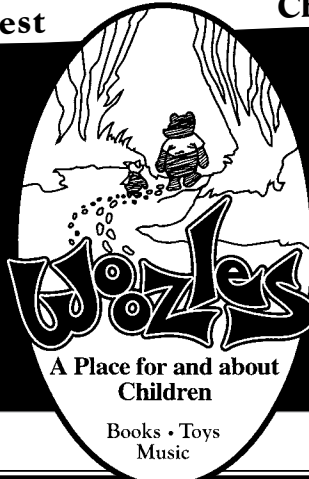


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WOZZLES' NEWSLETTER

FALL 2009

Greetings From Woozles

Join us as we celebrate the glories of autumn with numerous not-to-be missed events, including **Word on the Street**, **Woozles' Birthday Party** and a wide range of exciting **book launches** and eagerly-awaited **fall book releases**.



Woozles Appreciation Award

Each year, Woozles honours a person in Atlantic Canada who has given outstanding service promoting awareness of children's literature. This year we are thrilled to honour **Susan Kerslake**, whose whole life has shown a deep and consistent love of books, children, and small birds & animals.

In terms of "books", Susan has worked in bookstores and libraries and is also a well-known author with 5 published novels, one of which was shortlisted for the Governor General's Award. She is a familiar, encouraging presence at the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia.

In terms of "children", she has worked in day care programs and at the Child Life Dept. of the IWK where she has volunteered with kids with Cystic Fibrosis for over 25 years.


And in terms of "small birds & animals", she has budgies and guinea pigs, and has documented the nesting of pigeons on her balcony, assisted baby ducks en route to the Public Gardens and is working on a magical mini-house called "Possum Hut".

Susan truly enhances every life she touches!



**Woozles
is Having a
Birthday Party**
Saturday, October 17th
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Come one, come all! Come celebrate the 31st birthday of **Canada's oldest children's bookstore!** Some of our favourite characters will be there, as well as delicious treats, face-painting and, of course, the now-famous fish pond! (Birthday hats, although not required, are highly encouraged!)



Open 7 Days a Week!
Monday - Wednesday, Saturday
9:30 - 5:30
Thursday & Friday 9:30 - 9:00
Sunday 11:00 - 5:00

Fall Events

Word on the Street

Sunday, Sept. 27th, 11:00 - 5:00 pm
at the **Cunard Centre**. Drop by the **Woozles** booth while you enjoy this day of literary festivities.



The "Trudy's Thirty Terrific Titles" Raffle

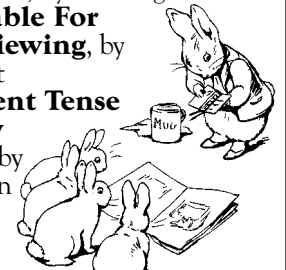
When **Trudy Carey** retired after 30 wonderful years with Woozles, she made a list of 30 of her favourite books. We will start selling **raffle tickets** for this collection - \$2 each or 3 for \$5 - in early October. Proceeds will go to the Ann Connor Brimer Award and the IWK Read to Me Program.



Book Launches

Stay tuned for these book launches:

- **Dread Crew: Pirates of the Backwoods**, by Kate Inglis
- **Not Suitable For Family Viewing**, by Vicki Grant
- **The Present Tense of Prinky Murphy**, by Jill MacLean



The Book Shelf

Here is a sneak preview of selected new books that will appear on our shelves over the next few months. If you would like us to reserve anything for you, please let us know and we will call you as soon as they arrive.

Picture Books

Stick Man

by *Julia Donaldson*,
illustrated by *Axel Scheffler*.
The creators of **The Gruffalo** have done it again! Stick Man gets separated from his family and mistaken for the many things a stick can be: a snowman's arm, a toy for a dog and a log for a fire. How will he find his way home in time for Christmas? (\$19.99)

Day is Done (book & CD)

by *Peter Yarrow*,
illustrated by *Melissa Sweet*.
Peter Yarrow follows the huge success of **Puff, the Magic Dragon** with a picture book version of his beautiful song **The Day is Done**. (\$21.95)



Have I Got a Book For You!

by *Melanie Watt*.
The author/illustrator of **Scaredy Squirrel** is back with a zany character you just can't say "no" to: Salesman Mr. Al Foxword. (\$17.95)

The Incredible Book Eating Boy Pop-Up Edition

by *Oliver Jeffers*.
Henry loves books but not like you and I. He loves to eat books! Now in pop-up, this is great for anyone with an appetite for books! (\$29.99)

When Stella Was Very, Very Small

by *Marie-Louise Gay*.
When Stella was very, very small, what was she like? Marie-Louise Gay has written another beautiful book about Stella, this time about how that sense of wonder came to be. (\$18.95)

Merry Christmas, Splat!

by *Rob Scotton*.
Has Splat been good enough this Christmas? Find out in this funny holiday Splat adventure. (\$22.50)



Fancy Nancy: Splendiferous Christmas

by *Jane O'Connor*,
illustrated by *Robin Preiss Glasser*.
Ooh la la! Fancy Nancy is so excited for Christmas. But when things don't turn out the way she had planned will it still be splendiferous? (\$23.99)



Sugar Cookies: Sweet Little Lessons on Love

by *Amy Krouse Rosenthal*,
illustrated by *Jane Dyer & Brooke Dyer*.
A delicious follow-up to **Cookies: Bite-Size Life Lessons**. (\$17.25)

Amos & Boris

by *William Steig*.
Finally reprinted, this story is about Amos the mouse and Boris the whale, two friends with nothing in common but their huge hearts. (\$8.99)

Roar!

by *Robert Munsch*,
illustrated by *Michael Martchenko*.
Elena and Isaac decide to become lions, growling and gnawing their way through the day. But when their teacher takes their classes outside to look for animals, that's when they really become kings of the jungle. (\$7.99)

The Perfect Snow

by *Barbara Reid*.
Barbara Reid uses her signature plasticine style to tell the perfect story of the 'perfect snow'. (\$19.99)

Guardians of Being

by *Eckhart Tolle*,
illustrated by *Patrick McDonnell*.
A spectacular collaboration brings together the wisdom of Eckhart Tolle and the delightful illustrations of Patrick McDonnell. A charming book about the lessons of the present moment. (\$20.95)



Ella Bella Ballerina and Cinderella

by *James Mayhew*.
When Ella loses a ballet slipper, her teacher lends her another pair. Reminded of **Cinderella**, they are magically transported into the story. (\$12.99)

Return to the Hundred Acre Wood

illustrated by *Mark Burgess* in the style of *A.A. Milne* and *Ernest H. Shepherd*.
This companion volume - the first to be approved by the trustees of Pooh Properties - is a noteworthy sequel to **House at Pooh Corner**. (\$25.00)

Middle Readers

The Present Tense of Priny Murphy

by *Jill MacLean*.
When a thoughtful substitute teacher introduces Priny to a book that touches her in a special way, it marks a turning point for her at a time when lots of other things in her life are feeling especially grim. (\$11.95)



The Dread Crew: Pirates of the Backwoods

by *Kate Inglis*.
When a young boy in rural Nova Scotia begins finding evidence of pirates, he does his best to track them. However, as it happens, his next-door neighbour Grampa Joe knows a lot more about this fearsome, junk-seeking crew than anyone might have imagined! (\$16.95)

The Magician's Elephant

by *Kate DiCamillo*.
A boy's desire to find his long-lost sister, a fortuneteller's unusual pronouncement that an elephant will lead him to her and a magician's unexpected accomplishment weave together to form another exquisite tale from this award-winning author. (\$20.00)

Midnight Magic

by *Avi*.
Mangus the Magician must recruit the assistance of his trusty servant boy to help find the mysterious ghost that has been haunting the princess. This is a medieval mystery that relies on a little magic to get the job done. (\$8.99)



NEW STOCK

Highway Cats

by Janet Taylor Lisle

This is a sweet and charming story of three kittens that find their way into the midst of a colony of feral cats who are struggling to deal with the looming threat of the demolition of their homes. (\$8.50)

This Book is Not Good For You

by Pseudonymous Bosch.

In this third book about Cass and Max-Ernest, this adventure-loving duo find themselves trying to thwart the evil intentions of a wildly ambitious pastry chef. (\$19.99)



Every Soul a Star

by Wendy Mass.

This is a profoundly moving story of three girls whose lives are all affected in different and surprising ways by their shared experience of a solar eclipse. As the point of view alternates between the three, we witness their individual and collective transformations. (\$8.99)

The Unfinished Angel

by Sharon Creech.

An angel who is still waiting to learn her mission meets a feisty girl named Zola and soon the two are rescuing orphans and realizing that small things can lead to big results. (\$20.99)



Young Adult

Not Suitable For Family Viewing

by Vicki Grant. An old high school ring is the inspiration that a teen girl needs to leave behind her seemingly perfect life in New York City and flee to a small Nova Scotian seaside village that appears to hold the key to her mother's past. (\$14.99)

Spud - The Madness Continues

by John van de Ruit.

In this hilarious sequel to **Spud**, our hero is starting his second year at boarding school where more off-the-wall antics and madcap adventures await. (\$12.50)



Impossible

by Nancy Werlin.

Loosely based on the story of **Scarborough Fair**, this is the award-winning tale of a contemporary teen girl who must complete three impossible tasks to break a curse. (\$12.50)



Smile

by Donna Jo Napoli.

This is Napoli's reworking of the story of Elisabetta, the young woman whose smile inspired one of Leonardo's greatest works. (\$9.99)

How To Build a House

by Dana Reinhardt.

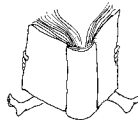
Harper's life feels like it's crumbling down all around her as her dad and stepmother prepare for a divorce and her best friend betrays her. So she joins a volunteer program to build a house for a family who lost theirs in a tornado. This experience proves to be a powerful way to help her rebuild her own life and dreams. (\$9.99)

North of Beautiful

by Justina Chen Headley.

With a large birthmark on her face, Terra Cooper has always felt that this was her most notable feature.

However, a new friendship and an unexpected trip help both she and her mother find strengths they never knew they had. (\$9.99)



The Adoration of Jenna Fox

by Mary E. Pearson.

When Jenna Fox awakens from a lengthy coma, she has no recollection of her life before the accident. As she is shown home movies of her former life she becomes increasingly uneasy, wondering if they are truly her memories. What happened to her and who is she really? (\$11.50)

Paper Towns

by John Green.

This Printz award-winning author's latest book is a clever and insightful exploration in which Quentin Jakobsen embarks on an all-night adventure with his next-door neighbour/long-time crush Margo. Then she vanishes and he tries to piece together what he thinks might be clues to what may have happened to her. (\$12.50)



Bewitching Season

by Marissa Doyle.

Persephone is far more interested in her studies of magic than she is in finding a husband. Then her governess is kidnapped and Persy and her twin get to test their magic skills to find her and expose a nefarious plot. (\$11.50)

Mature Readers

Graceling

by Kristin Cashore.

As a Graceling, one who possesses an extreme skill, Katsa has lead a very different life. Then she meets Prince Po whose Grace is combat skills, and her world changes forever...secrets are uncovered, truths are revealed and Katsa learns more about herself and her Grace than she ever could have imagined. (\$11.99)



Streams of Babel

by Carol Plum-Ucci.

A chilling tale of bioterrorism, this riveting book features a terrorist cell that poisons drinking water in the U.S. and a young spy in Pakistan who stumbles upon their murderous intentions. (\$10.99)

Non-Fiction

Kaboom! Explosions of All Kinds

by Gillian Richardson.

Full of facts, dramatic images and highlights of momentous blasts throughout history with a scientific explanation behind each. (\$12.95)

Everything I Need to Know I Learned From A Children's Book: Life Lessons From Notable People From All Walks of Life

edited by Anita Silvey. We won't argue with this one! (\$32.95)

Incredible Insects

by Play Bac.

Fascinating photos of fantastical critters. Each picture is accompanied by a brief description of what species is featured and where in the world they can be found. So neat! (\$17.50)

STAFF PICKS

Some current titles that are favourites with staff.



Wave

by Suzy Lee

This pictures-only hardcover is a delightful tribute to summer. Its simple, playful images convey the joy and awe that a young girl feels while at the beach, and allows readers to fill in the pictures with stories and memories about their own summer days spent near the water. As fall approaches, this book will be a treasure to pore over through the winter months as we anticipate sunny days once again. For ages 2 and up. \$20.95

- Christine -



Daisy Dawson is on Her Way

by Steve Voake,
illustrated by Jessica Meserve

Daisy Dawson dawdles and daydreams her way to school. She shares her lunch with stray dogs and says hello to butterflies....but she never expected that they would answer back. This is a lovely little book reminiscent of **Charlotte's Web**. It's full of great characters and simple illustrations, perfect for newly independent readers.

For ages 6 - 9. \$7.50

- Suzy -



A Rat's Tale

by Tor Seidler

Montague is a sewer rat living under Central Park in New York City. One day he meets Isabel, a well-to-do wharf rat, and realizes that there are rats that exist in much different circumstances than his own, ones where working with their hands (as he does) and living in the sewers is frowned upon. When Montague realizes the lives of the wharf rats are threatened he wonders if a humble sewer rat can make a difference? Go Montague! For ages 9 - 12. \$12.50

- Pam -



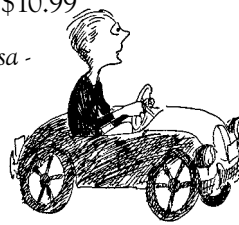
Deadline

by Chris Crutcher

When 18 year old Ben learns that he has a fatal illness, and only one more year to live, he makes the decision to keep the news to himself in an effort to live his last year to the fullest. This is his story of that last year and the myriad of realizations that come to him during that time. Powerful, poignant and filled with Crutcher's typically strong characters and heartwarming relationships, this is a truly thought-provoking and utterly heart-breaking book.

For ages 15 and up. \$10.99

- Lisa -



The Beautiful Stories of Life: Six Greek Myths Retold

by Cynthia Rylant

In Newbery medallist Cynthia Rylant's newest book, she retells six stories from Greek mythology. This illustrated collection will captivate young readers with its timeless stories of love, pride, courage and the fallible nature of the gods. For ages 9 - 12 \$21.95

- Rachel -

Recipe for Disaster

by Maureen Fergus



Take one ambitious girl with a successful part-time baking business. Add one best friend, a celebrity crush and what promises to be a fantastic school trip. Stir in one instantly popular new girl, a not-so-secret admirer and combine all these ingredients to create an unforgettably hilarious book!

For ages 12 - 16. \$8.95

- Meghan -

The Gift of Nothing

by Patrick McDonnell

This is a beautifully told story that will teach the young, and remind the old, that what you do and what you buy is always secondary to who you are with. It is both witty and moving.

For ages 3 and up. \$19.99

- Phoebe -

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

CONGRATULATIONS & EXCITING PLANS FOR 2010

Battle of the Books 2009 ended with flourish and exciting final games in the Elementary and Teen Divisions. Huge congratulations go to **Sacred Heart School** who managed to win both levels of Battle of the Books 2009!!

We are now taking registrations for **Battle of the Books 2010** - please contact either Wozzles - 423-7626 - or frontdesk@wozzles.com or Liz Crocker (crockerbrianliz@eastlink.ca). You can find the book lists at the store or online at www.wozzles.com.

The exciting change that we are making this year is to ask the 30 questions in each game to both teams at the same time... teams will have twice the fun because they will get to test their knowledge twice as often, and any issues about the placement of easy or difficult questions will disappear. We can't wait! Games will start in January or February.

