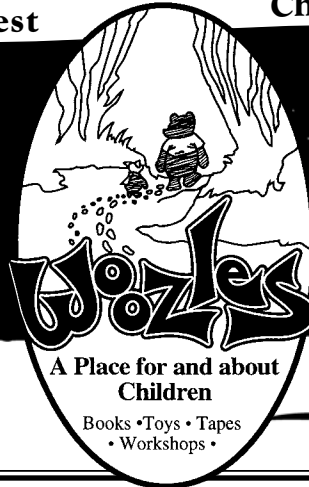
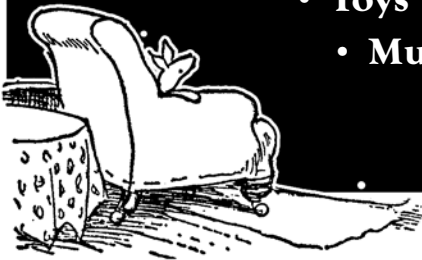


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WOozLES' NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2009

Greetings from Woozles

This Woozles year begins with a very significant event...the retirement of long-time Manager, **Trudy Carey** at the end of February. See inside for more information on the festivities surrounding this momentous occasion, as well as our recommendations for exciting new books to check out in our **New Stock** and **Staff Picks** sections.

30th Birthday Tons of Fun!!

Hundreds of children and families helped us celebrate Woozles' 30th birthday on Oct. 19. Huge thanks to City Centre Atlantic for welcoming us into their space with open arms; Mermaid Theatre for sending huge talking dinosaurs; all the performers who charmed their young audience (and the older ones, too); and to all of you who played our games, fished our fish pond, got your faces painted and said "Happy Birthday"!

See birthday party pictures on our Facebook group or on our website.

The draw for the 2 tickets to Mermaid Theatre's brand new show - **Good Night Moon** and **Runaway Bunny** - at the Rebecca Cohn on June 9 was won by Emelia LaShamb.

Woozles Annual Jelly Bean Jar Contest

Come in between March 11 and April 8 to make your guess for our annual **Jelly Bean Jar Contest**. You could win a Woozles Gift Certificate for \$25.

The End of an Era!

Since the beginning in 1978, Trudy Carey has been Woozles' beloved Manager...but that will change at the end of February. In March, Trudy is turning the page to explore the next chapter of her life.

While we do not know what will make up Trudy's "retirement" (other than lots of travelling), what we do know is that Woozles has been blessed for 30 years and that she will be missed.

From the more than 100 Creative Music & Movement workshops Trudy has given, to the thousands of books she has chosen and read and loved, to her gracious hosting of children's authors, illustrators and performers, and to the children's names she can remember for decades, Trudy is truly exceptional!

Help us celebrate Trudy on February 16 (see insert for details).

Open 7 Days a Week!

Monday - Thursday, Saturday

9:30 - 5:30

Friday 9:30 - 9:00

Sunday Afternoon 11:00 - 5:00

Magical Memories

People's reflections and memories of Woozles are heart-warming - here are 2 of our favourites:



* "I like to visit Woozles for a mini-vacation from the world of the cynical and serious, to a place where love, laughter and learning co-exist in an atmosphere of helpfulness and fun!"

* "I was 3000 miles away from my home in Ireland and very, very lost in Halifax when I accidentally discovered Woozles. I remember stumbling in through the door, soaking wet from the rain that was battering down outside. It took me 5 seconds to realize I had found a magical place, 10 seconds to begin searching through all the books of my childhood, and 2 hours to leave, loaded down with toys and stories for all my friends and family."



NEW STOCK

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

Cat

by Matthew Van Fleet,
photography by Brian Stanton.
From the #1 New York Times
bestselling creator of **Dog,**
Alphabet, Tails and other
irresistible multiconcept
books we now have the
purr-fect companion. (\$19.99)



When Papa Comes Home Tonight

by Eileen Spinelli,
illustrated by David McPhail.
In the follow-up to the beloved **When**
Mama Comes Home Tonight we
now pay tribute to the end of a father's
busy day. (\$19.99)

Princess Bess Gets Dressed

by Margery Cuyler,
illustrated by Heather Maione.
Princess Bess has loads of clothes
made with satin, snaps and bows.
Perfect for the many young princesses
among us. (\$17.99)

The Composer is Dead

by Lemony Snicket,
illustrated by Carson Ellis and music
by Nathaniel Stookey.
This blockbuster author presents
a wickedly irreverent introduction
to the orchestra complete with a
CD. (\$19.50)



Fancy Nancy: Explorer Extraordinaire!

by Jane O'Connor,
illustrated by Robin Preiss Glasser.
Our favourite fancy girl heads to the
outdoors to explore the fascinating
world of flowers, bees, birds and of
course butterflies! (\$13.99)

The Pied Piper's Magic

by Steven Kellogg.
This is a timeless tale reimagined
by a master storyteller.
Peterkin, a colourful elf,
brings music and hope
everywhere he goes with
the aid of his magic pipe.
(\$18.50)



The Underground Gators

by Tina Casey,
illustrated by Lynn Munsinger.
Legend has it that alligators live in the
underground sewers of New York City,
but what if some of them decided to
move out to quieter areas. Could they
be living under your feet? (\$18.00)

Noah's Ark Board Book

by Jan Brett.
This popular author illustrator applies
her familiar, appealing style to this
version of a favourite Bible story. (\$9.00)

The Butterfly

by Patricia Polacco.
This is a true story of friendship
between a young Jewish girl and a
gentile girl during the Holocaust. It
is a perfect blend of art and story.
(\$9.00)



Goin' Someplace Special

by Patricia C. McKissack,
illustrated by Jerry Pinkney.
This Coretta Scott King Award-winner
takes us some place special: the public
library! (\$7.99)

Froggy Plays T-Ball

by Jonathan London.
Froggy's natural exuberance and
excitement are infectious as he tries
T-ball on for size. (\$6.50)



The Dog Who Cried Wolf

by Keiko Kasza.
The kids will howl with delight when
they meet this pup. Being bad has
never been so good. (\$7.50)

Fox Walked Alone

by Barbara Reid.
Barbara Reid's reinvented tale
of the animals and the Ark
with her amazing plasticine
illustrations is now in
paperback. (\$8.99)



Down the Drain!

by Robert Munsch,
illustrated by Michael Martchenko.
This is a hilarious take on bathtime
and the kids who dread taking them.
(\$6.99)

Easy Readers

Moonlight on the Magic Flute

by Mary Pope Osborne.
Jack & Annie head to 18th
century Austria where
they help Mozart in #41 of
the **Magic Tree House**
series. (\$13.50)



Monday with a Mad Genius

by Mary Pope Osborne.
#38 of the **Magic Tree House**
series is now in paperback. (\$5.50)

The Rover Adventures

by Roddy Doyle.
Three gloriously funny favourite stories
together in one edition. (\$10.99)

Bone #9: Crown of Horns

by Jeff Smith.
This is the latest in the extremely
popular graphic novel series for
young audiences. (\$10.99)



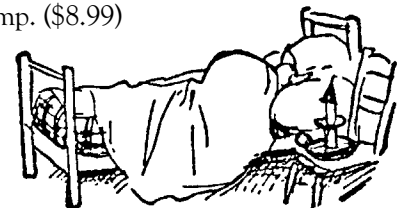
Middle Readers

Elijah of Buxton

by Christopher Paul Curtis.
This multi-award winning book tells
the story of the first free-born child
in the rural Ontario settlement of
Buxton. But when young Elijah
journeys to America to help a neigh-
bour, he comes face-to-face with the
unspeakable horrors of the world that
his parents left behind. (\$8.99)

Scat

by Carl Hiaasen.
Nick and Marta just don't believe that
a teacher's disappearance after a field
trip is due to a "family emergency"
and they are determined to uncover
the truth in Hiaasen's latest
romp. (\$8.99)



NEW STOCK... continued

The Higher Power of Lucky

by Susan Patron.

This is a story about a feisty, utterly winsome young girl named Lucky who is afraid that her homesick guardian Brigitte is going to leave her to return to her native France. Lucky hopes that maybe if she can find her Higher Power everything will work out right. (\$7.99)



The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World,

by E.L. Konigsburg.

New kid Amedeo Kaplan has a secret wish that he cherishes: to someday discover something, some new and previously unknown treasure. When he strikes up a friendship with William and the two boys find themselves working in an elderly neighbor's house, it looks like he may just get his wish. (\$6.99)



Weedflower

by Cynthia Kadohata.

A Japanese-American girl struggles to deal with persecution and hatred after the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor and the government forces Japanese citizens to relocate to internment camps. However, a slowly-evolving friendship with an Indian boy helps both young people find comfort and healing. (\$6.99)



The Castle Corona

by Sharon Creech.

In this beautifully-illustrated novel, award-winning author Sharon Creech weaves a magical fairytale of a story about a royal family and two peasant children who find a stolen pouch, and how their lives become intertwined. (\$9.99)



House of Many Ways

by Diana Wynne Jones.

While looking after her Great Uncle William's "unusual" cottage, Charmain finds herself dealing with any number of unexpected situations whenever she opens the house's single magical door in this sequel to **Howl's Moving Castle**. (\$9.99)

Allie Finkle's Rules for Girls Book One: Moving Day

by Meg Cabot.

Nine year old Allie is decidedly unhappy when her parents announce that they will be moving into an old Victorian house in town, forcing her to also switch to a rundown old school. But Allie's pluck and verve make this an entertaining adventure. (\$6.99)



The Odds Get Even,

by Natalie Ghent.

This is a witty and winsome story of three friends who are just a bit different from their peers. They finally decide to use their knowledge of science to devise a plan that will put the bully who has been terrorising them in his place, once and for all. (\$14.99)



Young Adult

Beka Cooper Book Two: Bloodhound

by Tamora Pierce.

Finally a full member of the Provost's Guard, feisty and determined Beka Cooper is soon thrust into the world of gambling as she tries to ferret out the criminals who threaten the well-being of Tortall. (\$21.00)

Eye of the Crow: The Boy Sherlock Holmes, His First Case

by Shane Peacock.

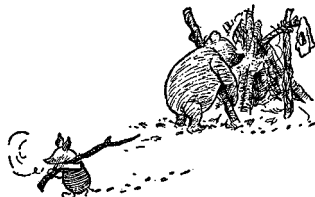
Peacock creates a vivid portrait of the young boy Holmes and his early life in London. When the boy decides to look into a highly-publicized murder he soon finds himself accused and in a most dangerous position indeed. (\$11.99)



Heroes of the Valley

by Jonathan Stroud.

New from the creator of the **Bartimaeus** trilogy, this is the story of Halli who finds himself on a hero's quest when his neverending pranks land him into trouble. (\$19.99)



The Fortunes of Indigo Skye

by Deb Caletti.

Seventeen year old Indigo Skye's already-perfect life becomes even more so when a mysterious man leaves her a 2.5 million dollar tip. But will money really be the dream come true that it initially appears to be? (\$11.50)

The White Darkness

by Geraldine McCaughrean.

When a dream trip into the Antarctic wilderness turns into a nightmare for fourteen year old Sym, she must call upon all her own inner strengths and courage to overcome the obstacles to her very survival. (\$9.99)



Saving Juliet

by Suzanne Selfers.

Mimi finds herself caught in the midst of Juliet's struggle for love and happiness when she is magically transported from modern day Manhattan to Shakespeare's Verona. (\$8.99)



The Eyes of a King

by Catherine Banner.

Leo North resists the magical abilities that he knows he possesses since admission of this could be dangerous. But when he finds a black book which reveals a shocking story, it changes absolutely everything. (\$14.95)

You Know Where to Find Me

by Rachel Cohn.

This is the heartbreaking story of how one girl must learn to accept help from those who love her to make peace with an event that has torn their world apart. (\$10.50)

Mature Readers

As She Grows,

by Lesley Anne Cowan.

A gritty and intense story of one girl's efforts to rise above the family struggles that have defined her life, especially when she discovers that she is pregnant. (\$12.00)



Tweak,

by Nic Sheff.

The true story of one young man's spiral as he succumbs to the horrors of drug addiction and then struggles to overcome them. (\$11.50)



STAFF PICKS

Some current titles that are favourites with staff

The Red Necklace

by Sally Gardner

This story, set in Paris amidst the chaos of revolution, follows two magicians, a boy and a dwarf, as they search for answers about the suspicious death of their friend. The stage is set for an intriguing mystery while a love story unfolds and both dangerous secrets and true motives are uncovered. For ages 12 - 16. \$12.95

- Jess -



Hush: An Irish Princess' Tale

by Donna Jo Napoli

Fifteen year old Melkorka is a beautiful princess who lives in medieval Ireland. Her life of privilege is shattered when she is kidnapped and taken aboard a marauding slave ship. What follows is a long, agonising journey in which her only sense of sanity and power is her silence. This draws a level of fascination and respect from her captors, helping her rise above the misery. An engaging tale of vikings, power struggles and changing destinies.

For ages 13 - 16 \$7.99

- Rita -



Schooled

by Gordon Korman

When Cap is transplanted from his home-schooled 'hippie' farm life into grade 8 middle school, he's like a fish out of water. He's never seen TV and practices Tai Chi on the school lawn. His weirdness makes him a target. How Cap interacts with and affects key characters and unwittingly elevates them to 'higher ground' makes for an engaging, solid and fun read.

For ages 10 - 14. \$8.99

- Jackie

The Mother-Daughter Book Club

by Heather Vogel Frederick

Four sixth-grade girls discover that their mothers have signed them up for a book club. Through the reading of **Little Women**, the girls gain insights which help them through the day-to-day happenings of middle school and also grow closer through the experience. A delightful book set in Louisa May Alcott's hometown, it may inspire readings of **Little Women**. For ages 9 - 12. \$6.99

- Pam -



Wondrous Strange

by Lesley Livingston

While on duty guarding the gate between the mortal world and the land of Faerie, Sonny Flannery meets Kelley, an aspiring young actress who has come to New York to seek her fortune. Soon their fates seem inextricably intertwined in this story of Faerie magic, budding romance and shocking secrets. For ages 12 and up. \$18.50

- Lisa -



Brava Strega Nona!

by Tomie de Paola

Strega Nona is back! And she's in 3D! For this beautiful book about family, love and the sweetness of life, Tomie de Paola joined forces with pop-up engineers Robert Sabuda and Matthew Reinhart. Each page imparts a specific wisdom with the same warmth we have come to expect from de Paola's charming illustrations. Learn some Hawaiian words and the secrets to a happy life from Strega Nona.

For ages 3 and up. \$33.00

- Meg -



The Very Hungry Caterpillar Pop-Up Book

by Eric Carle

Celebrating the 40th anniversary of one of the most popular children's books ever, this classic caterpillar literally pops off the page when it emerges as a vibrantly three dimensional, beautiful butterfly. For ages 3 and up. \$33.00

- Trudy -



100 Cupboards

by N.D. Wilson

When his parents are kidnapped on a biking expedition in South America, city boy Henry finds himself facing a long, dreary summer with unfamiliar relatives. Things take a turn for the eerie when Henry finds that under a plastered-over wall lurk 100 mysterious cupboards, each a portal to a different world. Learning to use and control the powerful magic requires the help of an unexpected ally, and Henry soon realizes that his summer will be anything but boring. For ages 9 -12. \$7.99

- Meghan -

Enter Three Witches

by Caroline B. Cooney

What if Shakespeare left out a key character in his story of MacBeth? In **Enter Three Witches**, we follow 14-year-old Lady Mary, friend and ward of Lord and Lady MacBeth. Through her eyes, we watch the exciting and tragic events unfold, as if we are inside the castle walls. This retelling of Shakespeare's famous work is full of suspense and wonder, and is very hard to put down! For ages 12 - 15 \$7.99

- Suzy

