

## Independent Bookstore Day 2025 Exclusives List

### ADULT

#### **Signed Copy of *Lightlark* with Three Collectible Limited-Edition Page Overlays**

Author: Alex Aster

Publisher: Abrams Books

Imprint: Amulet

Retail Price: \$19.99

Specs: 5 ½ in. x 8 ¼ in.

ISBN: 9781419784972

Print run: 1,000. First come, first served. Limit of 3 per store.

Description: Experience the blockbuster romantasy sensation from the beginning with the first book in the *Lightlark* Saga by #1 international bestselling author and #BookTok phenomenon Alex Aster. Each book will include a designed bookplate signed by Alex Aster that's affixed to the end papers and THREE collectible limited-edition page overlays featuring Isla, the heroine, and her two love interests, Grim and Oro.

Author Bio: Alex Aster is a #1 *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *Publishers Weekly* bestselling author as well as an internationally bestselling author and one of the most followed novelists on social media. She graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pennsylvania, where she studied creative writing, and is also the author of the critically acclaimed Emblem Island series. Explore the world of *Lightlark* at [asterverse.com](http://asterverse.com).

#### **Signed *Horror Movie* Indie Bookstore Exclusive Edition**

Author: Paul Tremblay

Publisher: HarperCollins

Imprint: William Morrow

Retail Price: \$30

Specs: 6 in x 9 in

ISBN: 9780063446137

Print run: 4,000. First come, first served.

Description: A chilling twist on the “cursed film” genre from the bestselling author of *The Pallbearers Club* and *The Cabin at the End of the World*. This Indie Bookstore Exclusive Edition features a unique cover, special sprayed edges, and is signed by the author.

In June 1993, a group of young guerilla filmmakers spent four weeks making *Horror Movie*, a notorious, disturbing, art-house horror flick.

The weird part? Only three of the film’s scenes were ever released to the public, but Horror

Movie has nevertheless grown a rabid fanbase. Three decades later, Hollywood is pushing for a big budget reboot.

The man who played “The Thin Kid” is the only surviving cast member. As his memories flood back in, the boundaries between reality and film, past and present start to blur. But he’s going to help remake the film, even if it means navigating a world of cynical producers, egomaniacal directors, and surreal fan conventions — demons of the past be damned.

*Horror Movie* is an obsessive, psychologically chilling, and suspenseful feat of storytelling genius that builds inexorably to an unforgettable, mind-bending conclusion.

Author Bio: Paul Tremblay has won the Bram Stoker, British Fantasy, and Massachusetts Book Awards and is the nationally bestselling author of *Horror Movie*, *The Beast You Are*, *The Pallbearers Club*, *Survivor Song*, *Growing Things and Other Stories*, *Disappearance at Devil’s Rock*, *A Head Full of Ghosts*, and the crime novels *The Little Sleep* and *No Sleep Till Wonderland*.

### ***What You Are Looking For Is In The Library* — Indie Bookstore Day Exclusive Paperback**

Author: Michiko Aoyama

Publisher: Harlequin Trade Publishing (HTP Books)

Imprint: Hanover Square Press

Retail Price: \$18.99

Specs: 5 5/16 in. x 8 in.

ISBN: 9781335629449

Print run: 3,000. First come, first served. Limit of 5 per store.

Description: Exclusive Paperback Edition for Independent Bookstore Day with bonus content.

For fans of *The Midnight Library* and *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*, a charming Japanese novel about how the perfect book recommendation can change a reader’s life.

What are you looking for? is the question that Tokyo’s most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi, poses to those who come to her for their next book. The list of recommendations she gives, however, always contains one unexpected addition that promises to give borrowers the motivation they didn’t realize they needed to change their life. The conversation that they have with Sayuri Komachi — and the surprise book she lends each of them — will have life-altering consequences.

With heartwarming charm and wisdom, *What You Are Looking for Is in the Library* is a paean to the magic of libraries, friendship, and community, perfect for anyone who has ever found themselves at an impasse in their life and in need of a little inspiration.

**Author Bio:** Born in 1970 in Aichi prefecture, and currently living in Yokohama, Michiko Aoyama worked for two years as a reporter for a Japanese newspaper in Sydney after graduating from university. After her return to Tokyo, she started to work as a magazine editor at a publishing house before turning to full time writing. Her work has won the 1st Miyazakimoto Prize, the 13th Tenryu Literary Prize, and has been a runner up of the 2021 Japan Booksellers Awards. This is her English-language debut.

### **Late Night Book Club Mini Tote**

**Publisher:** Out of Print

**Retail Price:** \$18

**Specs:** 10.5 by 10.5 inches

**ISBN:** 9798217107797

**Print run:** Based on orders.

**Description:** The mini-tote bag designed by Out of Print, is the perfect accessory for book lovers of all ages. Carry your lunch, favorite paperback or various sundries in this fun-sized tote. 100% cotton canvas and made in the USA.

**Publisher Bio:** Since 2010, Out of Print's mission has been to spread the joy of reading by transforming literary works and tropes into bookish apparel and accessories for readers of all ages.

### **Late Night Book Club Hat**

**Publisher:** Out of Print

**Retail Price:** \$28

**Specs:** 8.80 in x 9.20 in x 0.32 in

**ISBN:** 9798217107803

**Print run:** Based on orders.

**Description:** The perfect hat for any book lover in your life who likes to burn the midnight oil. One size fits most; adjustable strap.

**Publisher Bio:** Since 2010, Out of Print's mission has been to spread the joy of reading by transforming literary works and tropes into bookish apparel and accessories for readers of all ages.

## **Independent Bookstore Day Blackwing Pencils**

Publisher: Blackwing

Retail Price: \$32

Specs: Each specially-designed box contains 12 incense-cedar pencils with Blackwing's iconic firm graphite.

UPC: 8 20933 11179 2

Print Run: Based on bookseller preorders, 6-box minimum. Must be ordered in quantities of 6. (6, 12, 18, 24). No maximum.

Description: Blackwing & Independent Bookstore Day have teamed up for the fifth consecutive year to create a new set of pencils exclusively for independent bookstores. Each year, the interest and popularity of these limited-edition pencils continues to grow. The pencils feature a design inspired by independent bookstores and the printed word.

## **2025 Independent Bookstore Day Tote Bag**

Designer: Adrian Tomine

Publisher: Drawn & Quarterly

Producer: Independent Bookstore Day

Vendor: Enviro-Tote

Suggested Retail Price: \$15.99

Specs: 10 oz natural-color cotton canvas 18 in. x 14.5 in. flat-cut bag with 9 in. natural handles

EAN: 2300864488869

Print Run: 10,000

Description: New this year! We've partnered with Drawn & Quarterly illustrator Adrian Tomine for an exclusive Indie Bookstore Day tote bag. The 2025 Independent Bookstore Day tote bag has a gusseted bottom. The tote bags are made available to Independent Bookstore Day stores and sold individually.

Illustrator Bio: A bestselling graphic novelist, screenwriter, and *New Yorker* cover artist, Adrian Tomine is the cartoonist of *Optic Nerve* and the author of 11 books. His most recent book, *Q&A*, offers up frank and funny advice for aspiring and seasoned creatives alike. His forthcoming fall 2025 art book will collect drawings from across his expansive career, focusing on his acclaimed illustration career. Both his graphic novel *Shortcomings* and his memoir *The Loneliness of the Long-Distance Cartoonist* were named *New York Times* Notable Books of the year. Born in 1974 in Sacramento, California, Tomine now lives in Brooklyn with his wife and daughters.

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## KIDS

### **Signed Copy of *On Again, Awkward Again* with Embroidered Patch**

Author: Erin Entrada Kelly & Kwame Mbalia

Publisher: Abrams Books

Imprint: Amulet

Retail Price: \$19.99

Specs: 5 ½ in. x 8 ¼ in.

ISBN: 9781419784965

Print run: 500. First come, first served. Limit of 1 per store.

Description: From *New York Times* bestselling and award-winning authors Erin Entrada Kelly and Kwame Mbalia comes a hilarious, big-hearted, imperfectly perfect YA rom-com about two quirky teens falling in love for the first time while figuring out how to be themselves and embracing all their mistakes and mishaps along the way. Each book will be signed by Erin Entrada Kelly and Kwame Mbalia and come with an embroidered “Love is so awkward” patch.

Author Bio: Erin Entrada Kelly is a *New York Times* bestselling author and has won a multitude of awards for her work including the Newbery Medal for *Hello, Universe* and a Newbery Honor for *We Dream of Space*. She is a professor of children’s literature in the graduate fiction and publishing programs at Rosemont College, where she earned her MFA, and is on the faculty at Hamline University. She lives in Philadelphia, PA.

Illustrator Bio: Kwame Mbalia is a husband, father, writer, a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author, a former pharmaceutical metrologist, and the publisher of Freedom Fire—an imprint from Disney-Hyperion, featuring stories of Black resilience and joy. His debut middle grade novel, *Tristan Strong Punches a Hole in the Sky*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and awarded a Coretta Scott King Author Honor. A Howard University graduate and a Midwesterner now in North Carolina, he survives on Dad jokes and Cheezits.

### **Signed Copy of *Hot Mess (Diary of a Wimpy Kid #19)* with (fake!) #CheeseTouch**

Author: Jeff Kinney

Publisher: Abrams Books

Imprint: Amulet

Retail Price: \$14.99

Specs: 5 ½ in. x 8 in.

ISBN: 9781419784989

Print run: 2,000. First come, first served. Limit of 5 per store.

Description: Can Greg unpack all of his family's mysteries before their summer vacation is over? Or will he just stir the pot? Find out in the funniest *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book ever from #1 international bestselling author Jeff Kinney. Each book will come with a custom bookplate signed by Jeff Kinney and affixed to the title page plus a slice of artificial moldy cheese, perfect for playing real-life games of Cheese Touch.

Author Bio: Jeff Kinney is a #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* series and the *Awesome Friendly Kid* series. He is a six-time Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Award winner for Favorite Book and has been named one of *Time* magazine's 100 Most Influential People in the World. He spent his childhood in the Washington, DC, area and moved to New England, where he and his wife own a bookstore named An Unlikely Story.

### ***Frog and Toad Coloring Book***

Author: Arnold Lobel

Publisher: HarperCollins Children's Books

Retail Price: \$7.99

Specs: 8  $\frac{3}{8}$  in. x 10  $\frac{7}{8}$  in.

ISBN: 9780063445840

Print run: Based on orders.

Description: Back in print exclusively for Independent Bookstore Day! Originally published in 1981, this coloring book includes black-and-white illustrations from all four classic books of Frog and Toad adventures (*Frog and Toad Are Friends*, *Days with Frog and Toad*, *Frog and Toad Together*, and *Frog and Toad All Year*). Children (and adults!) can color images of the beloved best friends doing everything from flying a kite, to eating cookies, to planting a garden, and more. These characters have been popular with generations of readers and were recently brought to life with the release of the charming Frog and Toad animated series on Apple TV+. HarperCollins Children's Books is happy to offer this exclusive item for Indie Bookstore Day and Frog and Toad fans nationwide!

Author Bio: Arnold Lobel (1933–1987) illustrated almost one hundred wonderful children's books but is most beloved for his Frog and Toad stories. The four books have garnered much acclaim, including a Caldecott Honor and a Newbery Honor. Lobel was also awarded the prestigious Caldecott Medal for his book *Fables* in 1981.

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**FREE**

***Guess How Much I Love You: Baby Milestone Cards***

Author: Sam McBratney

Illustrator: Anita Jeram

Publisher: Candlewick

Specs: 4 in x 6 in

ISBN: 9781536247640

Print run: 500 packs of 12 cards. First come, first served. Limit of 1 pack per store.

Description: Parents or caregivers can use these cards to set up photos of their little one to mark each month until they are one year old. The cards come in a set and are wrapped in cellophane with a sticker marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the book, *Guess How Much I Love You*.

Author Bio: Sam McBratney (1943–2020) is the author of the internationally bestselling classic *Guess How Much I Love You* and its sequel, *Will You Be My Friend?*, as well as *You're All My Favorites*, all illustrated by Anita Jeram. He is also the author of *Just You and Me* and *There, There*, both illustrated by Ivan Bates, and *Mindi and the Goose No One Else Could See*, illustrated by Linda Ólafsdóttir, among many other books for children.

Illustrator Bio: Anita Jeram is the illustrator of *Guess How Much I Love You*, the *Guess How Much I Love You* storybooks, and *You're All My Favorites*, all by Sam McBratney. She has also illustrated several books by Amy Hest, including *Little Chick* and a series about Sam and Mrs. Bear, as well as *Skip to the Loo, My Darling!* by Sally Lloyd-Jones. Anita Jeram lives in Northern Ireland.

**Zora Neale Hurston's *The Life of Herod the Great* Poster**

Author: Zora Neale Hurston, Deborah G. Plant

Illustrator: Akindele John

Publisher: HarperCollins

Imprint: Amistad

Specs: 16 in. x 20 in.

ISBN: 9780063449268

Print run: 300 packs of 5. First come, first served. Limit of 1 pack per store.

Description: Elevate your literary collection with this exclusive Zora Neale Hurston poster, crafted specially for Independent Bookstore Day. This limited-edition piece features the never before published novel, *The Life of Herod the Great*, proudly published by Amistad, the most respected and storied African-American imprint in publishing. This poster is a must-have for

Hurston fans. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to own a piece of literary history—quantities are limited!

Author Bio: Zora Neale Hurston wrote four novels (Jonah's Gourd Vine; Their Eyes Were Watching God; Moses, Man of the Mountains; and Seraph on the Suwanee) and was still working on her fifth novel, The Life of Herod the Great, when she died; three books of folklore (Mules and Men and the posthumously published Go Gator and Muddy the Water and Every Tongue Got to Confess); a work of anthropological research (Tell My Horse); an autobiography (Dust Tracks on a Road); an international bestselling ethnographic work (Barracoon); and over fifty short stories, essays, and plays. She was born in Notasulga, Alabama, grew up in Eatonville, Florida, and lived her last years in Fort Pierce, Florida.

Deborah G. Plant is an African American and Africana Studies independent scholar, author of Of Greed and Glory: In Pursuit of Freedom for All, and literary critic specializing in the life and works of Zora Neale Hurston. She is editor of the New York Times bestseller Barracoon: The Story of the Last "Black Cargo" by Zora Neale Hurston and the author of Alice Walker: A Woman for Our Times, a philosophical biography. She is also editor of The Inside Light: New Critical Essays on Zora Neale Hurston, and the author of Zora Neale Hurston: A Biography of the Spirit and Every Tub Must Sit On Its Own Bottom: The Philosophy and Politics of Zora Neale Hurston. She holds MA and Ph. D. degrees in English from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Plant played an instrumental role in founding the University of South Florida's Department of Africana Studies, where she chaired the department for five years. She presently resides in Florida.

### **Finlay Donovan Loves Independent Bookstores Print**

Author: Elle Cosimano

Publisher: Minotaur Books

Specs: 11 in. x 14 in.

ISBN: 9781250408211

Print run: 500. First come, first served. Limit of 1 per store.

Description: Celebrate Independent Bookstore Day with Finlay Donovan! This exclusive art print celebrates both Elle Cosimano's *New York Times*-bestselling Finlay Donovan series and independent bookstores, encouraging readers to not be afraid to rewrite their own stories.

Author Bio: Elle Cosimano is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, an International Thriller Writers Award winner, and an Edgar Award nominee. Elle's debut novel for adults, *Finlay Donovan Is Killing It*, kicked off a witty, fast-paced contemporary mystery series, which was a *People* magazine pick and was named one of New York Public Library's Best Books of 2021. The third book in the series, *Finlay Donovan Jumps the Gun*, was an instant *New York Times* bestseller. In addition to writing novels for teens and adults, her essays have appeared in *HuffPost* and *Time*. Cosimano lives with her husband and two sons in Virginia.

### **We Love Indies Coloring Book**



Author: Authors and Artists of The Quarto Group  
Illustrator: Authors and Artists of The Quarto Group  
Publisher: Quarto  
Imprint: Quarry  
Specs: 7.5 in. x 9.25 in.  
ISBN: 9780760398227  
Print run: 3,000. First come, first served. Limit of 5 per store.

Description: We asked our favorite Quarto authors and artists to submit coloring pages of their favorite local, independent bookstores, and they delivered! Includes a short quote from the author on what they LOVE best about their favorite indie bookstore and a coloring page inspired by each store. This version will include new art for 2025, and we hope to make this an annual Indie Bookstore Day favorite!

Author Bio: Dedicated to serving creative makers at all levels of skill and experience, Quarry Books empowers creativity, providing inspiration and expertise with beautiful, hands-on content, igniting readers' passion, enriching their experience, and cultivating their craft.

### **We Love Indies Kids Activity Book**

Author: Authors and Artists of The Quarto Group  
Illustrator: Authors and Artists of The Quarto Group  
Publisher: Quarto  
Imprint: Quarry

Specs: 8.5 in. x 11 in.  
ISBN: 9780760398210  
Print run: 3,000. First come, first served. Limit of 5 per store.

Description: Our favorite Quarto authors and illustrators have come together in collaboration to create a fun-filled activity book! The pages will include a maze, crossword, indie bookstore scavenger hunt, draw your own book cover, build your own poem, and so much more! This version will include new art for 2025, and we hope to make this an annual Indie Bookstore Day favorite!

Author Bio: Dedicated to serving creative makers at all levels of skill and experience, Quarry Books empowers creativity, providing inspiration and expertise with beautiful, hands-on content, igniting readers' passion, enriching their experience, and cultivating their craft.

### **American Horticultural Society Flower Seed Packets**

Author: American Horticultural Society

Publisher: Quarto

Imprint: Cool Springs Press

Specs: 3.25 in x 4.50 in

ISBN: 9780760398203

Print run: 2,500. First come, first served. Limit of 4 packets per store.

Description: Perennial flower packets with *American Horticultural Society's Essential Guide to Perennial Gardening* (9780760392836) cover on it. If there's room on the packet, it might also include: "Also available American Horticultural Society's Essential Guide to Organic Vegetable Gardening".

Imprint Bio: Cool Springs Press is a leading publisher of step-by-step how-to books for both DIY gardening and home improvement. Our state and local gardening books are tailored to specific regional environments across the United States, while our renowned series of foolproof home improvement books have long been trusted on both the bookshelf and the job site.

### **Murdle by the Book: 5 Mystery Logic Puzzles**

Author: G. T. Karber

Publisher: St. Martin's Publishing Group

Imprint: St. Martin's Griffin

Specs: 6 1/8 in. x 9 1/8 in.

ISBN: 9781250408044

Print run: 500 packs of 8 copies each pack. First come, first served. Limit of 1 pack per store.

Description: Exclusively for Independent Bookstore Day 2025, investigate murders most foul alongside Deductive Logico by solving five original mini-mystery logic puzzles in *Murdle by the Book*, from the creator of the runaway bestselling series Richard Osman calls "an absolute phenomenon."

In this 32-page booklet, you are challenged to uncover whodunit, how, where, and why by using your powers of deduction to complete a simple logic grid and crack the case. Brimming with wit and intrigue, *Murdle by the Book* includes illustrations, codes, and a full how-to-solve tutorial within an interactive and compelling story.

Author Bio: *USA Today* and #1 *Sunday Times* bestselling author G. T. Karber grew up in a small town in Arkansas, the son of a judge and a civil rights attorney. In 2022, he created Murdle, which is now a bestselling puzzle book series translated into multiple languages and sold all over the world. He has staged dozens of immersive whodunits in Los Angeles, where he lives.

## **“I <3 My Independent Bookstore” Stickers**

Publisher: Ingram, Indie Book Buzz

Specs: 2 in. in diameter

Print Run: 175,000 (one roll of 250 per store)

EAN: 2300865830674

Description:

Just like the I VOTED stickers, but for indie shoppers and supporters. Hand them out at the door! Give them out at the counter! Let your customers show off their indie pride.