

Monthly Margins: March at Woven Words Bookshop

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Tales from the Special Orders Tab

Every evening, after we've locked the doors and the last of the day's conversations have settled into memory, I sit down at home to run our sales reports.

There's something quietly satisfying about it. I see the rhythm of the day laid out in neat rows and columns. Which titles sold. What hours were busiest. The familiar names that pop up again and again like characters in a favorite novel.

Then I click over to the special orders tab. This is honestly my favorite part.

I see the customer who frequently orders classic children's books — a collector.

I see another name I recognize, attached to books wrestling with faith, doubt, and evolving questions — a seeker.

I see an order for six books about autism, placed all at once — someone learning a new language for their life, or the life of someone they love.

As a team of five booksellers, we each see different sides of the people who walk through our doors. We work different shifts. Notice different habits. Have different conversations at the counter.

These reports I pull at the end of the night show not just what sold, but who we're serving. Not transactions... but people! People with tastes and interests and deep-dive fascinations. People building home libraries. People walking through difficult seasons. People celebrating. People searching.

And sometimes... people earn fun nicknames!

There's one customer who orders fantasy novels with impressive consistency. The kind of towering stacks that promise months of immersive reading.

Whenever his name appears on the special order screen, my brain has started to label him simply as: *Fantasy Man*.

One afternoon, my sister called me from the store while I was working from home. She needed help troubleshooting something with — you guessed it — one of *Fantasy Man's* orders.

She said this customer's real name so I knew what order she was needing help with.

Without thinking, I blurted out, "Oh! *Fantasy Man!*"

Instant laughter erupted, and I hear a man's laugh.

"Oh my gosh, is he standing right there?" I ask through laughing.

"Yes, and he heard you," Lindsey also says through laughter.

And then I heard him, also laughing:

"I've been waiting my whole life to be called something like that!"

We all completely lost it.

So if you're out there — Fantasy Man, Collector of Childhood Classics, Seeker of Big Questions, or someone whose reading life doesn't fit neatly into a nickname — please know this:

We see you.

Maybe not all at once. Maybe in glimpses and patterns and stacks of special orders.

But it's an honor to gather the stories that matter to you.

And we're very glad you're here.

Upcoming at Woven Words:

Book Bedazzling: Celebrate Toni Morrison

Saturday, March 28, 6:00pm-8:00pm

In partnership with Ohio Celebrates Toni Morrison and Literary Cleveland, join us for a creative celebration of Ohio native Toni Morrison's literary impact! Bring your favorite book to bedazzle (bonus if it's a Toni Morrison title!), or purchase one of her vintage international paperbacks for an additional \$20 and we will have it ready for you at the event. All bedazzling supplies included. \$20, light refreshments included. **Spots still open!**



April Craft Events:

Wednesday April 8: 6:00pm-8:30pm - DIY Mini Bookshelf with J. Paris Designs: [Wait List Only](#)

Sunday April 12: 1:00pm-3:00pm -Whatcha Reading? Book Club & Crafternoon: [Limited Spots Left!](#)

Monday April 20: 6:00pm-8:00pm - Stamp & Stitch Book Totes with Sew & Reimagine Sewing Studio: [Limited Spots Left!](#)

Monday April 27: 6:00pm-8:00pm - Kniterary Club Knit Night: [Limited Spots Left!](#)

Thursday April 30: 6:30pm-8:30pm - Book Club: There's Always This Year by Hanif Abdurraqib: [Limited Spots Left!](#)

Special Orders & Pre Orders

Looking for a book that's not on our shelves, or hasn't come out yet?

Place a special order with us so you can pick it up from the store on release day!

You can place special orders by calling the store at 234.466.0047 or stopping at our counter while you're in the shop.

Alternatively, you can order books to be delivered straight to your door on bookshop.org, which still benefits our shop.

Check out our [list of pre-order picks](#) on bookshop.org for some ideas!



Want to pre-order through Woven Words?



Independent Bookstore Day is Saturday, April 25 and we have big news...

The NEO Indie Bookshop Hop kicks off the same day!

From April 25-June 30, visit as many NEO bookshops as you can (26 are participating) and collect stamps on your passport along the way for special perks, discounts, and the possibility of winning a grand prize. We will announce later the details of obtaining your passport for the hop!

Independent Bookstore Day Special Celebration:

Saturday, April 25

Extended Hours: 9am-6pm

\$15 t-shirts (normally \$28)

Libro.FM Golden Ticket Hunt: Find the hidden ticket in our store and win 12 months of FREE audiobooks!

FREE Advanced Reader Copies with purchases of \$150+ (while supplies last)
20% off purchases when you stamp your Bookshop Hop passport
(after Independent Bookstore Day, passport discount drops to 10%)



May Events Now Open for Registration:

Click the photo below to sign up!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

MON 4	6:30pm \$35	Paper Daffodils w/ The Dabbler's Collective
SAT 9	5:00pm \$38	Felted Flowers w/ Homespun Crafts by Elizabeth Vernon
MON 11	6:00pm \$75	DIY Mini Bookshelves w/ J. Paris Designs
MON 18	6:00pm \$7	Kniterary Club: Knit Night
SUN 31	1:00pm \$7	Whatcha Reading? Book Club & Crafternoon

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