



BOOKS IN THE BOTTOMS — MEET THE AUTHORS

MARCH FIRST FESTIVAL WEEKEND 2019

West Bottoms' Books in the Bottoms Event brings Stories to the Stores

Meet and greet KC area authors at First Friday Weekend March 1-3

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, February 27, 2019 – The popular **Books in the Bottoms** event in the Historic West Bottoms has returned for a fourth year. Local authors will be located inside stores around the West Bottoms to greet First Festival Weekend shoppers and share their stories.

Participating authors will represent a range of fiction and non-fiction genre, including science fiction, fantasy and the supernatural, children's books, thrillers, and history-based fiction. Nonfiction genres include historical, cooking and crime writing. Some of the Kansas City-area featured authors include: Jen Mann, Sally Berneathy, Darlene Deluca, Les Lynam, Greg Gildersleeve, W.H. Mitchell, Aaron Hollingsworth, Diane Rogers, Kris Bryant, K.B. Draper, James Bengler, Paul Goldman, Pepper North, and Rachel Ellyn.

The free, three-day West Bottoms First Friday Weekend averages around 20,000 visitors looking for vintage, antique and one-of-a-kind statement pieces and fun finds. The first weekend adds options beyond the cafés to include the Food Truck Wine and Dine favorites. The area's six-blocks of multi-story buildings makes it the largest indoor, year-round antique and vintage district in the country.

"The creativity in Kansas City is over-flowing, so it is no surprise we are able to gather so many talented authors," said Amber Arnett-Bequeath, VP of the West Bottoms Business District. "People are looking for unique experiences that are worth writing about and sharing with others. The West Bottoms' First Festival offers a fun place to shop and the rare chance to actually meet and interact with authors."

West Bottom's First Festival Weekend

Opens Friday through Sunday - Shops Open around 9 A.M. and Sunday opens at noon

Food Truck Wine & Dine

Available Friday, Saturday and Sunday, off the 12th St. Bridge

About the West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District:

The West Bottoms Historic Entertainment District has more than thirty-five stores in a six-block area. Many of the large, multi-story buildings off the 12th Street Bridge offer several floors of vintage and antique finds. The District is the destination for interior decorators and designers, collectors and consumers seeking stylish décor and gift options that have a history and patina that cannot be duplicated. westbottoms.com



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FEATURED AUTHORS:

Jen Mann is best known for her wildly popular and hysterical blog *People I Want to Punch in the Throat*. She has been described by many as Erma Bombeck—with f-bombs. Jen is known for her hilarious rants and funny observations on everything from parenting to gift giving to celebrity behavior to politics to Elves on Shelves. She does not suffer fools lightly. Jen is the author of the New York Times bestseller *People I Want to Punch in the Throat: Competitive Crafters, Drop-Off Despots, and Other Suburban Scourges* which was a Finalist for a Goodreads Reader's Choice Award. Her latest book is *My Lame Life: Queen of the Misfits*, her first fiction book for young adults. She is also the mastermind behind the New York Times bestselling *I Just Want to Pee Alone* series.



Sally Berneathy grew up in a small, rural town in Southeastern Oklahoma with a family full of storytellers. Sally has two ongoing 'cozy' mystery series called, "Death by Chocolate," and "Charley's Ghost." The first book in each series is a USA Today Bestseller. Also, she previously sold fifteen romance novels ranging from comedy to dark suspense. For those novels, she won multiple awards, including: National Readers' Choice, Romantic Times Best Silhouette Romance, and two Rita finalist slots. Aside from writing, Sally enjoys reading, eating chocolate, and riding her Harley. For more information, visit sallyberneathy.com



Darlene Deluca has seven published novels focused on contemporary romance and women's fiction. She likes to explore relationships – what brings people together or keeps them apart. She brings life's interesting characters that readers can relate to in real-life situations that combine a little fun, plenty of drama, tears, and big helpings of friendship, love and self-discovery. Her stories leave you either cheering or sighing with a satisfied smile as you turn the final page. Darlene has been a reader and writer since childhood. With a degree in Journalism, she started her career as a newspaper reporter. She writes day or night, whenever the words/mood/deadlines strike, and almost always has a cup of tea and a bit of dark chocolate nearby!



Les Lynam was born in Creston, Iowa, into a farming family,



which also included an older brother and two older sisters. He took an early retirement on December 31, 2011 to pursue his lifelong dream of writing Science Fiction. His premier novels, "...Before You Leap" and "...Saves Nine", were first published in 2014 followed by "...In One Basket" in 2015. A fourth book in the "Time Will Tell" series will be published in 2019. His favorite sub-genre of Science Fiction is Time-Travel, with Martian Colonies a close second. He has one son and three grandchildren.

Greg Gildersleeve grew up in the northwestern corner of Missouri, where comic books caught his eye at a young age. Flash forward x-number of years. Greg has published a comic book, *GOLD DUST* (2005), a novella, *FALSE ALARM* (2015), and a novel, *THE POWER CLUB* (2017), which shows what a lifetime of reading comics (or reading anything) will do to you. In addition to writing, Greg teaches full time at an online university. He lives in the KC area, where he hangs around too many coffee shops, listens to classic and modern rock, and daydreams a lot.



William H Mitchell - Born and raised in Omaha, W. H. Mitchell has called Kansas City his home for more than a decade. He is the author of the space opera series *The Imperium Chronicles*, including *The Arks of Andromeda* and *The Dragons of Andromeda*. With dark, dry humor, he explores the hubris of humanity through palace intrigues, mega-corporations, and occasionally confused robots. He has also written a humor book based on his tweets called *A Little of Me Goes a Long Way*, and a comic strip, *A Frog Named Moss*. For more information, visit WHMitchellFiction.com



Aaron Hollingsworth writes science fantasy and weird fiction, and develops Pathfinder-related game supplements for publishers such as Purple Duck Games and Total Party Kill Games. His fiction works include the *Four Winds-One Storm* series, as well as *The Apothecary of Mantua* novella, and other collections of short stories. Writing influences include the works of Garth Ennis, Kazuo Koike, Clark Ashton Smith, Jim Butcher, and H.P. Lovecraft. Aaron lives in Kansas City with his wife, Stephanie, and their two sons. He invites readers to visit: aaronhollingsworth.com





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Diane Rogers was born on the Jersey Shore and spent much of her youth on the beach, but for the past 20+ years she has lived in the Kansas City area. Diane has always loved the Old West and the history of the Civil War. Her favorite movie is "Dances with Wolves," which was an inspiration for the first book in her WHITE OAKS SERIES, TOMORROW'S PROMISE: Survival on the Plains. Diane hopes to inspire young people with her books and stir adults to discover things they might never have learned or have forgotten. With tales of the Wild West, the Civil War, and the Indian Wars, history comes alive with each page turned. For more information, visit dlrogersbooks.com



Kris Bryant is a contemporary romance writer for Bold Strokes Books. She lives in Kansas City, Missouri where she spends most of her time binge watching TV shows during the winter, and going to the lake during the summer. She enjoys traveling, reading, writing poetry, and hanging out with her world-famous fur baby, Molly. Kris is a Lambda Literary and Goldie Awards finalist who is currently working on her next novel. For more information, visit krisbryant.net



K.B. Draper discovered a talent for storytelling after partaking enthusiastically from a bottle of cheap wine at a Christmas party. Having been regaled with failed stories of love throughout the evening, a friend stated, "You're funny, you should write a book". And so the idea stuck. K.B.'s first book, The U-haul Diary is a comedic, completely one-sided, retelling of her adventures in dating and of the women who moved in and out of her life ... and house. Finding writing is cheaper than therapy, K.B. ventured into fiction where she now writes about quick-witted, reluctant sheroms, who find themselves in a variety of situations. Check out the Kanyon and Daylen Series or AJ in the Demons Series. In summary, K.B. Draper is not a classically trained writer, but she fakes it pretty okay and hopefully inspires a few chuckles along the way.



James Bengler is a father, husband and writer. His work has been featured in several publications. He is the author of two fiction ebooks: Flight 776 (2012) and Jack of Diamonds (2013), two chapbooks of poetry: As I Watch You Fade (EMP 2016) and You've Heard It All Before (GigaPoem 2017), and one split book of poetry with Jason Baldinger, Little Fires Hiding (Kung Fu Treachery Press 2018). He is a member of the Riverfront Readings Committee, and is on the Board of Directors of The Writers Place in Kansas



City. He is the founder of the 365 Poems In 365 Days online poetry workshop and is Editor In Chief of the subsequent anthology series. He lives in Kansas City with his wife and children.

Paul Goldman is an author and poet who breathes life into truth. Through his involvement with the ManKind Project®, he has crafted a mission statement for his creative process: "I create an awakened joyful planet by living...loving...breathing and speaking my truth." Paul's latest full-length poetry collection, Silence Speaks, from GenZ Publishing (Aberdeen, NJ) was published in 2018. His fourth poetry collection, the chapbook, Shades Of Darkness Open The Blinds, 2017(Calliope Club Press, Blue Springs, MO) explored both the light and darkness apparent in our politically charged society. In addition to producing a Spoken Word CD Wild Joy Released: The Ecstatic Poetry of Paul Goldman (2010), Paul has authored three Ecstatic Poetry editions: Wild Joy: Ruminations (2010 River Sanctuary Publishing, Felten CA), Journey Into Oneness (2011 O-Books, London England) and Upon Your Canvas (2015 River Sanctuary Publishing, Felten CA).



Pepper North is an indie author whose erotic romances have won the hearts of many loyal readers. After publishing her first book, Zoey: Dr. Richards' Littles 1 on Amazon in July 2017, she now has thirty-seven books available on Amazon in four series with one series widely available on Smashwords, Kobo, & Barnes and Noble She is one of Amazon's Most Popular Erotic Authors, rising as high as 4th in the top 100 and is a PAN (Professional Authors Network) member of the RWA (Romance Writers of America). She credits her success to her amazing fans, the support of the writing community, and her dedication to writing.



Rachel Ellyn - With degrees in Finance and Economics, Rachel found wonderful success in the business world, which took her I.T. and financial process consulting international. However, with her mind focused on business, and with the lack of training and mentoring in her personal life, marriage success eluded her. After foraging on a path of self-awareness and exploration with a determination to avoid repeating patterns again, she found the key to relationship bliss. Now, combining her passion for writing and storytelling with her skills, knowledge, and drive that led to her business acclaim, Rachel shares her off beat take on the world, and her findings where life, love, divorce, and children are concerned. Rachel is determined to be a publicist's nightmare by writing in multiple genres including children's fiction, flash fiction, romance, and suspense/thriller. After multiple divorces, she is now happily married and lives in the Kansas City Metropolitan area enjoying the household noise of her soon-to-be empty nest. Find out more at www.rachelellyn.com





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Event Schedule:

Location	Address	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Alley Cat	1501 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64101		Pepper North 11:00a – 1:00p	
Bella Patina	1320 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64101	Darlene Deluca 10:00a – 3:00p		
Designer Consignment	1324 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64101		W.H. Mitchell	
Designer Events KC	1409 W 11th st, second floor, Kansas City, MO 64101		Paul Goldman 10:00a – 2:00p	Paul Goldman 12:00p – 3:00p
Dusted Attic	Hickory St., 64102 Kansas City		Aaron Hollingsworth	Rachel Ellyn
Good JuJu	1420 W 13th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64101		Sally Berneathy	
Nook & Cranny	1400 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64016		Diane Rogers	Greg Gildersleeve
Red Shed	1403 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO 64101	Paul Goldman 12:00p – 3:00p		Diane Rogers
Robin's Nest	1413 W 11th St, Kansas City, MO 64101		Kris Bryant K.B. Draper	Aaron Hollingsworth
Rustic Vintage Rose	1405 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64102		Greg Gildersleeve	
Serendipity	1409 W 11th st, Kansas City, MO 64101		Jen Mann 10:00a – 1:00p	W.H. Mitchell
Sincerely Ellis	1409 W 11th St, Kansas City, MO 64101	Pepper North 11:00a – 1:00p		Les Lynam 11:00a – 1:00p
Stuffology	1323 W 13th St, Kansas City, MO 64102	Rachel Ellyn		
Ugly Glass	1285 Hickory St, Kansas City, MO 64102			James Berger