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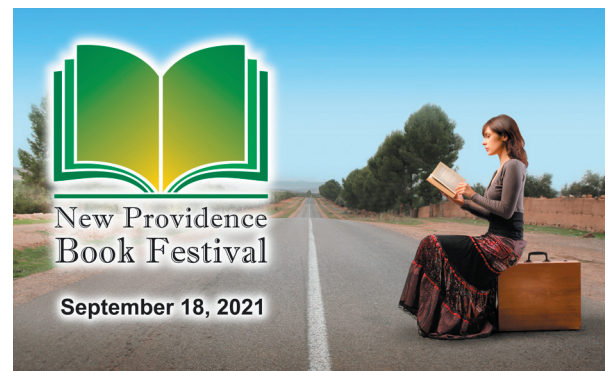


Photo by J.R. Bale

When Nev March was a girl growing up in Mumbai, her protective parents wouldn't let her leave the house alone because "bad things might happen." Words such as murder or rape were never used. Instead, her parents cited the death of two Parsi teenagers who fell to their deaths, falling from Rajabai Clock Tower at Bombay University. Because of the repetition of the story, young Nev thought this was a recent event. Only later did she learn this tragic incident actually occurred back in the 1890s, during the British occupation. (Continued on Page 2)

## New Providence Book Festival

On **Saturday, September 18, 2021**, 9 AM to 3 PM, the Salt Box Museum will host, on its grounds, the New Providence Book Festival. Approximately 15 New Jersey authors, across genres, will be on hand to discuss and sign their books. All are invited to attend this cultural event. A raffle will be held. Refreshments will be available. The Salt Box Museum will be open to all visitors free of charge. The rain date is September 25th. Learn more at [www.newprovidencebookfestival.com](http://www.newprovidencebookfestival.com).



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## Read Any Good Books Lately?

Over five million books can be found on Amazon. There might be six million by the time you finish reading this newsletter. As readers, how do we find the best books on this nearly infinite bookshelf? To be honest, algorithms will push whichever books have the highest promotional budgets, so rankings are of somewhat limited use.

The solution to finding great books is not a technological one, but rather a human one: personal recommendations. As a society we need to talk about good books again. Even reading to one another should be revived. Many forget reading aloud from books was a social activity before television and the Internet.

Book clubs in particular are a wonderful way to socialize with one another, both socially and intellectually. As an author, some of my favorite times have been engaging readers in personal discussions about not only my book, but other people's books. That old conversation starter needs to be revived: "So, read any good books lately?"

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She remained curious about this decades-old, unsolved crime.

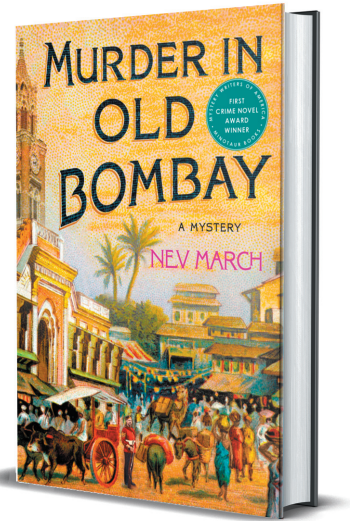
In 1991, Nev came to the United States, married and eventually settled in New Jersey. Over the years, she developed a love of writing. She now teaches creative writing at Rutgers University's Osher Institute.

In 2017, she decided to solve the mystery, even if only fictionally. To solve the case based on real-life, she invented the fictional character of "Captain Jim" Agnihotri, a biracial soldier who loves Sherlock Holmes. And thus, her mystery novel *Murder in Old Bombay* was born.

Nev submitted her manuscript to the Mystery Writers of America and won a publishing contract from Minotaur Books. She is the first Indian-born author to win the Mystery Writers of America award for First Crime Novel. *Murder in Old Bombay* has been nominated for five national awards, including the Edgar and Anthony Awards, the Barry, Macavity and Hammet awards for excellence in Crime Fiction.

Her second "Captain Jim" mystery novel, *Peril at the Exposition*, has been accepted for publication in August 2022.

To learn more about Nev and her writing, visit [www.NevMarch.com](http://www.NevMarch.com).



## Visit the Salt Box Museum



1350 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ  
[www.NewProvidenceHistorical.com](http://www.NewProvidenceHistorical.com) 908-665-1034

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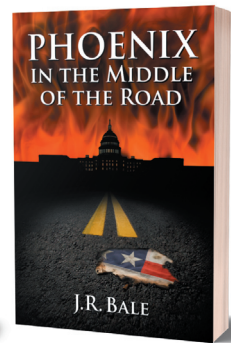
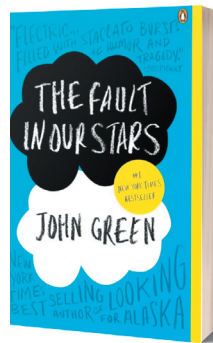


# 2021 Fall Book Giveaway!

Periodically, we give away books to subscribers. This fall, we offer a choice of the following books to the winner of the 2021 Fall Book Giveaway: *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green, *The Weight of Living* by Michael Daigle, or *Phoenix in the Middle of the Road* by J.R. Bale.

If you're not a subscriber yet, you can sign up before October 31, 2021 to qualify.

Encourage your book-loving friends to sign up too. If they win, maybe they'll loan you the book. Sign up at [BookLoversDispatch.com](http://BookLoversDispatch.com).



## Upcoming Book Events

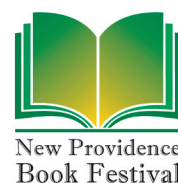
**September 11, 2021**  
Saturday, 9AM - 5PM

**Belvidere Heritage Day (Authors Grove)**  
Belvidere, NJ  
[www.belvidereheritage.com](http://www.belvidereheritage.com)



**September 18, 2021**  
Sunday, 9AM - 3PM

**New Providence Book Festival**  
Salt Box Museum,  
1350 Springfield Avenue, New Providence, NJ  
[www.newprovidencebookfestival.com](http://www.newprovidencebookfestival.com)



**September 24-26, 2021**  
Saturday & Sunday

**Bucks County BookFest**  
Doylestown, PA  
[www.bucksbookfest.org](http://www.bucksbookfest.org)



**October 2, 2021**  
Saturday, 10AM - 4PM

**Collingswood Book Festival**  
Collingswood, NJ  
[www.collingswoodbookfestival.com](http://www.collingswoodbookfestival.com)



**October 8 & 9, 2021**  
Friday, Saturday

**Morristown Festival of Books**  
Morristown, NJ  
[www.morristownbooks.org](http://www.morristownbooks.org)



**November 12 & 13, 2021**  
Friday, Saturday

**Boonton Books & Beyond Festival**  
Boonton, NJ  
[www.boonton.org/670/Boonton-Book-Festival](http://www.boonton.org/670/Boonton-Book-Festival)



**November 12 & 13, 2021**  
Friday, Saturday

**Indie Author Day**  
(nationwide)  
[www.indieauthorday.com](http://www.indieauthorday.com)

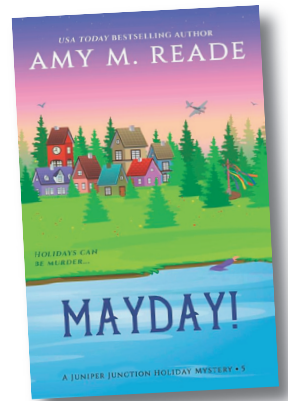


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# Recent Book Releases

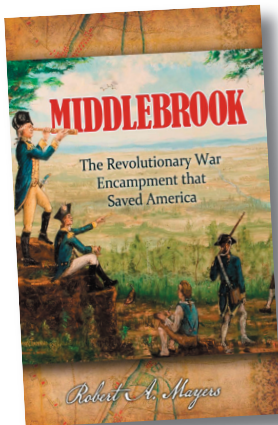
## MayDay!

Amy Reade launches the fifth book in her Juniper Junction series: Lilly Carlsen has planned the perfect wedding reception for her brother, but her plans unravel when a dead body turns up and a prank spirals out of control. Will the happy couple head off to their honeymoon, Lilly determines to find out who was behind the events that turned a fairy-tale evening into the worst reception in Juniper Junction history. All is not as it seems. Lilly puts herself in danger trying to uncover the culprits. Making matters worse, serious family issues mount and Lilly may have to do the one thing she swore she wouldn't do. Learn more at [amymreade.com](http://amymreade.com).



## Middlebrook: The Revolutionary War Encampment that Saved America

Unlike Valley Forge and Jockey Hollow, which are familiar to most school children, the Middlebrook encampments by Washington's army have been largely neglected by history. The highlands and surrounding valleys of this natural fortress were the location of two major encampments of Washington's Continental Army—a harrowing seven weeks during the early summer of 1777, and during the entire winter of 1778-1779. Bob Mayers explores the tactics and personalities of these events which contributed to the forming of our nation. This is Bob Mayer's fifth book on the American Revolution. Learn more at [revolutionarydetective.com](http://revolutionarydetective.com)



## My Pilot

Sarajane Giere offers a uniquely intimate glimpse into the life of a military wife as she tells the story of her fighter pilot husband, Bernie, a Vietnam Veteran who flew 214 combat missions in the Vietnam War and served twenty-five years in the Air National Guard's world-class 106th Rescue Wing. With searing love and explicit honesty, she recounts the terror of the Vietnam years and the lifelong sacrifices that affected her pilot's life and death. In the telling, she honors her husband, family and their extended military community. Learn more at [sarajanegiere.com](http://sarajanegiere.com)

