

Surprise! 😊

We know we're a little earlier than usual, but the first Tuesday in November is a pretty important day in the U.S. (*cough*, **Election Day**, *cough*). We want all our domestic BFFs to be able to focus on getting their vote in, so we're sending you November's newsletter a few days early!

Check out some bloggers and stores that have recently inspired us below, and don't miss some BFFs we're absolutely loving as well as some must-see virtual events with Books Forward authors!



The bookstagram community is undoubtedly overflowing with creativity — but these influencers go above and beyond! From fashion to baking to drawing, they raise the bar for book reviews. Check out our list [here](#) and see what books inspire them!

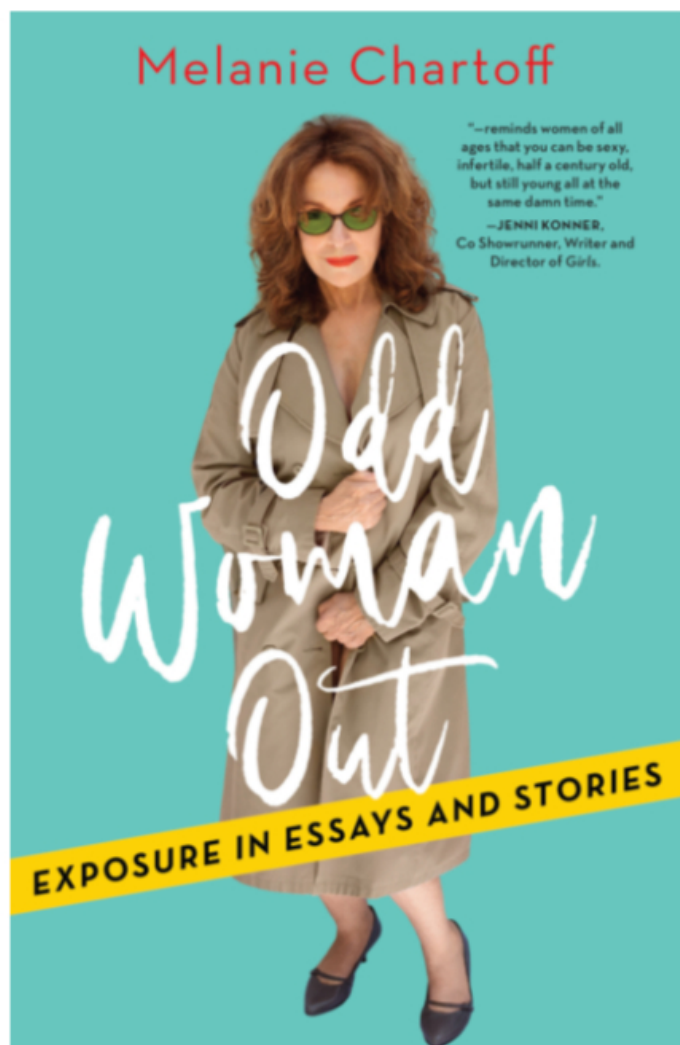


It's been a struggle not being able to visit our fav indie book stores as much. Even with Covid restrictions lifting in some areas, it's important to practice safe and healthy shopping. Be it virtual events or e-gift cards, check out some indies we're loving lately [here](#), and see what they're offering!

And don't forget to check out our November highlighted titles! Can you say lights, camera, action? These authors are taking you inside Hollywood! From one popular children's voice actress to the biographer of a groundbreaking producer, you won't want to miss these new titles!

— *The Books Forward team*

NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS



"Odd Woman Out"

BY MELANIE CHARTOFF

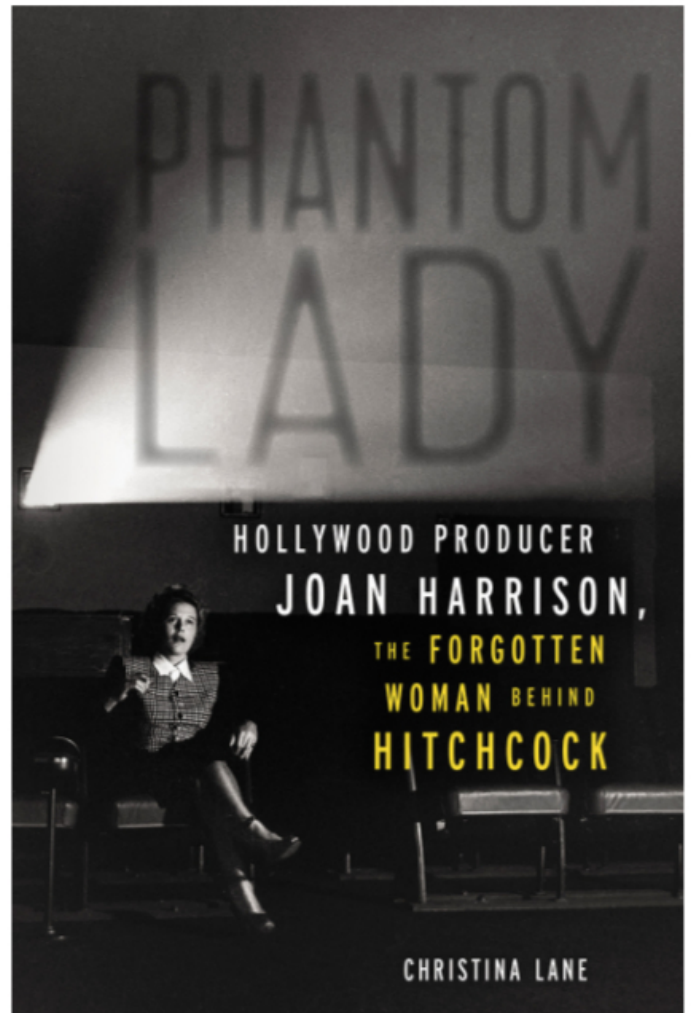
Where is Didi Pickles now? Turns out, she's writing a memoir! Trying to crawl inside the television set to get her parents' attention, she got blocked by all the tubes and wires. So she went the long way around to get herself onscreen. In a series of essays and stories, actress Melanie Chartoff explores her ambition and love blunders in her hilarious, heartbreaking, and hopeful new memoir, "Odd Woman Out." Readers can go backstage on Broadway, behind the scenes on network television, and inside the complicated psyche of the talented performer as she heartwarmingly exposes the nature of identity in the life of a performing artist, snapshotting the hopeful search for self-love ... as well as someone else she could love.

"Phantom Lady"

Hollywood Producer Joan Harrison, the Forgotten Woman Behind Hitchcock

BY CHRISTINA LANE

In 1933, Joan Harrison was a 26-year-old former salesgirl with a dream of escaping her stodgy London suburb. A few short years later, she was Alfred Hitchcock's confidante and one of the Oscar-nominated screenwriters of his first American film, "Rebecca." Harrison quickly grew from being the worst secretary Hitchcock ever had to one of his closest collaborators, critically shaping his brand as the "Master of Suspense." She went on to produce numerous Hollywood features before becoming a television pioneer. She waged rough-and-tumble battles against executives and censors, and even helped to break the Hollywood blacklist — all on her own terms.



Psssst...want to find out which Hitchcock leading lady you are? Take our [BuzzFeed quiz](#) to find out!



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 **NOVEMBER 8**, so make sure to get your requests in by then!

[HISTORICAL FICTION](#)

[MEMOIR](#)

[MYSTERY/THRILLER](#)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 2

Annette Valentine joins Michael Bishop in conversation in a virtual event with Parnassus at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST.

<https://www.parnassusbooks.net/event/virtual-event-annette-valentine-conversation-michael-bishop>

November 3

Jodie Eckleberry-Hunt celebrates the release of her new self-help book, "Move on Motherf*cker," with a virtual book launch at 8 p.m. EST/5 p.m. PST..

<https://www.facebook.com/jeckleberryhunt/post/s/691442748171495>

November 9

E. A. Aymar (E. A. Barres) joins crime fiction authors L.A. Chandlar, Jennifer Hillier, and Vanessa Lillie to discuss the genre's changing social landscape with the 1455 Author Series at 7 p.m. EST/4 p.m. PST.

<https://1455litarts.org/1455-author-series-crime-fiction-writers/>

November 14

E. A. Aymar (E. A. Barres) talks writing during a pandemic with Jenny Milchman and Hank Phillippi Ryan for One More Page books at 3 p.m. EST/noon PST.

<https://www.onemorepagebooks.com/event/ea-aymar-releases-theyre-gone-writing-during-pandemic>

November 17

Justin Dauer will talk about people-first culture and design in this virtual event UXPA Kansas City at 1:30 p.m. EST/10:30 a.m. PST.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/people-first-culture-people-first-design-tickets-125550235133?aff=erelexpmlt>

November 18

E. A. Aymar (E. A. Barres) joins Kathleen Barber and LynDee Walker for an evening of mystery at the Fountain Bookstore at 6 p.m. EST/3 p.m. PST.

<https://www.fountainbookstore.com/event/eaaymar111820>

