**Recommended Reads**

The Store - Goods & Curiosities, is participating in the Page Turners section of Shore Publishing’s papers including the Valley Courier and six other regional newspapers. We want to share these reviews and invite you to drop by the Store. Come browse our outstanding selection of books.

### Baking with Dorie, by Dorie Greenspan

These spectacular, mouth-watering recipes are everything you’d expect and more, from this award winning and New York times best-selling author Dorie Greenspan - author/baker extraordinaire! Both fancy and simple, these beautifully photographed images of desserts like Apricot and Pistachio-Olive Oil Cake, Miso Maple Loaf, Double-Decker Salted Caramel Cake, are on top of my baking list. There’s even an entire section of every type of bread recipe you can imagine! A must have home baking book, and a thoughtful gift for this holiday season! ~ Christine

### A Connecticut Christmas: Celebrating the Holiday in Classic New England Style, by Caryn B. Davis

The quintessential Americana Christmas starts in Connecticut—with its coastal hamlets, 17th century villages and old world traditions, there’s no other place to be for the Holidays. Customs of bygone eras are still alive today, and Davis’s book illuminates these so perfectly, the photographs seem to sparkle off the page. Paired with historical essay, this is an exquisite tour of CT history and holiday—and a celebration of a time and place untouched by modernity. Complete with stately homes, extravagant settings, trees, farms, and festivals, you’ll find familiar places therein (Gillette Castle, Essex Steam Train, and of course The Griswold Inn!) ~ Ellen

### Connecticut Waters, by Cary B. Davis

Cary Davis may look through the lens, but she takes pictures with her heart. In her new book, Connecticut Waters, she beautifully captures the shoreline we all love. The perfect gift! ~ Geoffrey

### Painting the Light, by Sally Cabot Gunning

This is a beautifully written novel of love, loss and reinvention of a strong woman, Ida Pease; fighting to find a life for herself after tragic loss. It is set at the end of the nineteenth century on Martha’s Vineyard, with visits to Boston and Block Island, which New Englanders will find endearing. Ida is a heroine to fall in love with, as you read her daily struggles as a female artist and sheep farmer, who is full of tenacity and life. I truly did not want this wonderful story to end. ~ Christine

### Travels with George, by Nathaniel Philbrick

Follow Washington’s excursions from Mount Vernon to the new capitol in New York, in a month long tour of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and the Carolinas with award-winning author Nathaniel Philbrick. Written at a time when our Founding Fathers are under increased scrutiny, Philbrick takes a tour of Washington’s America 299 years later to answer the question, “Does Washington still matter?” ~ Christine

### Connecticut Bootlegger Queen, Nellie Green, by Tony Renzoni

Meet Connecticut’s own Nellie Green, “Queen of the Rumrunners on the East Coast” as seen through the eyes of local author Tony Renzoni. Hailing from East Haven Connecticut, Nellie built an underground empire during the 1920’s Prohibition era, in a business world dominated by men. Nellie was a tough woman, and this interesting read full of local characters, chronicles her hard work and personal hardships. ~ Christine

### Stories for Christmas, Bernadette Watts

A compilation of Christmas favorites so beautifully illustrated by talented watercolor artist Bernadette Watts. The artwork work brings to life the different stories page by page and will surely put both children and adults in the holiday spirit. ~ Karen

### Holiday Cocktails

Entertain with confidence with this delightful “Holiday Cocktail” book. Over 100 festive drink recipes, beautifully photographed. From “Hot Bourbon” to “A Stranger in the Alps”, you will be sure to find a favorite cocktail for every celebration this holiday season! ~ Christine

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