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**15th Annual**

# **BOWLING**

**For Pride**

**Saturday January 28th**

**Poelking Lanes**

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# Calendar of Events

Jan. 01, 2023		New Year's Day	
Jan. 01, 2023	12:00 PM	Drag Queen Brunch Buffet	Zen Lounge
Jan. 02, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jan. 03, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jan. 06, 2023	6:00 PM	Center Monthly Board Meeting	Center
Jan. 15, 2023	6:00 PM	Begin "2023 PRIDE" Planning	Center
Jan. 09, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jan. 10, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jan. 10, 2023	7:00 PM	PFLAG Monthly Meeting	Center/ZOOM
Jan. 12, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Jan. 11, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jan. 16, 2023		Martin Luther King Day	
Jan. 16, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jan. 17, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jan. 17, 2023	7:00 PM	Gatlyn Dame Group	Zoom
Jan. 19, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Jan. 23, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jan. 24, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Jan. 25, 2023	7:00 PM	Pozitive Attitudes	Center
Jan. 26, 2023	7:00 PM	Yoga At The Center	Center
Jan. 27, 2023		International Holocaust Remembrance Day	
Jan. 28, 2023	1:00 PM	Bowling For PRIDE	Poelking Lanes
Jan. 29, 2023	7:00 PM	LGBTQ AA Meeting	Center
Jan. 31, 2023	6:00 PM	Men's Dining	Spaghetti Warehouse
Feb. 01, 2023		First Day Of Black History Month	

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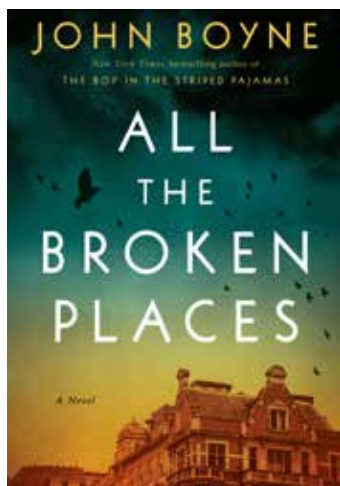
# Book Reviews

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"All the Broken Places" by John Boyne c.2022, Pamela Dorman Books  
\$28.00 400 pages



It shall not pass your lips. No, That Thing You Do Not Talk About is off-limits in all conversation, a non-topic when the subject surfaces. Truly, there are just certain things that are nobody's business and in the new novel, **"All the Broken Places" by John Boyne**, some secrets must last a lifetime. She hated the idea that she would have to adjust to new neighbors.

Ninety-one-year-old Gretel Fernsby wasn't so much bothered by new *people*, as she was by new *noise*. She hated the

thought of inuring herself to new sounds, and what if the new tenants had children? That was the worst of all. Gretel never was much one for children, not her own and certainly not any living below her.

Once, there was a time when Gretel could imagine herself with many children. That was nearly eighty years ago, when she was in love with her father's driver, Kurt. She thought about Kurt through the years – he had fallen out of favor with her father, and was sent elsewhere – and she wondered if he survived the war.

Her father didn't, nor did her younger brother but Gretel didn't think about those things. What happened at the "other place" was not her fault.

She hadn't known. She was innocent.

That was what she told herself as she and her mother fled to Paris. Gretel was fifteen then, and she worked hard to get rid of her German accent but not everyone was fooled by her bad French or her story. She was accosted, hated. As soon as her


mother died, she sailed to Australia, where she lived with a woman who loved other women, until it became dangerous there, too. She practiced her English and moved to London where she was married, widowed, and now she had to get used to new neighbors and new sounds and new ways for old secrets to sneak into a conversation...

Okay, clear your calendar. Get “All the Broken Places” and just don’t make any plans, other than to read and read and read.

The very first impression you get of author John Boyne’s main character, Gretel, is that she’s grumpy, awful, and nasty. With the many *bon mots* she drops, however, the feeling passes and it’s sometimes easy to almost *like* her – although it’s clear that she’s done some vile things in her lifetime, things that emerge slowly as the horror of her story dawns. Then again, she professes to dislike children, but (no spoilers here!) she doesn’t, not really, and that makes her seem like someone’s sweet old grandmother. ‘Tis a conundrum.

Don’t let that fool you, though. Boyne has a number of Gretel-sized roadside bombs planted along the journey that is this book. Each *ka-boom* will hit your heart a little harder.

This is a somewhat-sequel to “The Boy in the Striped Pajamas,” but you can read it alone. Do, and when you finish, you’ll want to immediately read it again, to savor anew. Indeed, “All the Broken Places” should not pass your fingertips.



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# Choose a book for your 2023 reading/gift list

It is time to take down the tree, pack away all the decorations and finally settle into the regular routine now that the holidays are behind us. Now what? How about a book, why not look for these great books...

## FICTION

Lovers of fantasy stories will love unwrapping **“Illuminations” by Alan Moore**, a collection of short-stories with an underlying theme of comics and the industry. Perfect for the young gamer or comix reader.

For the giftee who likes novels with a twist, wrap up **“The Storyteller’s Death” by Ann Davila Cardinal**. It’s the tale of a girl who learns, at age 18, that she’s a “storyteller,” which is something that’s passed down through the women of her family. But this blessing turns out to be a curse when she “sees” a murder that happened long ago. Pair it up with **“The Strange Inheritance of Leah Fern” by Rita Zoey Chin**, also a story of a young “fortune teller” and a vision she may or may not have wanted.

The person on your list who loves to people-watch and connect with, well, *everybody* will want **“Iona Iverson’s Rules for Commuting” by Clare Pooley**. It’s the story of an advice columnist who amuses herself during her commute by watching the other people on the train – until the day something happens and commuters suddenly become something more.

Pair it with **“Has Anyone Seen My Toes?” by Christopher Buckley**, a hilarious novel about life during a the pandemic when one’s health is the least of one’s worries.

If you’ve got a historical fiction lover on your gift list this year, then wrap up **“A Woman of Endurance” by Dahlma Llanos-Figueroa**. It’s the tale of an African woman who’s captured and sent to a plantation in Puerto Rico for the sole purpose of having babies that are always taken from her immediately after they’re born. How she survives and heals is part of this book’s appeal.

## MYSTERY

The person on your list who is Of a Certain Age will absolutely love getting **“Killers of a Certain Age” by Deanna Raybourn**. It’s a thriller-mystery about four women who’ve worked as assassins for decades but suddenly, everyone thinks their methods are outdated. They’re sent “on vacation” but it’s really no vacation. How do they get out alive?

Lovers of short mysteries will love to find **“Reader, I Buried Them and Other Stories” by Peter Lovesey**. This book, in celebration of Lovesey’s more-than-fifty years of mystery-writing, is full of mayhem, murder, and you know your giftee will want it.

## GENERAL NONFICTION

The reader who wants a little diversity in their selection will love **“Latino Almanac: From Early Explorers to Corporate Leaders” by Nicolas Kanellos, PhD**. It’s a book that’s absolutely *filled* with mini-biographies of Latino luminaries, heroes, and inspirations, and it’s perfect for any reader age 14 and up. Pair it with **“Indigenous Firsts: A History of**

**Native American Achievements and Events” by Yvonne Wakim Dennis, Arlene Hirschfelder, and Paulette F. Molin.** It’s a book that’s filled with fast facts about the achievements of indigenous Americans.

**MEMOIR**

The music lover on your gift list will absolutely want **“Loud” by Tana Douglas.** It’s a memoir of rock & roll, working with the band (Douglas was the rock world’s first female roadie) and yep, there’s plenty of behind-the-scenes. Your giftee won’t be able to resist. Another adventure to find: **“Life on the Mississippi: An Epic American Adventure” by Rinker Buck.** The author built an old-time wooden flatboat and sailed it down the Miss. You can’t miss what happened then...

For the reader who loves a sweeping, but differently-told life story, **“I Always Knew: A Memoir” by Barbara Chase-Riboud** might be just right. This is the story of author and artist Chase-Riboud, as told through a series of letters written to her mother. It showcases not only Chase-Riboud’s life, but also her works, and the many people she met along the way. Wrap it up with **“Seven Aunts” by Staci Lola Drouillard,** a book about the author’s far-flung, but very beloved, aunties and the ways they held the family together.

The Hollywood watcher on your list will be so happy to receive **“Garcelle: Love Me as I Am” by Garcelle Beauvais with Nicole E. Smith,** a biography of the life, work, and Beauvais struggles and triumphs. Wrap it up with another great Hollywood memoir: **“Waxing On: The Karate Kid and Me” by Ralph Macchio.**

More from Hollywood: won’t your giftee love opening **“No Filter” by supermodel Paulina Porizkova,** or **“Don Rickles: The Merchant of Venice” by Michael Seth Starr?** So many gifts, so little time...

And for the art lover, put **“Con/Artist: The Life and Crimes of the World’s Greatest Art Forger” by Tony Tetro and Giampiero Ambrosi** beneath the tree and paint your giftee very happy.

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES**

The activist in your life will be very happy with **“The White Allies Handbook” by Lecia Michelle.** Yes, it’s a book meant to teach white readers how to eliminate racism within their own lives, but it’s also a good way to learn to help friends who are working on it. Wrap it up with **“No Justice, No Peace” by Devin Allen, with images by Gordon Parks.** It’s a book that’s filled with inspirations messages and pictures from 60 years of activism.

For the reader – male or female – who’s interested in the culture of manhood, you’ll want to wrap up **“Patriarchy Blues” by Frederick Joseph.** It’s a collection of essays, poetry, and reflections on what it means to be a man today.

Readers of any age will enjoy unwrapping **“Originals! Black Women Breaking Barriers” by Jessie Carney Smith, PhD.** It’s a fascinating (and browse-able!) collection of mini-biographies about Black women who changed the world. Pair it with **“Ride or Die” by Shanita Hubbard,** a “feminist manifesto” for Black women and slip **“Black Women Will**



**Save the World” by April Ryan** (yes, the journalist April Ryan) into the package, too.

The restless person who longs for the meaning of home will want to have **“The Long Road Home: On Blackness and Belonging” by Debra Thompson** beneath the tree. It’s a book with one foot in America, one foot in Canada, and a search for place between them. Wrap it up with **“Fruit Punch” by Kendra Allen**, a coming-of-age memoir about growing up a woman in the South.

The historian on your gift list will want to see **“The Grimkes: The Legacy of Slavery in An American Family” by Kerri K. Greenidge**. It’s a sweeping, huge and detailed story of two slave-owning sisters who became fierce abolitionists, and the legacy they left to the Black people to whom they were related. Pair it with a good bookmark; your giftee will be happy to see that, too.

## FOR LGBTQ READERS

### Novels

For the person on your list who loves dark, gothic romancey-mysteries, wrap up **“Mourning Light” by Richard Goodkin**. It’s the story of a man who can’t let go of the guilt he feels since his lover died. Coincidentally, that death happened on the exact same day he met another man that he can’t stop thinking about.

### Nonfiction

The person on your gift list who loves a good memoir will want to read **“A Place Called Home” by David Ambroz**. It’s a tale of homelessness, foster care, coming out, and how sheer determination put that all in one man’s past.

If there’s someone on your gift list who made a difficult decision this year, **“Families We Keep” by Rin Reczek and Emma Bosley-Smith** is a book to *carefully* wrap up. It’s a look at LGBTQ individuals who have decided to stick with their families, though there may continue to be a struggle for acceptance or a total lack of it. It means work, and this book might help.

Know your giftee well before giving this book.

Until recently, there really haven’t been a lot of books about bisexuality, which is why you might want to give **“Bi: The Hidden Culture, History, and Science of Bisexuality” by Julia Shaw** to someone special. There’s a lot to know about the subject, from genetics to legalities, celebrities to monogamy.

The trans reader on your gift list will want to own **“Fat, Crazy, and Tired: Tales from the Trenches of Transformation” by podcaster Van Lathan**, who writes that being fat was harder than being Black. Needless to say, this book is funny and inspirational, and your giftee will love it. Pair it with **“Side Effects: On Being Trans and Feeling Bad” by Hil Malatino**. If your giftee sometimes struggles, this book is great acknowledgement.



For the reader who loves history, **“The Women’s House of Detention”** by **Hugh Ryan** could be the perfect gift this year. It’s the story of a prison in New York’s Greenwich Village which, for nearly 45 years, was the landing place / home / jail for thousands and thousands of women, gender-nonconforming people, and transgender men. Angela Davis was there. So was Afeni Shakur.

## HEALTH, DEATH, AND GRIEVING

For the person who hates to exercise, hates eating healthy (let’s face it) and stresses about it all, you can’t go wrong with **“The Gospel of Wellness: Gyms, Gurus, Goop, and the False Promise of Self-Care”** by **Rina Raphael**. Doesn’t that title say it all? Wrap it up with **“A Life in Light: Meditations on Impermanence”** by **Mary Pipher**, a book about aging, losing, and knowing that life goes on.

Your giftee who’s struggling with a diagnosis that’s not yet determined may want to read **“Inside the Orphan Drug Revolution”** by **James A. Geraghty**. It’s a book about rare diseases and how modern medicine is in the midst of a revolution in care. *Beware* before you give this book, but it may be the perfect thing for the right person. Wrap it up with **“This Boy We Made”** by **Taylor Harris**, the story of Harris’s son, and a little boy’s health mystery. Your giftee who’s grieving might also appreciate **“After Affects”** by **Andrea Giliat**, on various kinds of grief. Happy Reading!



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December 15th, 2022, Our Friends at Equality Ohio wrote:

Late last night in the final hours of the House session, House Bill 151, the most recent vehicle for a ban on transgender girl athletes in school sports, was voted down on the House floor. HB 151 made humiliating national headlines in June, when Representative Powell added a ban on transgender girls playing sports with “proof” of gender via genital inspections into an unrelated, uncontroversial bill without notice on the House floor. In the last two weeks—in an attempt to save face but preserve the cruelty—the genital inspection language had been replaced with equally exclusionary language that created a blanket ban on transgender girls by adding a birth certificate verification process. Ultimately, a new amendment passed on the Senate floor coupled pieces of the ban with 2000+ pages of other large changes to Ohio’s education system. Thankfully, the gigantic amendment—including the anti-trans sports language—was voted down by the House in its entirety.

Alana Jochum, Executive Director of Equality Ohio, said about the victory, “I cannot begin to express my gratitude to the hundreds of community members and advocates who stood up for the rights of all transgender youth to participate in all parts of life as whole people, including sports, just like everyone else. Today is a day to celebrate that transgender Ohioans can continue to play sports with their friends and teammates. To our transgender youth: We see you, we love you, and we will always have your back.”

“The ACLU of Ohio is relieved, for every transgender and gender-nonconforming child in this state, that early this morning the Ohio House rejected HB 151,” said Sean McCann from ACLU of Ohio. “We celebrate the fact that trans athletes woke up this morning and found out they can continue to play their favorite sports. Their courage, and the courage of their families, has been so inspiring to watch. It is because of their tireless, courageous advocacy at the Statehouse and elsewhere that this hateful bill did not make it to the Governor’s desk. The ACLU of Ohio will always stand with trans and gender non-conforming youth, and we will continue to be vigilant and prepared to fight against future attacks on their right to exist as their authentic selves.”

“We are grateful that members of the Ohio legislature saw this legislation for what it is: discrimination. All children deserve to have the same positive, affirming, and formative experiences as their peers, and those who tirelessly fought against yet another extremist attack made it clear that our most vulnerable youth deserve to be seen, heard, and protected.” Sarah Warbelow, Human Rights Campaign Legal Director.

# GayDaytonMap



18 +	18 and Up	E	Other Entertainment	N/H	Neighborhood
A	Alternative	F	Food	S	Strippers
AH	After Hours	G/S	Gay/Straight	T	Mature
C	Country	K	Karaoke	V	Video
D	Dance	L	Leather	W	Women
DG	Drag	M	Men	Y	Young

1. Argo's, 301 Mabel Street 252-2976 (M,L,E,S)
2. Evolution, 130 N Patterson 203-2582 (18+,Y,G/S,D,E,V,DG)
3. MJ's on Jefferson, 20 N. Jefferson 223-7340 (18+,F,M,D,S,E,DG,V,K)
4. Right Corner, 105 E. Third St 228-2033 (NH,M,T,E)
5. Stage Door, 44 N. Jefferson St 223-7418 (M,L,C,K,T,NH,E)
6. Natalie Clifford Barney Historical Marker
7. The Greater Dayton LGBT Center, 24 N. Jefferson 274-1776

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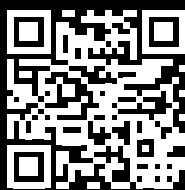
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