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Holy the Universe Delivereth!

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## I Guess Julia Cameron Was Right...

Greetings!

Holy Universe!

I feel like I'm always saying the past month has been a whirlwind, but now we're seriously caught in a blizzard of excitement, wonder and stupendous serendipity.

One of the books I \*finally\* finished last month is Cameron's *The Artist's Way*, a 12-week exercise in rediscovering your creativity and owning your dreams. And next month, the Universe delivers.

But first, let me backtrack a little.



*Photot: Geeking out in front of THE HANGOUT on 4th Street in Long Beach where we will open our first brick-and-mortar space in November!*

I was all set to spend some family time in Boston a few weeks ago, but before we could fly back East, a little post on Instagram caught my eye. About a certain Retro Row shop collective looking for new vendors. I could have missed it, or hemmed and hawed about responding, or seen it but ignored it, doubting myself and thinking I wasn't ready. But I didn't. I leapt at the opportunity and scheduled a meeting.

Fast forward several weeks, many cost/benefit spreadsheets, and lots of urgent advice phone calls later, and we are ***delighted to announce our new partnership with THE HANGOUT!***

Starting in early November 2019, we will be their new bookshop vendor, offering a curated selection of Bel Canto-approved books for your browsing pleasure six days a week, along with their amazing roster of home, lifestyle, and cafe vendors...plus, we'll be rolling out a slew of #booknerd fun, in the form of more bookclubs and discussion groups, author readings, storytime for kids, and all manner of bookish delight.

So get ready to HANGOUT with us on 4th Street!

If you have suggestions for books we should carry, authors & artists we should feature, or literary events we should host, please let us know. We

want BEL CANTO BOOKS @ THE HANGOUT to be a joint passion project, tapping into the writers and artists you love and the subjects that challenge and inspire you, and building the community of readers and artists that Long Beach so richly deserves.

We hope to see and hear from you very soon.

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!

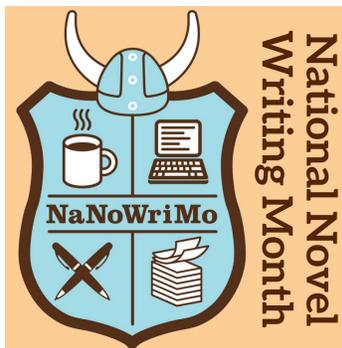


10.12.19 Saturday  
9AM to 3PM

Pop-Up Bookstore  
at Steel Cup Café  
*(part of Second  
Saturday Pop-Up  
Market)*

2201 Lakewood Blvd,  
Long Beach CA

Plenty of free parking!



10.26.19 Saturday  
11AM to 1PM

NaNoWriMo Rebel  
Kickoff Event  
at THE HANGOUT

2122 E. 4th Street,  
Long Beach CA

Calling all writers! Join  
us for tips, tools and  
community. \$10pp

Register for  
NANOWRIMO Kickoff!



10.27.19 Sunday  
3PM to 5PM  
Book Club at  
District Wine

144 Linden Avenue,  
Long Beach CA  
(at Broadway)

Includes a handpicked  
book, wine toast &  
yummies! \$35pp

Register for October  
27th Book Club!

## September Reading Recap

### North of Sixty!

We're gunning to beat our  
personal best from last year's  
#52BooksIn52Weeks challenge by  
hitting (or surpassing) lucky 77, so

September was a good month. Ten new books read, plus one re-read, of *The Handmaid's Tale*, so we knew what was what when we dived into *The Testaments*, Atwood's long-awaited sequel.

You can find our full #52Books list on our website. Our top picks of the month were:



[Visit our #52Books List](#)

### September Favorites

- *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, **as read by Tom Hanks** (imagine a captivating fairy tale for grown-ups, narrated by one of the most engaging actors alive)
- *Frankly in Love* by David Yoon (young adult + romance + some of the smartest (& funniest) writing on family, culture, and teenage yearning)
- *A Fortune for Your Disaster* by Hanif Abdurraqib, as read by the author (a master of contemporary poetry and cultural criticism who dazzles with his wordplay and humanity)

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