



Client Destinations Offer Some Real Page-Turners *Independent Bookstore Day Is April 27*

(April 11, 2019) – [Mindy Bianca Public Relations](#) is operated by a self-professed “word nerd” whose favorite childhood memories aren’t linked to toys or television shows or games. They’re connected to books and travel, from curling up in the back seat of a car and reading the complete collection of Winnie the Pooh books on an early family road trip to later helping plan vacations by perusing old editions of Fodor’s guides.

Books just make travel better, whether you’re whiling away time in an airport between delayed flights or settling in for a favorite beach read. And bookstores make travel better, too, specializing in works by local authors and giving weary visitors a chance to secure a great cup of something caffeinated and relax for a few moments.

Saturday, April 27 marks the fifth annual celebration of [Independent Bookstore Day](#), which is held on the fourth Saturday of each April. And that makes this the perfect time to share a roundup of some favorite and classic bookshops in our client destinations.

Grab a cup of coffee or tea, settle in for a bit and – above all – enjoy the read!

DELAWARE

[The Bookshop in Old New Castle](#)

308 Delaware Street, New Castle, Delaware

This shop is as off-the-grid as the rare and hard-to-find books it sells, but it has a loyal following of customers who have mixed emotions about sharing this secret with the rest of the book-loving world. Everything about the shop is charming – from its locale in a historic opera house in the colonial district of New Castle to its expert staff that won’t give up in trying to locate rare volumes. The site is actually a combination of two booksellers, Between the Covers Rare Books and Oak Knoll Rare Books. Each is a member of the Antiquarian Booksellers’ Association of America (ABAA) and specializes in the full gamut of books, from modern first editions to rare archival collections.

MARYLAND

[Caprichos Books](#)

37 N. Main Street, Suite 102, Bel Air, Maryland

Who says nobody reads “real” books anymore? The husband-and-wife team that owns Caprichos set out to prove that idea completely wrong by opening their shop’s doors less than a year ago – in August 2018. The storefront sits in a new incubator space off the town’s Main Street and has already found quite a fan base ... and is generating amazing reviews from readers of all ages. The relaxed atmosphere encourages shoppers to grab a cup of coffee and settle into a big, comfy chair as they lose themselves in the world of the printed word. Caprichos hosts a variety of book club events, book signings, children’s sessions and even craft nights.

[Main Street Books](#)

2 E. Main Street, Frostburg, Maryland

For 30 years, this independent bookstore in the mountain city of Frostburg has been a treasured oasis for book lovers from throughout the community as well as visitors. The shop stocks more than 20,000 titles in 45 categories, each one selected based on recommendations from the owner, staff and book enthusiasts. The shop prides itself in helping to develop a passion for reading among its youngest patrons, partnering with the Frostburg State University Children’s Literature Center and the Frostburg Center for Literary Arts to ensure that children’s book authors, poets, fiction and nonfiction writers, and graphic novelists come to Frostburg for readings and book signings.

[Washington Street Books](#)

131 N. Washington Street, Havre de Grace, Maryland

Located at the top of the Chesapeake Bay in the waterfront town of Havre de Grace, Washington Street Books is a true cultural hub for locals and visitors alike. Not only does this bookshop stock more than 60,000 titles on its shelves, but it’s also a repository for antiques and unique items from around the world. Modern books, first editions, rare titles and comic books can be found alongside jewelry, maps and prints, military objects, sports memorabilia, and even toys. But perhaps the biggest surprise is the collection of original movie costumes, props and scripts; the shop is home to more than 250 costumes from 75 films.

MISSOURI

[T. Charleston’s Books & Gifts](#)

The Grand Village Shops, 2800 W. Highway 76, Branson, Missouri

<http://grandvillageshops.com/grand-village-shops-t-charlestons-books.php>

T. Charleston’s is Branson’s only full-service bookstore, and it takes that role seriously. With an abundance of children’s books and works by local authors – and everything in between – the shop

is the perfect place to bring the kids to develop their passion for reading. The staff will gladly search for hard-to-find titles. They also offer a fascinating half-price section. One of T. Charleston's claims to famous is that it has the widest selection of Louis L'Amour titles in the region.

NEW YORK

Willis Monie Books

139 Main Street, Cooperstown, New York

For more than 40 years, this bookseller has added to the sophisticated air of the place that's nicknamed "America's Most Perfect Village." Cooperstown is the home of the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum, so of course its local bookstore has a phenomenal collection of books about baseball, but the collection also covers Americana, art, business and economics, cinema, cooking, science and natural history, and thousands of titles in mystery and science fiction.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Books on Broad

944 Broad Street, Camden, South Carolina

If the South Carolina community of Camden were a house, Books on Broad would be its living room. Nestled in one of the town's most historic buildings and owned by Bill Funderburk and his wife Laurie, who's a member of the state's House of Representatives, Books on Broad is where generations of people come to play canasta, hold "power meetings" or bring their kids for an afternoon of fun. The shop specializes in books of local and regional interest but also has a fine collection of historic editions on shelves that line the front reading room.

Ed's Editions

406 Meeting Street, West Columbia, South Carolina

Run by the father-and-son duo of Ed and Eric, this shop caters to the community and the collector alike. They specialize in hard-to-find, out-of-print, used and rare books and offer both online and brick-and-mortar operations. The shop features 35,000 to 40,000 books and is a phenomenal place to while away hours simply appreciating print and pages. In addition to being an ideal place to browse, the shop also hosts book signings and other events, and it operates as a certified book appraiser.

Hub City Bookshop

186 W. Main Street, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Hub City is a revolutionary model that combines one of the South's premier literary publishing operations with a national writing residency program and a full array of educational offerings for writers. It opened in 2010 as a non-profit, independent bookstore dedicated to

nurturing writers while cultivating readers; all proceeds directly impact the community by funding creative writing education and independent book publishing. The formula was so successful that it's being replicated across the United States. The shop is located within the historic Masonic Temple in downtown Spartanburg, right next door to both Little River Coffee Bar and Cakehead Bakeshop. So yes, it's tempting to support three small businesses all day long – and into the night!

[Main Street Reads](#)

115 S. Main Street, Summerville, South Carolina

The newest addition to this list opened just a few weeks ago in Summerville's downtown square. It specializes in new fiction and narrative non-fiction titles but has a true aim of encouraging the youngest readers to get hooked on books. With the theme "Believe in Your Shelf" dominating the way this place operates, the shop proudly hosts book club meetings, book signings and community programs. Main Street isn't just the shop's address; it's also part of its décor, with working streetlamps situated throughout the its various rooms. One of those rooms is dedicated to young readers, while another is filled entirely with books by Lowcountry authors.

[McCaslan's Book Store & Office Supply Inc.](#)

208 Main Street, Greenwood, South Carolina

Since 1921 McCaslan's has been a part of Uptown Greenwood. Its current owner, Alvin Rankin, started working there in 1966 as a delivery boy. This shop is so old-school that it doesn't even have a website ... though you *will* find them on Facebook. McCaslan's has a reputation for supporting local authors, most of whom have hosted book signings there over the years. As a bonus, it's not just a bookstore; customers can also find a full range of office supplies – including hard-to-find items from bygone eras – in the same locale.

[M. Judson Booksellers](#)

130 S. Main Street, Greenville, South Carolina

Located inside the historic courthouse building in the center of Greenville's iconic Main Street, this is a destination for literature lovers of all ages. It's home to Southern, place-based literature of every kind and books about a handmade life, cooking, eating and hosting, plus a full selection of funky gifts and vintage housewares. Patrons stop in for a one-of-a-kind literary feast at Lunch & Lit, a series featuring renowned authors and local chefs, and Sunday Sit-down Suppers, during which local culinary stars craft menus that reflect the elements of the book choice. There's also a family-friendly – and free! – story time every Saturday morning, which can and should be followed by a cupcake from the [The Chocolate Moose Bakery Café](#), a specialty bakery located right inside the store.

[NeverMore Books](#)

702 Craven Street, Beaufort, South Carolina

Visitors to this bookshop step through the door and are transported into an entirely different time and place. NeverMore specializes in several classics and signed-copy first editions from throughout generations. Patrons insist that here they can find books they never expected to see

again or that they never knew existed. Beyond books, the store also specializes in vintage vinyl, offering favorite albums from throughout the decades. Yes, the store's name is a tribute to Edgar Allan Poe; just look for the "raven on Craven" and you'll find a portal through which fans of books and records can travel back through time.

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