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### *Celebrating Independent Bookstores and their Contributions to the Literary World*



Tattered Cover on Colfax Avenue, <http://www.tatteredcover.com/>

The Tattered Cover Book Store began as a small store with only 950 square feet of retail space and two employees in the Cherry Creek North district of Denver, Colorado, a literary cowtown. It has grown for more than 35 years into one of the premier bookstores in America, with three expansive locations in the greater Denver Metro area: on Colfax Avenue, south of City Park; in Historic Lower Downtown, near Union Station; and at the Highlands Ranch town center.

Tattered Cover is an independent bookstore with lots of nooks and crannies offering the intimacy and comfort of smaller bookshops; an ample supply of sofas, overstuffed chairs, and antique tables for lounging and study with a world-class newsstand in each location. Tattered Cover has decades of experience hosting LIVE authors, averaging nearly 400 authors, illustrators, and other special guests each year, including such noted writers and celebrities as Julia Child, Margaret Atwood, Presidents Obama and Clinton, Isabel Allende, J. K. Rowling, Joan Didion, Mary Oliver, David Sedaris, Frank McCourt, Joseph Campbell, Kurt Vonnegut, Cormac McCarthy, Joyce Carol Oates, Hunter S. Thompson, Caroline Kennedy, Dave Barry, Ian McEwan, Annie Proulx, Amy Tan, Tobias Wolff and many, many more.

Owner Joyce Meskis is one of the great guiding forces of independent bookselling in the country and a stubborn advocate for the rights of readers, literacy and free expression in America. She is the recipient of many prestigious awards for intellectual freedom including the William J. Brennan, Jr. Award for the Protection of Free Expression given by the Thomas Jefferson Center in Washington D.C.; the PEN/Newman First Amendment Award from the PEN American Center in New York; The Privacy International Brandeis Award; the American Library Association Award for Free Expression; and The Author's Guild of America Award for Distinguished Service to the Literary Community.

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Founded in 1975 in Millerton, NY, Oblong Books & Music has become the anchor of independent bookselling in New York's Hudson Valley. With a second store opening in 2001 in Rhinebeck, Oblong has grown to serve a larger community of readers. The stores are owned by Dick Hermans and his daughter, Suzanna, both of whom have leadership roles in the New England Independent Bookseller's Association. In 2011 they expanded their Rhinebeck store to increase the visibility of children's books and increase available seating at author events.

Read about the individual histories of the different stores and check out the USA Today article featuring Oblong Books:

<http://www.oblongbooks.com/millerton>

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