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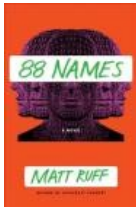


May is here, we remain in uncharted territory. None of us have experienced a pandemic of this magnitude, at this point there are over one million confirmed cases of Covid 19 in the US and more dead in these few months than in all the years of the Vietnam War. Lives matter, finding a way to keep people safe is the top priority. We don't know when we will reopen, nor do we wish to reopen too early and put anyone's health at risk. Check our website, <https://www.sunriverbooks.com/>, for updates as the situation becomes more clear. When we know a reopening date, we will put it on the website. Although I am eager to be open again, I miss talking books with you! I also do not want to put any of you in jeopardy. We will be assessing the situation and trying to be responsible members of the community.

We appreciate all of the orders that have been placed on our website. We are delivering in Sunriver and appreciate those purchases too! They are needed. If you would like to reach us, I check our email frequently; sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com I am happy to recommend books and let you know if we have a title in stock.

The safety of our customers matters more to us than economics. That said, Sunriver Village may look different in the future. Many of the businesses work with a small margin, we know that is the case for Sunriver Books & Music. Rent, utilities, insurance, etc. are expensive and go on regardless of the stores being closed. How many of the shops in the village will survive? I don't know. Once the stores reopen, will a resurgence of the Coronavirus cause more illness and closures? Uncharted territory, how the situation will ultimately resolve, is unknowable.

It is probable that Matt Ruff's May author event for **88 Names**, an inventive and entertaining novel, will be rescheduled. Check for updates and more detail about the book at <https://www.sunriverbooks.com/event/matt-ruff-88-names> If you are looking for a book that is fun to read, this is just the ticket! We have stock on hand.

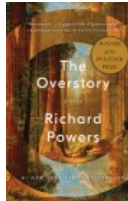


Where does the current situation leave Book Clubs? Even more important than ever! Books let us step into other worlds, to escape reality for a little while. Book Clubs allow us to learn the perspective of others about books and share our own impressions. And Book Clubs are fun! I suspect we all need fun now. Book Clubs will resume this month. We are going to try having Book Club discussions in May while the store is closed, probably held using some web platform while we are all safe at our homes. I will be checking with Book Club members to learn what works best for everyone. Check our website for details. I will put them up as they are decided. <https://www.sunriverbooks.com/book-clubs-2020> If you would like to participate in one of the Book Club meetings, email me at sunriverbooks@sunriverbooks.com so I can fill you in on the particulars.



May 11 Mystery Book Club discusses **American Spy** by Lauren Wilkinson. It is no surprise this book was on the Best of the Year Lists for a number of publications; New York Times Book Review, NPR, Chicago Tribune and many others. It opens with a heart in your throat scenario, a young mother in bed late at night, her two boys asleep in their rooms down the hall, when an intruder with evil intent breaks into the house (when does an intruder ever have good intent? Intruders are always bad news!). But this is not any mother, this is a former intelligence officer involved in the destruction of Burkina Faso's President Thomas Sankara. Unfinished business has come to call in the night. The story is inspired by real events.

May 25 Fiction Book Club discusses **Overstory** by Richard Powers, winner of the Pulitzer Prize. **Overstory** is an epic blending the story of trees and people, twining our need for them with our destruction of them. And it has an extensive cast of characters, spanning many years and environments. It opens with Norwegian Jorgen Hoel and Vi Powys pelting stones at Chestnut trees in Brooklyn's Prospect Park to dislodge and enjoy the nuts. They will marry and settle in the Midwest, carrying with them the treasured seeds of a Chestnut Tree to plant their own grove. From there the story moves through time and place, giving a moving portrait of the lives of trees and man. Great reading.



Due to the closure of the store, the Book Club schedule for 2020 has had additional changes. Check the schedule at <https://www.sunriverbooks.com/book-clubs-2020>

Shipping and deliveries are complicated with bookstores closed. At this point, I do not have May's printed copies of the American Bookseller's Association's Indie Next List. I do not know if they will be delivered, but it seems unlikely in the current situation. However the Indie Next List is available on our website. <https://www.sunriverbooks.com/indie-next-list>

Stay safe, read lots, and take walks in the fresh air. Trust that times will be better.

Thank you all for your patience, your support, and your passion for reading!