



# FACT & FICTION

FOR FRIENDS OF THE WOOSTER BOOK COMPANY

## We Are Interested In Your Interests

WHERE MINDS AND IMAGINATIONS MEET, THAT'S how we describe ourselves. So how does that play out in a bookstore? Aren't we here just to sell stuff?

Let me take this opportunity to invite everyone with a hobby or an interest to schedule their group's meetings at The Wooster Book Company. This is core to our mission—which is to encourage our community in creative endeavors and in the fulfillments of self-enrichment.

To this end, we have hosted literally thousands of meetings and gatherings representing a spectrum of interests including travel clubs; collectors of all kinds; craft workers, artisans, and artists; history buffs; naturalists; and folks whose interests are literary.

We are open in the evenings from Memorial Day to Christmas, have a great easy-to-find location (our sign is sixty feet long—yes I know, but it's tasteful), and this really is an open-arms invitation. It is an honor and a privilege for us to host events, and books complement every kind of program. We are genuinely interested in nearly everything (job applicants



Crafts and hobbies of all interests and for all ages—we're interested in your interests

take note: definition of bookseller), we're getting pretty good at hosting activities and discussions. We have put together programs that have maximized our occupancy capacity (Harry Potter events) and we have hosted wedding and baby showers. If there are ten in your group, or one-hundred-and-ten, we are always looking for an excuse to run the vacuum, clean the windows, and make fresh coffee.

Please bring your hobby, craft, or interest to us and let us show you how we can sustain the fun and enthusiasm of your organization.



The Ohio Light Opera invites you to "Sail the Ocean Blue" at The Wooster Book Company

## A Child's Introduction to Light Opera

WE OFTEN FORGET THAT, FOR A SMALL TOWN, Wooster has a wonderful variety of cultural attractions. The *Ohio Light Opera* is one experience that everyone should have. When our children were between the ages of five and twelve, summers were not complete without seeing several performances. Each one of us had our favorite singer or musician, and for days we'd discuss who had the cleverest lines or the funniest part. Their delight made wonderful family experiences that are treasured memories.

This summer, on Saturday July 1st, at 11:00 AM, the *Ohio Light Opera* will present a special program at The Wooster Book Company just for children, based on the light opera, *The H.M.S. Pinafore*. This is a clever and funny opera that our family loved to see over and over again.

Ted Christopher, one of this summer's performers, and a soon-to-be father, will present a short version of the opera story—in costume!—and he will sing some of the songs. Ted will also lead the children in singing a number of songs from the show.

Children who attend the Saturday program at the bookstore will receive vouchers for reduced-price tickets for any performance this season at Freedlander Theater. Don't miss this opportunity to share Wooster's cultural wealth with your child or grandchild.



## Pinocchio Puppet Shows to be Attraction at Festa Italiana

THE WOOSTER BOOK COMPANY WILL PRESENT two marionette performances of *The Story of Pinocchio* on the afternoon of Saturday, August 5th for Festa Italiana. Times will be announced in the festival flyer, and each show will last approximately twenty-five minutes. The puppet stage will be located in the children's tent with a rain location inside The Wooster Book Company.



Good Friends, Good Stories

### Buckeye Book Fair Returns this November

BOOKLOVERS WILL BE HAPPY TO LEARN THAT THE Buckeye Book Fair will take place this year on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Fisher Auditorium from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Approximately one hundred authors gather for this yearly gala biblio-event.

### Rut-Busting Champagne Celebration for Women

DO YOU FEEL LIKE YOU KEEP GOING THROUGH the same motions but the excitement in life has evaporated? Are you still locked in Mother-mode even though the kids have grown up and moved on? For anyone needing a jump-start into a more exciting and stimulating life, Nancy Christie may have just what you need. The author of the book, *Gifts of Change*, Nancy will present a free session on implementing positive change in your life. Join us on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM, when we'll bulldozer those old ruts and toast a fresh new life! Please call 330-262-1688 to let us know that you're planning to attend.



We're always doin' somethin' at The Wooster Book Company

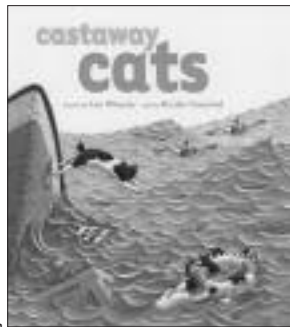
### Booker's Corner

AH YES, SUMMER IS HERE AND IT'S THE SEASON for fresh catnip again—life is good at the bookstore! Bitsy and I have picked out two new cat stories that we think you'll like as much as we do.

The first one is called *Castaway Cats* and right away it reminded us of all those new pirate books that are coming out this summer, thanks to the new *Pirates of the Caribbean* movie.



The cats in this story might be cats from a pirate ship, because the story starts with them all getting washed over board from a ship in a big storm.



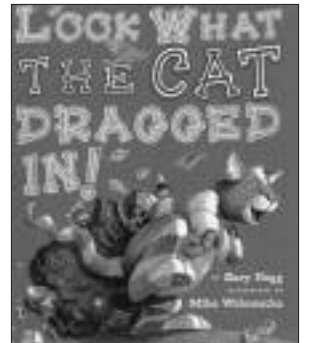
Fortunately the cats all end up together on an island, and they decide they should build a raft so they can

get back to land. The raft project starts off badly and gets worse as everyone begins fighting over how the raft should be put together. After patching up scratches, cuts, and bruises, the cats realize that they have to learn how to work together, so they sit down and work out a plan of action. Before you know it, they have a finished raft and they are ready to sail away ... until they realize that they will all go their separate ways when they get to land. Clearly, their friendships are more important than going back to being lonely strays, so they decide to live together happily ever after on their island.

The second story, called *Look What the Cat Dragged In*, is a hilarious story about the laziest family ever! They all live in a cabin in the woods with their sweet little cat. First everyone decides they are cold and their only solution is to make a fur cover out of the cat, so the cat goes out into the cold and drags in a huge stack of wood so they can keep warm. Then they get hungry and can only think of ways to cook up the

cat for dinner. The cat goes out again and brings a sled loaded with food. After making several more trips for things for this lazy,

good-for-nothing family, they decide they want a dog! The cat has had enough, so she goes out again and returns with the police, who arrest the family for all the stolen items in their cabin! And guess who ends up in the cabin all alone, curled up cosily in front of the fire?!



### BOOKSTORE ENCOUNTER

Tiny tiger marks her claim against my ankle, emphasis growing with each circle round.

She meets my eye with thoughtful gaze, quiet green drawn soft to lighten page of rain.

Into my lap she climbs as I sit upon the floor, heartfelt rumble speaks, far more than word can say.

—Carolyn Dandalides

The American Library Association compiled a large study in 2005 and found that only 31% of college graduates could read a complex book and extrapolate from it.





### New Releases

IF YOU WOULD LIKE US TO PRE-ORDER ANY OF THE following titles for you, please call 330-262-1688 to let us know. All editions are hardcovers except as noted.

#### June

- Sandcastles** • Luanne Rice
- Saboteurs** • W.E.B. Griffin
- Blue Screen** • Robert Parker
- Twelve Sharp** • Janet Evanovich

#### July

- Dearly Devoted Dexter** (paperback) • Jeff Lindsay
- Judge & Jury** • James Patterson
- Pegasus Descending** • James Lee Burke
- In the Dark of the Night** • John Saul

#### August

- Coronado** • Dennis Lehane
- Richochet** • Sandra Brown

#### September

- Right Attitude to Rain** • Alexander McCall Smith

- The Book of Fate** • Brad Meltzer

#### October

- Cross** • James Patterson
- Motor Mouth** • Janet Evanovich
- Collectors** • David Baldacci
- Echo Park** • Michael Connelly
- Bancroft Strategy** • Robert Ludlum

#### NUMBER OF RETAIL OUTLETS IN THE U.S.:

U.S. Postal Service	37,142
McDonald's	13,673
Burger King	7,600
Starbucks	6,888
Wal-Mart	3,800
The Wooster Book Company	1



Friend and first employee (and I think, first customer), Alison stops in for a visit

### Ready-to-Write: The Costs

HELP ME WITH MY MATH HERE—I DON'T THINK I need too much input on the conclusion.

I did a quick survey of my computer for power consumption. That is, for me to write this on my computer, I need a monitor, a processor, and a printer. Power consumption for these components is 4.66 kilowatts per hour. Our average cost for electricity is 7.3 cents per kilowatt hour. I normally put in ten hour days (more like "half days"—twelve hours) so in order to have writing equipment available to me, it costs about \$3.40 per working day.

My favorite office supply store sells my favorite (soft lead, clean eraser) pencils for \$3.36 per dozen.

I'm still working on the part of the experiment that tells me how many days of writing it will take to use up a box of pencils (and they're quieter; no password).



Author Jeanine Cummins greets guests at a book signing and reception

### New Bromfield Title

FOR THE MANY FANS OF LOUIS BROMFIELD, THE Wooster Book Company has just released a reprint edition of *The Strange Case of Miss Annie Spragg*.



engaging literary work.

Set in rural Tuscany and the American Middle West, *Annie Spragg* is a meditation on religion, passion, and decadence.

This is one of Bromfield's most experimental and cosmopolitan works of fiction. For folks who want to discover Bromfield the novelist, this is perhaps his most sophisticated and



### Book Signing with Poet Daniel Bourne

THE WOOSTER BOOK COMPANY INVITES THE community to a reception and book signing



for College of Wooster English professor Dan Bourne, whose newest book of poetry is *Where No One Spoke the Language*, on Thursday evening, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.

Published by CustomWords of Cincinnati, Ohio, this is Dan's third book of poetry.



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**Schedule of Events:**

**A Child's Introduction to Light Opera**

*Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Join us for a mini version of H.M.S. Pinafore with OLO singer, Ted Christopher. For kids of all ages!

**Stellaluna Puppet Show**

*Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 When does a bat not act like a bat? When she's Stellaluna, the bat who's raised to be a bird! Reserve a space so you can find out just how good a bird Stellaluna is. Ages 2-5.



**Poetry Reading and Book Signing with Dan Bourne**

*Thursday evening July 27<sup>th</sup> • 7:30 P.M.*

**Pinocchio Marionette Show at Festa Italiana**

*Saturday afternoon, August 5<sup>th</sup> (times to be announced in Festival program)*  
 Follow the adventures of Pinocchio the wooden puppet, as he learns the value of truth, hard work, and honesty. Rain location will be inside The Wooster Book Company. Ages 2-7.

**Rut-Busting Champagne Program**

*Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> • 2:00 P.M.*  
 See details within this newsletter. Please call 330-262-1688 to make your reservation.

**Shiver Me Timbers! It's a Pirate Party!**

*Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Ahoy mateys! Grab your parrot and eye patch and join us for a morning of pirate adventures. We'll hoist the Jolly Roger, find buried treasure, and tell some good old pirate yarns! Please call to make a reservation. Ages 5-10.



**Where the Wild Things Are Puppet Show**

*Saturday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Sail away with Max to the land of the Wild Things where boys become kings. Call to reserve a space for your little king (or queen). Ages 2-5.



**Officer Buckle and Gloria Puppet Show**

*Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Poor Officer Buckle loves to teach children about safety, but he is so boring that nobody pays attention. When he gets Gloria to help out, things get really interesting! Please call to reserve a place for this event. Ages 2-5.

**Dragon Magic Party**

*Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Fact or fiction, dragons have captured kids' imaginations for generations. You'll learn dragon lore, dragon spells, the history of dragons, and you'll even make your own dragon egg to take home! Let us know if you plan to attend. Ages 5-10.

**Winnie-the-Pooh Puppet Show**

*Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Join us for another adventure with Winnie-the-Pooh and his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood. Please call if you plan to attend. Ages 2-5.



**Native American Party**

*Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Learn about the first Americans and their culture in games, stories, and crafts. Please call us to reserve a spot if you'd like to attend. Ages 5-10.

**Buckeye Book Fair**

*Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> • 9:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.*  
 Fisher Auditorium OARDC Campus

**Gingerbread Boy Puppet Show**

*Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> • 11:00 A.M.*  
 Everyone knows the story of the Gingerbread Boy who pops out of the oven and runs away. Following the puppet show, you'll decorate your own gingerbread boy to take home to eat. Please call for your reservation early as spaces fill up quickly. Ages 2-5.



**Window Wonderland**

*Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> • 7:00 P.M.*  
 Downtown Wooster

Please call 330-262-1688 or 800-WUBOOK-1 (800-982-6651) for reservations for events and to request books.