



# WINTER AT DRURY LANE BOOKS

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**JOAN DRURY**—I cannot recollect the exact beginning of this ritual in my family, but for years and years now, we have tagged any wrapped books at Christmas: To—SoandSo, From—WICWAB. These letters stand for **What Is Christmas Without A Book?** The origin of this tradition reaches back to my childhood where my siblings and I always looked forward most to the new books we would get for Christmas. This custom of excitement over book exchange at Christmas continued to my children and eventually grandchildren and now great-grandchild. Drury Lane Books now shares it with you.

## Joan recommends

*The Churchills: In Love and War*—Mary S. Lovell

Although this book focuses primarily on Winston Churchill, it also covers a couple of generations before him and after, giving the reader understanding for the entire Churchill family. It is superbly written and reads like a novel, so much so you never want to put it down. A fascinating family making for a fascinating read.

*Everyone Brave is Forgiven*—Chris Cleave

A story taking place mostly in London during WWII about a young woman of privilege who gets a job teaching disadvantaged (and largely forgotten) children. She learns much about herself and even more about the larger world she lives in. She is an exceptional person, as are most of the characters in this book, making you want to know more and more about them. A narrative that lays open the heart of human beings that, all too often, is not visible except in extreme situations.

**Shop local November 24-27th for our annual WICWAB holiday sale:**

15% off Store-wide  
20% off all Hardcovers

### How to Find the Right Gift

1. Browse our great selection of books or ask staff for recommendations. (see back)
2. Get your friends and family to come in and make a wish list with us. And make a wish list for yourself!
3. Give and receive books from a wish list, and everyone reads what they love!

*What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.”*

—John Steinbeck, *Travels with Charley: In Search of America*



*Yes, we'll be open all winter!*

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10 AM - 4 PM

Open Sunday Nov. 5 for  
Readers & Writer's Festival

**Nov 24 - Dec 31** Open  
Monday thru Saturday  
10 AM - 5 PM  
OPEN Christmas Eve 10-2

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Thursday, Friday  
& Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM

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## Gwen Recommends

*A Gentleman in Moscow*—Amor Towles  
Historical fiction set in Post-Revolution Russia. Reminded me of *All The Light We Cannot See* with its delightful, whimsical, portraits-of-life writing. My favorite novel of the summer, I plan to reread it this winter to luxuriate over the prose!

*Big Magic: Creative Living Beyond Fear*—Elizabeth Gilbert  
Inspirational self-help in Gilbert's easy-reading style, this book made me realize that "creativity" can be yoga or gardening or parenting, as well as painting or writing. Also made for a lively book group discussion.

*Orphan Island*—Laurel Snyder  
A middle-grade novel that perfectly portrays the fear and excitement of leaving childhood behind, literally in this case. Jinny is the oldest of 9 children who live on the mysterious but sweet and safe Orphan Island, and it's the only world she knows. As an adult reader and parent, I got a ton out of this book.

## Grace Recommends

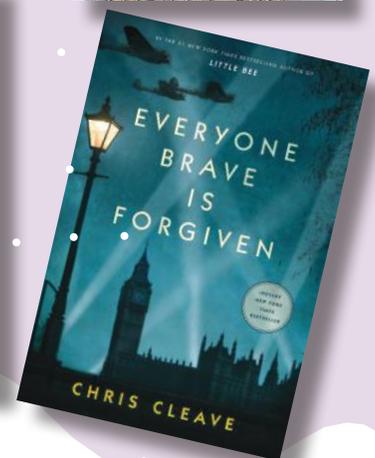
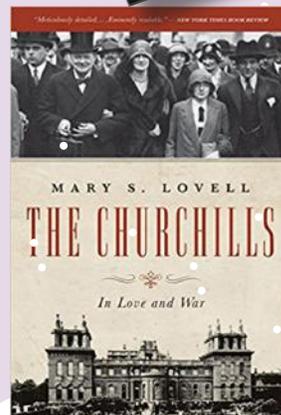
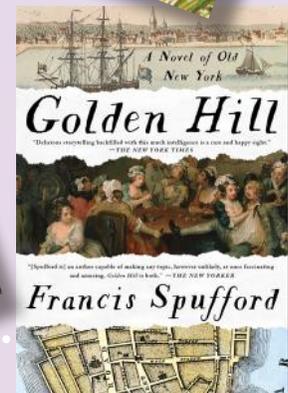
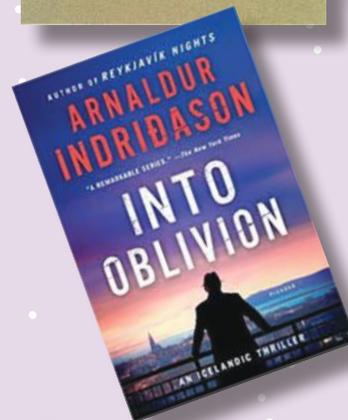
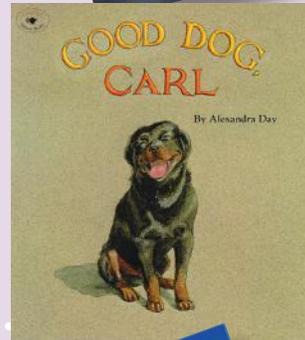
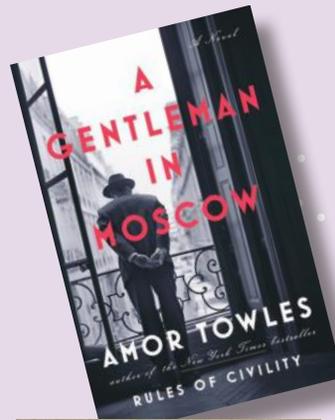
*Good Dog, Carl*—Alexandra Day  
Carl is the perfect babysitter: he takes the baby on exciting adventures with a bit of rule breaking but always make sure there is snacktime and clean-up. He's also a rottweiler with a wide range of facial expressions. This series of wordless picture books get daily reading at our house.

## Jane Recommends

*Into Oblivion*—Arnaldur Indridason  
A murder mystery that intertwines a missing girl from years ago with the mysterious death of a young man who had been working on the U.S. Military Base outside of Reykjavik, Iceland. Once again Inspector Erlendur must figure out how the two cases are related to solve them. I loved this book; kept me guessing to the end.

## Hillary Recommends

*Golden Hill: A Novel of Old New York*—Francis Spufford  
This novel in colonial New York is an elaborate guessing game of the adventures of Mr Smith, who arrives off a boat with a request for a 1000 pound note. Just who is Smith? A genuine article or a charlatan? We have to wait until the end before disclosing the character's real identity and the true nature of his visit.



## Save the Date!



Hygge Festival Feb 9-15. Hygge (hue-guh) is a Danish concept of simple pleasures and cozy comforts, a perfect celebration for Grand Marais in February! Stay tuned for events at the bookstore and around town.



Independent Bookstore Day on Saturday, April 28th, 2018