

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

#BOOKSFORWARDFRIENDS



Hi, Best Friend 💕

Summer is winding down (though the weather hasn't gotten the hint yet) but we're still calling every book we read a summer read! Need some more inspiration to add to your never ending TBR stack? Check out some of our recent blog posts below, featuring some awesome bookstagrammers and their amazing book recommendations 📖 📖



We can't be the only ones who haven't stopped listening to "Folklore" since it came out, right? ... Right? There are so many T-Swift songs out there — and so many that pair great with a book! [Read more](#) to see if your fav made this list.



Back to school looks a little (okay, A LOT) different this year, but one thing we can count on getting us in the school spirit are a great group of books! [Read more](#) to see some of the best bookstagrammers to follow for children's book recs.



Not ready to give up summer completely? No need to fear! Check out some of these amazing bookstagrammers that take us on a trip with every photo they post! [Read more](#) to book your own virtual vacation and find some great new book recs.

And make sure you check out our highlighted September available titles below! There are some seriously good reads coming out — and this month, we're featuring some groovy music-themed titles. Check out these authors who dance (or Bounce) to the beats of their own drums and inspire us with their writing and storytelling!

— The Books Forward team

SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



"God Save the Queen Diva!"

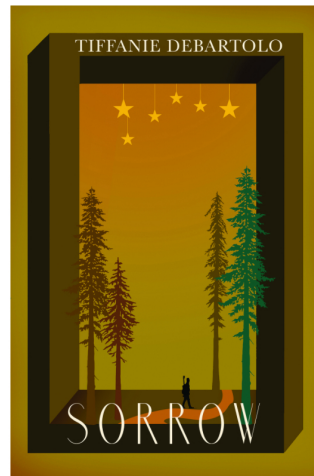
BY BIG FREEDIA AND NICOLE BALIN

With its upcoming paperback release, you'll be transported into the world of Big Freedia with her eye-opening memoir that bursts with energy – following her path from an overweight gay choir boy to the reigning queen of New Orleans Bounce. Big Freedia reveals the inside story of her path to fame, the peaks and valleys of her personal life, and the liberation that Bounce brings her and every one of her fans who are searching for racial and LGBTQ+ acceptance. With her own unique voice and unabashed enthusiasm, Big Freedia shows us how she arrived at this defining moment in music and culture, and how Bounce has allowed her to become her own version of diva, one booty-pop at a time.

"Sorrow"

BY TIFFANIE DeBARTOLO

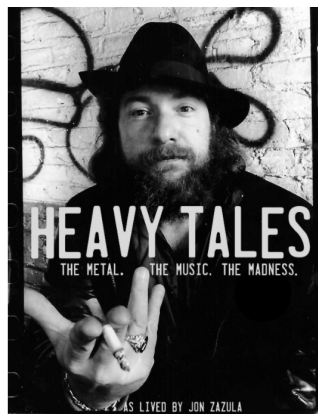
Indie record label owner and author Tiffanie DeBartolo's newest novel expertly examines this idea through the lenses of art, music and love. Inspired in part by the music of The National, the book is both a humorous and emotional assessment of the millennial generation. Dreams abandoned, out of work and uninspired, guitar prodigy Joe Harper is a sensitive, struggling character, rapidly approaching his mid-30s and haunted by a history of failure. But when he receives word from his long lost love, October, informing him of her upcoming art exhibit, Joe is awash with memories of the past and must ultimately decide if cowardice is reversible. Given a second chance, in more ways than one, can he recover the self-respect he lost long ago?



"Heavy Tales"

BY JONNY ZAZULA

In this audiobook is the detailed, never-before-told story as lived by Jonny Zazula – a riveting tumultuous journey from renegade youth to Metal music mogul, with detailed accounts of the struggles and successes along the way. How he created Megaforce Records, CraZed Management out of a flea market in New Jersey with his wife, Marsha to discover Metallica and launch a musical genre that forever changed the scope of music history. This is the definitive American story of a family man with a dream, determined to prove to the world that heavy metal belonged on the stage, on the radio, and in your living room.



And we have so many other awesome titles available for selection this month! Check out the links below and fill out the forms for the books you're interested in receiving. Forms will close **September 6**, so make sure to get your requests in by then!

[HISTORICAL FICTION](#)
[MIDDLE GRADE/CHILDREN'S](#)
[MYSTERY/THRILLER](#)
[SHORT STORIES](#)
[WOMEN'S FICTION/ROMANCE](#)

[LITERARY FICTION](#)
[MEMOIRS](#)
[NONFICTION](#)
[SCI-FI/FANTASY](#)

FEATURED FRIENDS

For the month of September, we're super excited to feature one of our #BooksForwardFriends Bobbie, whom you may know as [@booknerdbobbie!](#)

1. What is your most commonly used emoji?
The lady who face palms. 🙄

2. What did you have for breakfast today?
Crispy omelet

3. If you went to the Olympics, what would you want to compete in?
Basketball. I like team sports, and bball is one I've always enjoyed.

4. If you were writing a book, what would your main characters be named?
Emily; It's my mom's name.

5. What's the best advice you've ever gotten?
Be kind to everyone because you don't know what they've been through or are going through.

6. What's the weirdest gift you've ever gotten?
Pink pillowcases with my name on it.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 1

Jenny Milchman at the Middletown Township Library for a virtual event 3:30 p.m. EDT/12:30 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/2YFx6KN>

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with Poisoned Pen Bookstore at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3gALR7N>

September 2

Willa Goodfellow partnering with Dr. Jess G. Fiedorowicz for a virtual event with Prairie Lights at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3jjQKnu>

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with Jonathan Maberry at Mysterious Galaxy at 10 p.m. EDT/7 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/32DvP8m>

September 3

Jenny Milchman in a virtual event with Mystery to Me at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/31C4eoj>

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with Rachel Howzell Hall and Book Soup at 10 p.m. EDT/7 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3jjHz6u>

September 5

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event virtual with Ian McDowell and Flyleaf Books at 11 a.m. EDT/8 a.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3lmmw54>

September 16

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with Tracy Clark and The Book Cellar at 8 p.m. EDT/5 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3lp8UGf>

September 18

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with the Monterey Park Bruggemeyer Library at 5 p.m. EDT/2 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3gDYPSi>

September 21

Tori Eldridge in a virtual event with L.C. Shaw and Doylestown Bookshop at 7 p.m. EDT/4 p.m. PDT
Details: <https://bit.ly/3lok2mI>