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

"Holy Cow, It's March?!?" Edition

February/March 2020

Greetings!

Don't freak out, but Sunday is the first day of March. ;-) I thought we were supposed to "beware the Ides of March," because that's when Julius Caesar was assassinated, but ancient religions actually viewed the month as a time to celebrate rebirth and the new year.

Here in Long Beach, we've gotten a taste of summer with a few warmer days earlier this week, and now we're ready to pack up our puffy coats and break out the new Spring book releases.

Two books that I'm personally jazzed about are:

- **Why We Can't Sleep by Ada Calhoun**, called "a generation-defining exploration of the new midlife crisis facing Gen X women and the unique circumstances that have brought them to this point."
- **Minor Feelings: An Asian American Reckoning by Cathy Park Hong** which has been much-loved by our Bookstagram community and touted as "a ruthlessly honest, emotionally charged, and utterly original exploration of Asian American consciousness and the struggle to be human."

We'll have both available starting 3/1 at the bookstore, along with a whole range of amazing books to celebrate Women's History Month!

Check out our full calendar of author events, workshops and book club



Photo: Jho and her new 'do with poet, entrepreneur and literary arts booster Nancy Lynée Woo. We love bookstore visitors and getting to meet the movers-and-shakers in the local arts community!

meetings this coming month. Hope to see you in-store and out and about!

Read on!

XXOO,
Jhoanna
Head Booknerd
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Featured Event: Decluttering Workshop - Sun 3/8 at 11AM with Vivien Lee-Mayhue

Wishing you were better organized, at home, in the office or on the go? Need some spring cleaning inspiration and direction?

Marie Kondo-certified professional organizer Vivien Lee-Mayhue of @TidyUpLosAngeles will offer hands-on help in the KonMari art of tidying up, complete with practical tips on how to create the more organized life we all want, plus a folding demonstration!

\$10+ per person; includes copy of *The Tidy Home Joy Journal*



[RSVP for Decluttering Workshop](#)

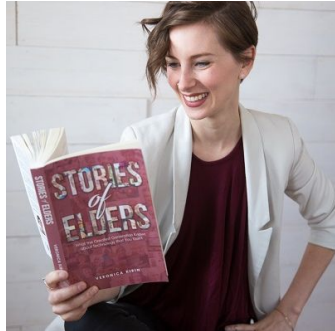
Upcoming Events

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



Saturday 2/29 at 3PM
Julie Berry +
Sherri L. Smith

The YA/historical
fiction event of the
spring!

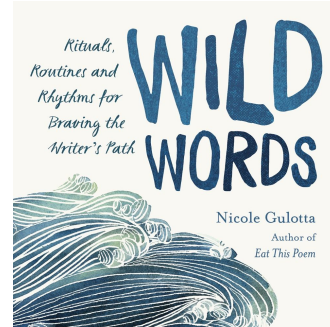


Friday 3/6 + 3/20
10AM to 2PM

Pop-Up Bookstore
at DTLB Farmers
Market

Sunday 3/15 at 5PM
Kimberly Davis Basso

Book launch of Basso's
hilarious 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 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)



March "Friends with Books"
Curated Bookclub

Join Bel Canto Books for our next
bookclub gathering!

Sunday, March 15th - 3PM at The
Hangout

\$35pp includes a hand-picked
book, cheese plates galore and all
the bookish fun you can handle!
No stressful pre-reading required.

[Register for 3/15 Bookclub](#)

SAVE THE DATE: @ The Author's Table

A Dinner + Conversation - Thu 4/16

Last but so not least...

THIS. IS. MAJOR.

On April 16th at 6:30PM, we're hosting our first ever @ The Author's Table event with three powerhouse Filipino writers, Mia Alvar (*In the Country*, short stories), Ricco Villanueva Siasoco (*The Foley Artist*, short stories) and our Pinay truth-speaker, Grace Talusan (*The Body Papers*, memoir -- one of our favorite books of 2019)!

\$65pp includes a book-inspired, multicourse dinner + book of your choice



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