We are thankful for 20 years in Laguna Beach and excited for the season ahead!

Laguna Beach Books owner **Jane Hanauer** was honored on October 3rd by Laguna's mayor and city council members for **20 years of service to our community**. An official proclamation lauded the store for contributing to the "unique character and vitality of our City". Read on for the fun we have planned this month!

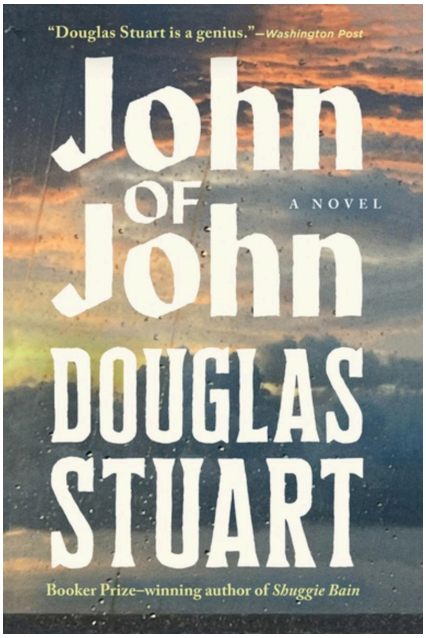


Laguna Beach Books owner Jane Hanauer with husband Joe and members of the Laguna Beach City Council

Book Group

***John of John,* Douglas Stuart**

Monday, November 2nd, 6 pm



The latest novel from **Douglas Stuart** was just short listed for this year's **Booker Prize** (Stuart won the Booker Prize in 2020 with his debut novel, *Shuggie Bain).* Young John-Calum (Cal) returns to his home in the stark Outer Hebrides Islands of Scotland where little has changed in generations. Tensions flare between Cal and his father John as Cal struggles to find his place in the world. We hope you'll join us to discuss this vivid and immersive story about family and faith.

RSVP to maria@lagunabeachbooks.com

Author Event

***Family Language*, Nicole Nelson**

Thursday, November 12th, 6 pm

Laguna Beach Books is excited to host author **Nicole Nelson** in conversation with moderator **Marrie Stone**. Described as a striking debut, ***Family Language*** is the story of a dedicated professional woman who suddenly assumes custody of a six-year-old orphaned nephew. We hope you will join us for a thoughtful conversation about this book and the issues it raises about feminism and gender expectations.

RSVP to maria@lagunabeachbooks.com



Book Share

Thursday, November 19th, 6 pm

What are some of your favorite books? Need ideas for books to add to your TBR list? Join us on **Thursday, November 19th**, and share your top reads with our bookstore staff and fellow literary fans. This is a great opportunity to broaden your reading selection without having to commit to a specific book.

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Author Event

***Daisy Dreams of a Dog*, Lisa Mansour**

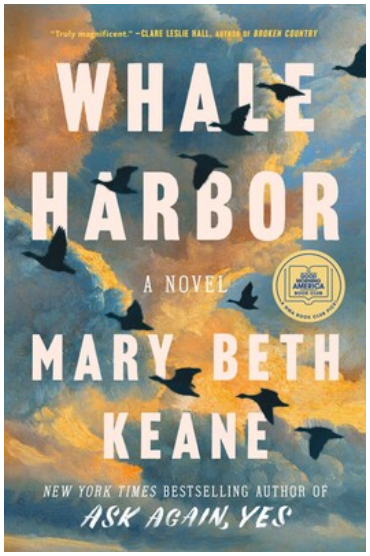
Tuesday, November 24th, 10 am

Join Laguna artist and children's author **Lisa Mansour** in our store to celebrate her latest book! ***Daisy Dreams of a Dog*** is a sweet and funny story about childhood wishes, birthday surprises, and puppy love. Bring the kids and check off some holiday shopping!

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We're giving thanks for these new stories:

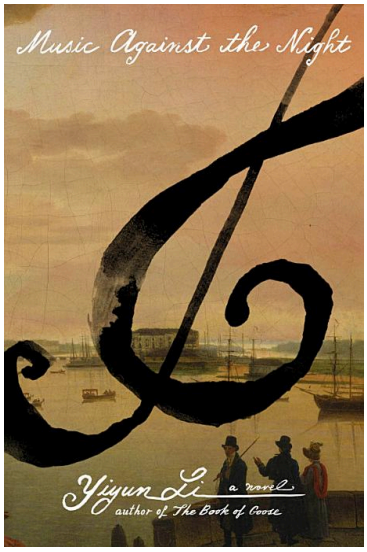


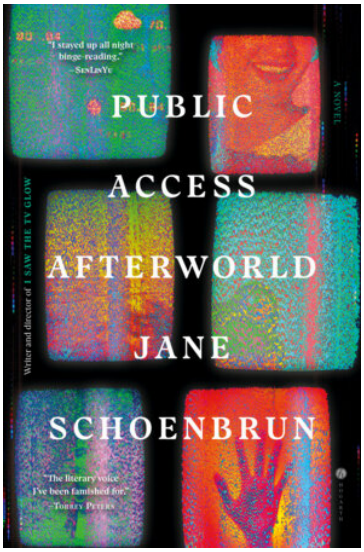
Whale Harbor
Mary Beth Keane

This sweeping generational novel follows eleven Irish brothers who scatter to other countries and continents after tragedy strikes the family. Described as "epic in scope and rich in detail", Keane is a masterful storyteller and a *New York Times* bestselling author. *Publisher Weekly* calls this "a deeply insightful family saga".

Music Against the Night
Yiyun Li

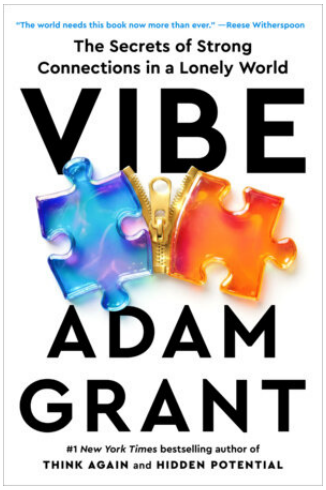
Set against the backdrop of 18th century Europe and India, two musical prodigies struggle to pursue their passion. Novelist Ann Patchett has praised this book as the best one she's read this year, saying "*Music Against The Night* may well be the most perfectly constructed, moving and beautiful novel I've ever read."





Public Access Afterworld
Jane Schoenbrun

Public Access Afterworld is a fast paced thriller that centers on a mysterious, dark TV network in an alternative dimension. An unlikely heroine is challenged to rescue victims of this strange force. You're in for a wild ride from the celebrated filmmaker of movies such as *Teenage Death and Sex at Camp Miasma.*

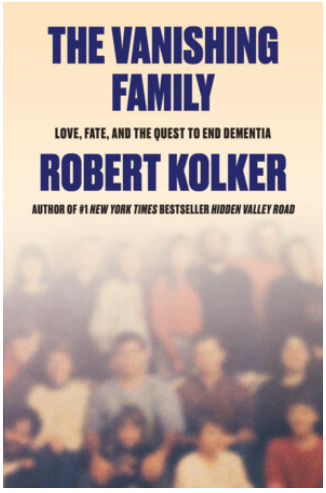


Vibe
Adam Grant

Author and organizational psychologist Adam Grant just released his latest book, *Vibe: The Secrets of Strong Connections in a Lonely World.* Grant addresses the loneliness epidemic with research, expert insights,

Sound Tracks
Graeme Lawson

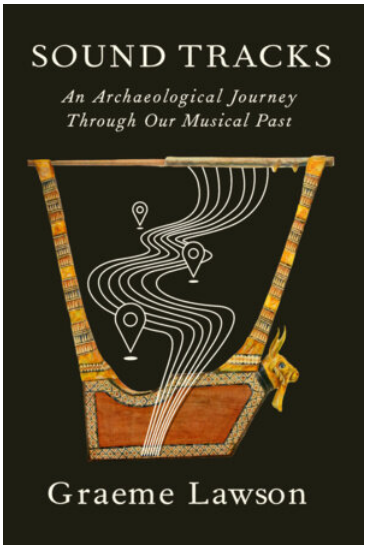
Dive into the fascinating subject of musical history with archeologist and historian Graeme Lawson. You'll discover ancient instruments and poetry as you delve into music's role in human history. This guide is sure to appeal to the music lovers and historians on your holiday shopping list!



The Vanishing Family
Robert Kolker

Follow along on an intriguing medical mystery as family members search for answers to an inherited and horrific form of dementia that strikes half of their offspring. Moving and unexpectedly

and fascinating anecdotes, all designed to inspire readers to create stronger and richer human connections.



hopeful, the tragedies endured by the "Vanishing Family" have added to our scientific knowledge and help increase the chances for a cure for all types of dementia.





More scenes from our 20th Anniversary party on October 3rd! Twenty customers won $20 gift certificates hidden in our store, and raffle winners won book bags by guessing the most popular books of the past twenty years. We had so much fun celebrating with customers old and new, and we are incredibly grateful to everyone for their support!

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