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### **General**

#### **McNally Jackson**

<http://www.mcnallyjackson.com/>

[\*52 Prince St. New York, NY 10012\*](#)

McNally Jackson is one of New York City's finest independent bookstores, an epicenter of Manhattan's literary culture, with events, two floors of books, and an informed and engaging staff. With a unique literature section organized by nation of origin, and hot coffee in their cafe, there is something for everyone at McNally Jackson. (artbook.com)

#### **The Strand**

<http://www.strandbooks.com/index.cfm>

[\*828 Broadway, New York, NY 10003-4805\*](#)

Today, the Strand carries over 2.5 million used, new, and rare books, covering topics as far-ranging as occult to philosophy to finance. The store also offers an ever-changing array of literary gifts and goods from Moleskines to coffee mugs, and everything in-between. Really, we mean everything in-between, from a Shakespeare insult mug to the wildly popular Strand onesie. (strandbooks.com)

### **Art Bookstores**

#### **Printed Matter**

<https://www.printedmatter.org/>

[\*231 11th Avenue New York, NY 10001\*](#)

As one of the world's largest publicly available source for artists' books, Printed Matter is an important voice in a vibrant and expanding field. At the heart of our mission is a longstanding open submission process, inviting artists and independent publishers to submit their books for sale at Printed Matter. We circulate over 32,000 publications annually on behalf of artists and small presses through our non-profit store in Chelsea, our online catalog and other distribution channels. With a commitment to representing and engaging a diverse community of artists, Printed Matter is in many cases one of the few outlets for artist-made publications on the peripheries of mainstream distribution networks. (printedmatter.org)

### **Rizzoli Books**

<https://www.rizzolibookstore.com/>

[1133 Broadway between 25th and 26th Street New York, NY 10010](#)

Rizzoli Books, despite selling a little bit of everything to stay competitive, specializes in art books and coffee table tomes. Certainly, the store's inclination toward artistic and architectural literature is evident in the store's design. In spite of a move to Flatiron after their original elegant building on 57th Street was demolished, many of the classic fixtures from 57th Street were preserved and re-introduced in the new space including the cherry wood bookcases and chandeliers. A whimsical Fornasetti designed wallpaper now runs the length of the room, above the bookcases. Scenes of Italian cities floating in clouds, Zodiac figures and hot air balloons. The stunning Fornasetti collage was made exclusively for the Rizzoli flagship by Cole & Son. If you are a fan of the library in Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, this bookstore will not disappoint. It's worth a visit just to pretend like you live there for an hour or so. (untappedcities.com)

### **Ursus Books and Gallery**

<https://www.ursusbooks.com/>

[50 East 78th Street, Suite 1C New York, NY 10075](#)

Ursus Art Books stocks a selection of reference books covering all periods and all media. We offer both new and out-of-print books, including catalogue raisonnés, artist's monographs and important museum exhibition catalogues (U.S. and foreign). Since we stock both new and out-of-print books, we are able to provide our clients with the best books on a particular artist or subject. (ursusbooks.com)

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### **Foreign Language**

#### **Albertine**

<http://www.albertine.com/>

[972 5th Ave, New York, NY 10075](#)

An initiative of the Cultural Services of the French Embassy, Albertine is devoted to works—both in its original version and in translation—and offers the largest selection of French literature in the United States, with more than 14,000 titles from 30 French-speaking countries. The

two-floor space is truly an escapist's dream, with a designated reading room with lush sofas and armchairs, all housed in the French embassy. (Timeout.com)

### **Kinokuniya**

<http://www.kinokuniya.com/us/>

[\*1073 Avenue of the Americas New York, NY 10018\*](#)

Beyond its selection of Japanese and English books, gorgeous stationary, gifts and coloring books, this massive creative outlet also features a grand assortment of manga and comics. If an extended stroll through the third floor's aisles of trades proves too saturating, grab a seat and a bento box at Café Kaiya and get back to the hunt once you're well fed. (timeout.com)

### **WordUp**

<https://wordupbooks.wordpress.com/>

[\*2113 Amsterdam Avenue \(at the corner of 165th Street\) New York, NY 10032\*](#)

Word Up is a multilingual, general-interest community bookshop and arts space in Washington Heights, New York City, committed to preserving and building a neighborhood in which all residents help each other to live better informed and more expressive lives, using books as an instrument of reciprocal education and exchange, empowering not only themselves, but their community. (wordupbooks.wordpress.com)

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### **Other Specializations**

#### **Idlewild**

<https://www.idlewildbooks.com/about-our-bookstores/>

[\*170 7th Avenue South \(at the corner of Perry Street\) New York, NY\*](#)

One of the last travel bookstores in the country, our Manhattan store carries a range of guidebooks (all 10% off) to suit the needs and tastes of every traveler and budget. We believe that a novel or travelogue can be just as valuable a key to a place as any guidebook, and our well-read, well-traveled staff is happy to make reading recommendations for any traveler, book lover, or gift giver. We also host language classes in French, Spanish, Italian and German. (idlewildbooks.com)

#### **Bonnie Slotnick Cookbooks**

<http://bonnieslotnickcookbooks.com/>

[\*28 East Second St. New York, NY 10003\*](#)

If you know your Fuchsia Dunlop from your Irma Rombauer, hoof it to Bonnie Slotnick Cookbooks. The East Village store, founded in 1997, is *the* place for chefs, gourmards and amateur home cooks to find literary inspiration. Slotnick offers a well-curated selection of cookbooks in the surprisingly spacious shop, and you'll find fascinating, out-of-print relics of

New York food history. Oh, and there may be a tasting when you visit, if you're lucky. (timeout.com)

### **Bluestockings**

<http://bluestockings.com/>

[\*172 Allen Street, New York, NY 10002\*](#)

A welcome counterpoint to corporate, big-box bookstores (though those are quickly disappearing too), Bluestockings is volunteer-run and resolutely radical. The shop is a social justice clearinghouse, specializing in books exploring race, gender, globalization, climate change and other pertinent issues of the day. Its calendar features a wide range of events, with everything from a sewing circle to a discussion about working in adult entertainment, and there's a café where you can fuel your visit—the goodies are vegan and organic, of course. (timeout.com)

### **Revolution Books**

<http://www.revolutionbooksnyc.org/>

[\*437 Malcolm X Blvd/Lenox Ave. New York, NY 10037\*](#)

People come to Revolution Books from all over the world to find the books and deep engagement with each other about why the world is the way it is and the possibility of a radically different way the world could be.

The world today, with all its horrors, holds the potential for something far better. To unlock that – at the foundation of RB – is the most advanced scientific theory and leadership for an actual revolution for the emancipation of humanity: the new synthesis of communism brought forward by the revolutionary leader, Bob Avakian.

RB is a bookstore with literature, history, science, art, philosophy, and revolutionary theory... a place of discovery and engagement. Scientific and poetic, wrangling and visionary. A bookstore at the center of a movement for revolution. (revolutionbooksnyc.org)

### **Hypno Tronic Comics**

<http://www.hypnotroniccomics.com/>

[\*156 Stuyvesant Place, Staten Island, NY 10301\*](#)

This geeked-out comic book mecca is beloved by collectors because it offers everything they could possibly imagine in the comic book universe, including toys, gags, books, collectibles and rare finds. The owners are friendly and they know their stuff—making for a fun, rewarding shopping experience. (nycgo.com)

### **Forbidden Planet**

<https://www.fpnyc.com/>

[\*832 Broadway New York, NY 10003\*](#)

Forbidden Planet NYC is one of the largest sellers of comic books, graphic novels, science fiction, toys, and associated collectibles in the world. We offer first class customer service, an exceptionally diverse and wide array of stock and speedy delivery. (fpnyc.com)

### **The Mysterious Bookshop**

<https://www.mysteriousbookshop.com/>

[\*58 Warren Street New York, NY 10007\*](#)

Opened in 1979 by Otto Penzler, The Mysterious Bookshop is the oldest mystery specialist book store in America. Previously located in midtown, the bookshop now calls Tribeca its home. We stock the finest selection of new mystery hardcovers, paperbacks and periodicals. Our shop also features a superb collection of signed Modern First Editions, Rare/Collectable hardcovers and Sherlockiana. Our Bibliomystery series features novellas by some of the biggest authors in the genre, written exclusively for our store. We also publish limited editions of books by authors like Michael Connelly, James Ellroy, and Lee Child. (mysteriousbookshop.com)

### **Books of Wonder**

<http://booksofwonder.com/>

[\*18 West 18th St. New York, NY\*](#)

Today, Books of Wonder stocks the newest titles from the best authors and artist in the field, as well as beloved classics that generations have grown up with. We have a large selection of old, rare, and collectible children's books plus a gallery displaying original art and graphics from the vibrant world of children's books. We host weekly storytimes and numerous author and artist events each week. With a staff of helpful and informed booksellers ready and eager to assist you and your children, we hope you'll visit us soon at the store or online. [It was also the inspiration for the movie *You've Got Mail*, 1997]. (booksofwonder.com)

### **The Drama Bookshop**

<http://www.dramabookshop.com/>

[\*250 West 40th Street New York, NY 10018\*](#)

Founded in 1917 by the Drama League, the Drama Book Shop became an independent store in 1923. It has moved several times, but since 2001 it has been located in a 5,000-square-foot space on West 40th Street in Manhattan. The basement houses a 60-seat black-box theater, and a staff of about 20, many of whom are actors or have theater-related interests, assists the thousands of students, theater professionals, and award-winning artists who pass through the shop's doors. In 2011 the Drama Book Shop received a Tony Honor for Excellence in the Theatre. (dramabookshop.com)

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### **Indie**

#### **Greenlight Bookstore**

<http://www.greenlightbookstore.com/>

Fort Greene: [\*686 Fulton Street \(at South Portland\), Brooklyn, NY 11217\*](#)

Prospect Lefferts Gardens: [\*632 Flatbush Avenue \(at Fenimore\), Brooklyn, NY 11225\*](#)

Opened in 2009, Brooklyn's Greenlight Bookstore is run by owners familiar with the NYC publishing and bookselling worlds, both of whom brought with them an eye for a comfortable space and a selection that goes well beyond best-sellers. Fort Greene locals—many of whom are authors themselves—have heartily embraced the place and the community spirit endows its day-to-day operations as well as its event series. (timeout.com)

### **Astoria Bookshop**

<http://www.astoriabookshop.com/>

[\*31-29 31st St, Queens, NY 11106\*](#)

Independent bookstores are sadly rare in Queens, but Astoria Bookshop, which opened in 2013, comes to the rescue to deliver a much-needed dose of lit to the neighborhood. Though on the small side, there's a solid selection of fiction, non-fiction and children's books, and staffers are happy to hunt down anything you can't find. Events like readings, storytelling sessions and book clubs—many of which highlight local writers—prove that Queens is an artsy borough, too. (timeout.com)

### **Community Bookstore**

<http://www.communitybookstore.net/>

[\*143 7th Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11215\*](#)

Before Gomanus was a dining destination and Park Slope was a haven for moms on juice cleanses, there was Community Bookstore. The shop itself has remained fairly unchanged since opening in 1971, while the surrounding Seventh Ave real estate has shape-shifted without pause. With an expansive collection of contemporary titles, a variety of used books, and a backyard garden reserved for readers, the little emporium is rarely empty. The red-brick space is typically filled with after-school crowds and long-time Park Slope natives (plus a cat and a turtle), browsing, reading, and attending author-talks. And the staff, in addition to knowing the shop's textual archives backwards and forwards, seem to know nearly all of the shop's most loyal patrons by name (including the cat: Tiny the Usurper). (thrillist.com)

### **Unnameable Books**

<http://unnameablebooks.blogspot.com/>

[\*600 Vanderbilt Avenue between Dean & St. Mark's, Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, NY\*](#)

Your first time in Unnameable is likely to feel similar to the beginning of a romance, butterflies and all. Besides possessing a quiet, library-like ambiance and an unobtrusive staff, Unnameable also boasts an impressive selection of well-priced used and new books. We found every author we searched for, and not just their most popular works! The shop carries both obscure and classic novels, anthologies, biographies, tomes of poetry, small-press chapbooks, and a well-curated, if modest, array of graphic novels. (gothamist.com)

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## **Used Books**

### **Housing Works Bookstore Cafe**

<http://www.housingworks.org/bookstore/>  
[\*126 Crosby Street New York, NY 10012\*](#)

Housing Works Bookstore Cafe is an extraordinarily unusual and endearing place. The two-level space—which stocks a range of literary fiction, nonfiction, rare books and collectibles—is a peaceful spot for solo relaxation or for meeting friends over coffee or wine. All proceeds from the café go to providing support services for homeless people living with HIV/AIDS. The premises also host an interesting array of literary events. (timeout.com)

### **Mercer Street Books and Records**

<http://www.mercerstreetbooks.com/>  
[\*206 Mercer Street, New York, NY\*](#)

Part of the history of Greenwich Village is its authors. From Melville to Cather they've been writing here and buying their books here for centuries. In the Village the hunt for a good book, used or new, is part of the life of a reader or a writer. And that's why we're here. We enjoy tracking down, buying and selling interesting, esoteric and weird books. You'll be amazed! We've been around for more than 20 years. (mercerstreetsbooks.com)

### **Freebird**

<http://www.freebirdbooks.com/>  
[\*123 Columbia St, Brooklyn, NY 11231\*](#)

In January 2004, Samantha Citrin and Rachel London opened Freebird Books at 123 Columbia Street on the Brooklyn waterfront. Located across from still working docks and container port (remnants of old Red Hook stevedoring), Freebird is a general used bookstore specializing in New York history and culture. In November 2007 the store was sold to local resident, Peter Miller. Though the hours were cut back (open now primarily weekends), Freebird remains community-oriented, sponsoring events, readings, book clubs, and workshops. It is also temporary home to [Books Through Bars](#), a non-profit which helps prisoners nationwide get access to the printed word. (freebirdbooks.com)

### **Book Thug Nation**

<http://www.bookthugnation.com/>  
[\*100 North 3rd Street, Brooklyn, New York; between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue.\*](#)

The store was started by four independent booksellers who have sold books on the streets of NYC for years. We carry a wide selection of quality used books at low prices. Our focus is in Literary Fiction (boasting one of the best used fiction sections in NYC!), Film and Philosophy. We also have solid collections of Sci-Fi, Mystery/Noir, Poetry, Drama, History, Erotica, Foreign Language, Graphic Novels, Childrens and Art. Martial Arts, too!

## **Antiquarian Booksellers**

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