

A Conversation with owner of Beacon Hill Books, Melissa Fetter

16:30:40	From Sharon Silva : Hello!
16:30:44	From Sarah Bryan To All Panelists : Hi Hayley!
16:30:46	From Jamie Cronin To All Panelists : Hello
16:30:50	From Lisa Kimmence : Hi Hayley and everyone! Can't wait to see you
Sunday!	
16:30:54	From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : Hello!!
16:31:02	From Claudia Guaita : Hi Hayley
16:31:05	From Cristina Badalotti To All Panelists : Hi everyone 🥰
16:31:07	From Pamela Fernandez To All Panelists : So excited!
16:31:10	From Shari Harper To All Panelists : Hi everyone. Greetings from
Virginia.	
16:31:10	From Claudia Guaita : So excited to be here
16:31:11	From Audrey Stewart : Hi everyone!
16:31:21	From Hannah Whittaker To All Panelists : Just a few more days!
16:31:23	From Lynette Strohbach : Hi Hayley and everyone!
16:31:30	From Becca Odell : Hi y'all!
16:31:35	From Amy Cox To All Panelists: Good Evening, Hayley and kindred
spirits 💕	
16:31:35	From Jane Armour To All Panelists : Hello all!
16:31:43	From Kim Urband : Hi Everyone!
16:32:03	From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : Yay!! CT girl too!



16:32:17	From Susan Sprinkle To All Panelists : Hi — so happy to be here!
Loving Hayle	ey's sweater.
16:32:20	From Leslie DiMascio To All Panelists : Greetings from Pasadena
16:33:55	From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : It was a wonderful place to
spend weeker	nd ls in my childhood in Boston
16:35:38	From Lisa Gearman : My daughter and I fell in love with Beacon Hill
Books when	we traveled to Boston in autumn of 2022. So amazing!
16:36:12	From Claudia Guaita : I would love to see this place
16:36:14	From Claudia Guaita : Yes, do
16:36:32	From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : Beautiful
16:36:35	From Jennifer Lally: I visited on a rainy day in May 2023, and it was the
stuff of drean	ns!
16:37:36	From Lynn Severance : Oh, how invitingone could really get 'lost' there!
16:38:35	From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : It looks amazing
16:38:41	From Amy Cox: Oh my gracious, so charming, meaning and beautiful
16:38:41	From Bree Borkowski To All Panelists : Beautiful!
16:38:53	From Claudia Guaita : WOw that is amazing
16:39:02	From Christine Edwards: What a beautiful bookstore. Can't wait to be
there in person next week!	
16:39:09	From Susan Sprinkle : Magical!
16:39:12	From Lynette Strohbach : So cozy!
16:39:17	From JulieAnn Smith : Gorgeous
16:39:17	From Claudia Guaita : So jealous Christine
16:39:30	From JulieAnn Smith : I grew up in CT!



16:39:58	From Julianne Lawrence To All Panelists : Stunning! A dream
16:40:02	From Janice Woodward To All Panelists : So inviting.
16:40:31	From Amy Cox : Just gorgeous~ I am so thrilled for all of you going on
the journey and that you will be able to visit this beautiful place!	
16:40:38	From Lisa Kimmence : I can't wait to visit on Tuesday! I have a
reservation t	o have lunch in the cafe. Can't wait!
16:41:07	From Heidi Thibodeau : Lucky you, Lisa! I waited too long to make a
reservation,	and they were all booked!
16:41:13	From Diana Nixon To All Panelists : Simply spectacular! Love visiting
from LA!!	
16:41:19	From JulieAnn Smith : It is lovely
16:41:45	From Lisa Kimmence : Heidi, I made a reservation for one. Perhaps you'll
be able to sit	with me?? We'll find out!
16:41:48	From Claudia Guaita : All of you going, keep us posted please I
couldn't make it happen due to conflicting agenda	
16:41:49	From Diana Kornfeld To All Panelists : I love this!
16:41:51	From Julianne Lawrence : That's incredible!
16:42:02	From Heidi Thibodeau : Would love to!!
16:42:11	From Jamie Cronin To All Panelists : So lovely! I can't wait to visit
sometime in the future!	
16:42:13	From Diana Kornfeld : I love it!
16:42:19	From Rae Reyes To All Panelists : Hi! Will there be a recording of this
webinar? I would love to go back to look at the dreamy images of the bookstore again!	



16:42:57	From Christine Edwards : I made a reservation for two at 12:30 pm -
sitting outside (inside was full). If anyone wants to join me, let me know. Christine	
16:42:59	From Lisa Gearman : You will want to redecorate your home once you've
been there	
16:43:14	From Becca Odell : May we please ask Melissa how she came to know (and
love) Perseph	one Books?
16:43:57	From Susan Sprinkle : Becca, yes, great question!
16:44:03	From Kim Urband : I would love to join you, Christine.
16:44:29	From Christine Edwards : Great Kim - we will hook up in Concord and
Boston!	
16:44:47	From Kim Urband : Perfectthank you!
16:48:33	From Lynn Ann Jackson To All Panelists : Persephone books!!
16:48:45	From Kirsten Fargotstein To All Panelists : Would you ever consider
expanding Beacon Hill bookstores to other cities? I'm in Arizona and I feel like we are	
losing boutique bookstores like this which is so sad.	
16:49:13	From Kirsten Fargotstein To All Panelists: East coast seems to have so

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16:50:17 From Lynn Ann Jackson To All Panelists : Can we call and order them from you?

16:52:28 From Pamela Fernandez To All Panelists : do you offer shipping? I'm afraid I will buy too much and my suitcase has no room coming home!

16:53:31 From Cathy Westerhold: Can you talk a little about how you decorate for Christmas and if you do special events in the shop?



16:54:54 From Pamela Fernandez To All Panelists : Expand the bookstore and open a B&B next door...

16:55:41 From Jennifer Lally: and the tote bag!:)

16:57:42 From Belinda Riffenburg To All Panelists : Where can we find the Persephone books listed online?

16:58:08 From Amy Cox: I would love to hear about your children's section and things and other ways you help foster their love of reading...

16:58:53 From Cathy Westerhold : Do you have a good selection of England books? We are a bunch of Anglophiles. \bigcirc

17:00:01 From Amy Cox : Oh how absolutely magical!

17:00:41 From Pamela Fernandez To All Panelists : i'm afraid we will all feel like kids in your bookstore

17:01:19 From Elaina Vazquez To All Panelists : Can you talk about the cafe and your chef? And afternoon tea service

17:03:06 From Lisa Gearman : Yes - please keep it unique!

17:03:08 From Kirsten Fargotstein To All Panelists: Would you say you have to have considerable capital to start a bookstore like Beacon Hill? Asking for aspiring bookstore owners:-)

17:03:21 From Amy Cox: Thank you so much for such a beautiful answer...I can only imagine how many hearts you are touching each day, spurring them on in story and learning.

17:04:15 From Claudia Guaita : Makes me think of the LIttle Shop Around the Corner, in You've got Mail.... on how special it is...

17:04:35 From JulieAnn Smith To All Panelists : @Claudia- yes!



17:05:08	From JulieAnn Smith : I love Knotting Hill
17:06:05	From Lynette Strohbach : The afternoon tea sounds wonderful!
17:06:21	From JulieAnn Smith : yes it does!
17:07:15	From Julianne Lawrence : So inspirational.
17:07:21	From Kim Urband : How encouragingthank you!
17:07:38	From Karen Mikoll To All Panelists : You are a remarkable woman &
have created something so special! I look forward to visiting!	
17:07:43	From Brenda Tate : This sounds incredible. wow!
17:08:11	From Claudia Guaita : I want to go to Boston now just for the store!!
17:08:26	From Julianne Lawrence : Same here, Claudia.
17:08:32	From Claudia Guaita : That is so wonderful
17:09:04	From Lynn Ann Jackson To All Panelists : A remarkable
accomplishment!	
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17:10:08 From JulieAnn Smith: What an amazing experience

17:10:16 From Lisa Gearman: Excited for Hayley's group to feel the Beacon Hill Books vibe for the first time.

17:10:48 From Lisa Kimmence: I'm so excited! I can't wait for the trip and to visit this amazing place!!

17:11:06 From Lisa Gearman: This librarian can concur with Melissa's comments about patrons preferring the print books.



17:11:07	From Claudia Guaita : That is wonderful to hear, I did not have that
perception	
17:12:12	From Hannah Whittaker To All Panelists : Oh, can I join you, Haley?
17:12:12	From Brenda Tate : nice.
17:12:13	From Christine Edwards : For me books are a tactile experience. I love
flipping the p	pages, and looking at any illustrations, and if it has a beautiful cover - what a
bonus!	
17:12:18	From robin fusiak: I never read ebooks or kindle cause I just love the
feeling of a b	ook. I guess cause I'm old!!
17:12:28	From Claudia Guaita : Me to Robin
17:12:29	From Kristina Wilson To All Panelists: I have a reservation for 4 at 12:30
17:12:35	From Emilie Nicklawsky : Hayley, I made a reservation at 2:30pm. Will
that work?	
17:12:51	From Lisa Kimmence : Same here, Robin! I only want physical books.
17:13:04	From Sarah Bryan To All Panelists : I would love to have the chance to
join you Hayley in the cafe, if there's a spot! I didn't get the chance to make a	
reservation.	
17:13:18	From Lisa Kimmence: My reservation is set for 1:15.
17:13:35	From Elaina Vazquez To All Panelists : How did you find your COO?
17:13:36	From Cheryla Proulx : does she have a favorite Persephone book to
recommend	
17:14:43	From Claudia Guaita: Good question, I am so excited to get a Persephone
book	



17:16:27	From Brenda Tate : 👏
17:16:52	From Cheryla Proulx : me too!
17:16:58	From Denise Hyde : Can we buy a squirrel—Page?
17:17:02	From Julianne Lawrence : I just ordered your candle.
17:18:40	From Claudia Guaita : They sell granola, mugs I would love a globe too!
Just looking	on instagram
17:19:59	From Marci Forney : Bliss!
17:20:07	From Kris Elliott: Where does everyone park if we were to drive into the
city?	
17:20:19	From Brenda Tate : 😁
17:20:46	From Karen Mikoll To All Panelists : Msyvi ask you to please repeat the
email addres	s? Thank you!
17:21:44	From Hayley Solano : melissa@bhbooks.com
17:21:54	From Karen Mikoll To All Panelists : Thank you 😊
17:22:02	From Brenda Tate : Thank you.
17:22:15	From JulieAnn Smith : That was so good!
17:22:33	From Sherryann St Pierre : Melissa, what is the last book you have read?
17:23:03	From Lynn Ann Jackson To All Panelists : E M Delafield
17:25:29	From Jennifer Lally : Did you ever talk to Ann Patchett about her
bookstore?	
17:25:36	From Christine Edwards : I love Ann Patchett too. Dutch House is my
favorite.	
17:25:43	From Samantha Moss: Thank you so much!!
17:25:45	From Brenda Tate : What a treat!



17:25:46	From Marci Forney : Thank you
17:25:49	From Jill Riggs To All Panelists : Thanks so much
17:25:51	From Claudia Guaita : Thanks so much, It was wonderful
17:25:51	From Denise Hyde : Many thanks!!!!!
17:25:55	From Heidi Thibodeau : Thank you, can't wait to visit the store next
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Nashville is an	nother must visit bookstore!
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17:26:02	From Jennifer Williams To All Panelists: Thanks so much! Can't wait to
visit your boo	sk store.
17:26:03	From Cheryla Proulx : 💚 💜
17:26:03	From Claudia Guaita : Thanks Hayley
17:26:03	From Brenda Tate : 😘
17:26:04	From Sharon Silva: Loved this chat! Putting this bookstore on my bucket
list!	