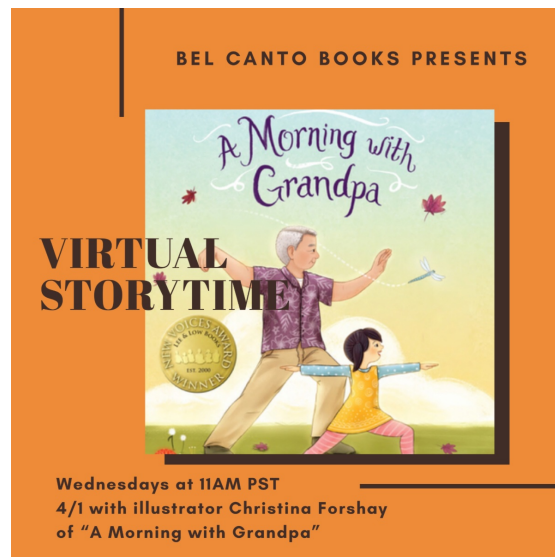
Weekly Online Events



Wednesdays at 4:20PM PST
Wine-ing About Books

Join us each week for an informal book chat and happy hour! Special guests may drop in, so pour yourself a glass of your favorite beverage and let's get bookish!

[Register for Wine-ing About Books](#)



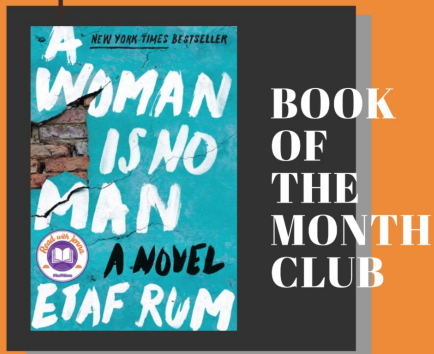
Wednesday 4/1 at 11AM PST
Virtual Storytime

Long Beach illustrator Christina Forshay joins us to read from her picture book, *A Morning With Grandpa*.

[Register for Storytime](#)

Monthly Online Book Discussions

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March 2020:

A WOMAN IS NO MAN by Etaf Rum

Online Book Discussion - Tue 4/14 at 7PM PST



Tuesday 4/14 at 7PM PST
Book of the Month (BOTM) Club -
March Book Discussion

Join us for a lively online discussion
of our March BOTM, *A Woman Is
No Man* by Etaf Rum.

[Join March BOTM Club](#)

Sunday 4/26 at 12PM PST
Burning Issues Book Club -
April Book Discussion

Our April book is *Braiding
Sweetgrass* by indigenous
scientist Robin Wall Kimmerer.

[RSVP to Burning Issues Book Club](#)

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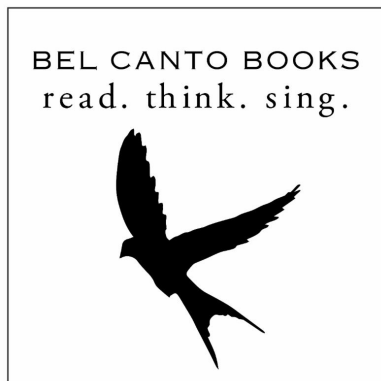


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