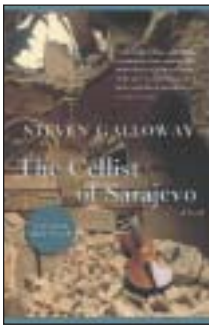


THE INDEPENDENT HANDSELLERS LIST

Local interest, obscure gems and tried and true favourites make up this assortment of titles that Canadian independent booksellers recommend with confidence.

Millennia Books, Hanover, ON



The Cellist of Sarajevo
by Steven Galloway
(Vintage Canada)

Body Surfing
by Anita Shreve
(Little, Brown & Company / HB Fenn)

Pack Up the Moon
by Anna McPartlin
(Downtown Press /

Simon & Schuster)
Anything by Jodi Picoult is just flying off the shelves. For hand-selling, I am recommending *Cellist of Sarajevo* by Steven Galloway for its evocative and haunting storyline; *Body Surfing* by Anita Shreve for its real beach feel and her best writing, in my opinion, capturing Maine and the North-east in the summertime which is where this story is set; and Anna McPartlin's *Pack up the Moon*, a lovely Irish story about love, grief and finding love again—a literary chick-lit title for the summer.



- by Alison Greenaway-Coates

The Village Bookshop Inc.,

Bayfield, ON

Prisoner of Tehran
by Marina Nemat
(Penguin Canada)
We just had a few authors in town for The 7th Annual Bayfield Writers' Festival. Marina Nemat's *Prisoner of Tehran* was a good selling book before she spoke here, but now, it's even more so! Marina is such a dynamic speaker about an incredibly devastating time



in her life, it's hard not to feel humbled by her grace and strength.

The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein
(HarperCollins Canada)

I was completely smitten by *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. It's not "just another dog book." This book moved me in a way that was hard to shake after turning the last page. I kept picking it up and rereading parts - the first paragraph, the last chapter - it had a profound effect on me. I would never have thought of using race car driving as a metaphor for life, but the tenants are true: "your car goes where your eyes go" and "to finish first, first you must finish."



- by Mary Wolfe

Munro's Books, Victoria, BC

Mister Pip

by Lloyd Jones
(Vintage Canada)

A book I have been recommending lately is *Mister Pip* by Lloyd Jones. I was impressed by the shifting tone of the narrative. Its seemingly innocent beginning about a quirky character teaching the village children gradually evolves to unveil a much darker story.



The Book of Negroes by Lawrence Hill
(HarperCollins Canada)

I am also currently reading *The Book of Negroes* by Lawrence Hill and am so impressed with the voice that it is written in that I am already recommending it to people. I picked this book up based on the ovation it received from everybody at the Libris Awards.

- by Dave Hill 