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At last the days are getting longer. Crocuses are sprouting in the flowerbeds. We took the flannel sheets off the bed. We're gazing fondly at the lawnmower (that won't last long).

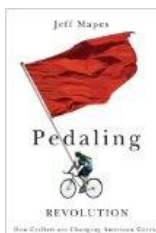
We know that March isn't really full-blown spring, but we can smell it coming. Here's hoping we all take the time in the next few weeks to take a brisk walk and notice the little green shoots, the nest-building birds, and the patches of blue sky that are sure signs of sweeter, warmer days ahead. And while you're walking the 'hood, we'd love it if you dropped in to see us. The only thing we like as much as a good schmooze with the neighbors is a good book – so let's have both!

## MARCH EVENTS

**Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm:** **Tony Wolk** will be here to read from the third novel in his "Lincoln Out of Time" trilogy: *Lincoln's Daughter*. This series is about a time-traveling Abraham Lincoln and the widow who gives birth to his daughter -- in the future. In this last novel, Wolk weaves together the story of Lincoln's life as a young man with the story of a daughter searching for her two fathers - her stepfather who has traveled back to 1833 and also her birth father. Tony Wolk is scholar with an avid interest in Lincoln, drawing on fourteen years of Lincoln research to give a historically accurate feel to his imaginative trilogy. He has taught English at Portland State University since 1965. He is also an avid bicyclist. He is often seen in Broadway Books with helmet in hand (or on head), and he has accumulated more than 55,000 miles on his bike. The Lincoln trilogy is published by Portland State's Ooligan Press. Please join us for what is sure to be an entertaining and educational night!

**Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:** Joining us on this evening will be Eugene author **Debra Gwartney**, whose newly published memoir is called *Live Through This: A Mother's Memoir of Runaway Daughters and Reclaimed Love*, published by Houghton Mifflin. The book is a riveting account of being a single parent. After a divorce and a move from Arizona to Oregon, Ms. Gwartney's two oldest daughters --both teenagers full of anger and blame -- ran away and spent the next several years living on and off the streets. This is a ruthlessly honest and incredibly brave book - - one that deals with the unraveling of a family and with the hard work of forgiveness it takes to mend one. And it's impossible to put down. We hope you'll join us.

**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm:** Tonight we celebrate all that is wonderful about Oregon, as part of Oregon's sesquicentennial celebration -- otherwise known as its 150th birthday! Tonight **Matt Love**, editor of *Citadel of the Spirit: A Merging of Past and Present Oregon Voices and Stories, Oregon's Sesquicentennial Anthology* (published by Nestucca Spit Press), joins us, along with two local authors represented in the anthology, **Monica Drake** (author of *Clown Girl*) and **Cheryl Strayed** (author of *Torch*). Warning: there may be cake. What's a birthday without it? (The Fire Marshal says no to the 150 candles, however.)



**Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 pm:** Oregonian staff writer **Jeff Mapes** will present his new book, just published by Oregon State University Press: *Pedaling Revolution: How Cyclists are Changing American Cities*. This work explores the growing urban bike culture that is changing the look and feel of cities across North America. Mapes traces the growth of bicycle advocacy and explores issues such as the environmental and safety aspects of short urban bike trips. Chapters set in Chicago and Portland show how bicycling has become a political act, and how cyclists are claiming their share of the urban streetscape. For anyone interested in transportation, urban planning, sustainability, public health, or bicycling, this is a fascinating look at a burgeoning phenomenon.

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## NEW BOOKS WE LIKE

The "Maisie Dobbs" series, by **Jacqueline Winspear**, is one of the most popular mystery series we sell at Broadway Books. The series is based in Post-World-War I England and features psychologist and detective Maisie Dobbs. The newest book in the series, ***Among the Mad***, is now available -- we have it both in hardback and on CD (Henry Holt). The book opens in London on Christmas Eve in 1931, where threats to the prime minister have Maisie partnering with Scotland Yard to find the man who threatens to inflict death and destruction on thousands of innocent people. As with the other books in the series, *Among the Mad* explores the damage that war inflicts on one's soul.

**Matthew Van Fleet's** most recent book for children was *Dog*. Now he (finally!) gives equal billing to the feline side of the universe with his new book ***Cat*** (Simon & Schuster). Featuring photographs from Brian Stanton, the book offers twenty-three breeds of frolicking, pouncing, and prancing cats -- and one slightly scared mouse -- to entertain, along with flaps to lift, tabs to push and pull, and fur to pet. *Dog* was a big hit here -- as was van Fleet's other book *Tails*. Come in and check out our new table of all things cat! It's purrfectly wonderful.

We have two new inauguration-related chapbooks in the store. The first, ***Praise Song for the Day***, is the text of the poem written and read by the poet Elizabeth Alexander for Barack Obama's inauguration on January 20<sup>th</sup>. The second, ***The Inaugural Address 2009***, includes the complete text of President Obama's speech together with Abraham Lincoln's first and second inaugural addresses, the Gettysburg Address, and Ralph Waldo Emerson's 1841 essay, "Self Reliance". Each of these small volumes is a lovely commemoration of January's event.

Here's an interesting piece: ***Important Artifacts and Personal Property from the Collection of Lenore Doolan and Harold Morris, Including Books, Street Fashion, and Jewelry*** is the fictional story of a modern romance told in the form of an auction house catalog. The entire story of how these two lovers met, fell in love, became a couple, and then uncoupled is told in photographs and descriptions of the artifacts of their lives: clothing, furniture, theatre programs, scribbled notes, and more. Each artifact is neatly cataloged and offered for sale by Strachan & Quinn Auctioneers in this perfectly realized and perfectly wonderful book.

Calling all fans of Christopher Moore! His newest book, ***Fool***, has just arrived in the store -- and it's a stitch! This wet-your-pants funny book is a parody of Shakespeare's King Lear. Here's the author's "warning": "This is a bawdy tale. Herein you will find gratuitous shagging, murder, spanking, maiming, treason, and heretofore unexplored heights of vulgarity and profanity, as well as non-traditional grammar, split infinitives, and the odd wank." Lovely.

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