TOP NASHVILLE LITERARY DESTINATIONS

1. Bluebird Cafe - The Bluebird Cafe is one of the world’s preeminent listening rooms that has gained worldwide recognition as a songwriter’s performance space where the “heroes behind the hits” perform their own songs; songs that have been recorded by chart-topping artists in all genres of music. The venue presents two shows a night, seven nights a week. 4104 Hillsboro Pike, Nashville 37215.

2. The Bookshop - The Bookshop (formerly known as Her Bookshop) is a cozy, inviting nook offering a specially curated selection of unique, highly designed books on a wide range of topics. 1043 West Eastland Ave., Nashville 37206.

3. Defunct Books - Defunct Books has been in business since 2003 selling used, out-of-print, rare and collectible books in all subjects. 1108 Woodland St. #A, Nashville 37206.

4. Fairytales Bookstore - Fairytales Bookstore is a children’s bookstore located in the heart of 5 Points in East Nashville and committed to community involvement and supporting local artists. They carry unique, educational toys, games, books, and crafting supplies, sourcing eco-friendly vendors whenever possible. 114 S. 11th Street, Nashville, 37206.

5. Jean and Alexander Heard Libraries at Vanderbilt University - The Special Collections Department preserves, stores and provides access to Vanderbilt University's impressive collection of rare books, manuscripts, photographs, memorabilia, and institutional archives. 419 21st Avenue South, Nashville 37203. Visit https://www.library.vanderbilt.edu/specialcollections/visitors for parking information.

Current Exhibits:

- Central Library Fourth Floor Lobby: “Edward Gorey” and “Fables & Fantasies - The Illustrations of J.J. Grandville”


6. Landmark Booksellers - Located on Main Street in the heart of one of the South’s most celebrated small towns, we offer carefully curated new, old and rare books covering a wide range of subjects and authors. Our passion is Southern Americana, Tennessee, regional and local history, culture, art and literature. Featuring thousands of collectable signed first editions, hard-to-find editions of classic titles as well as important new releases. 114 East Main Street, Franklin 37064.

7. McKay Books - McKay’s is a one-of-a-kind shopping experience. People bring us their previously loved books, movies, video games, music, etc., and we offer them cash or store credit in return. Everything you find on our shelves was brought to us by other customers like you! And because of that, you truly never know what you’re going to find. Every visit to McKay’s is a unique adventure. 636 Old Hickory Blvd., Nashville 37209.

8. Parnassus Books - Parnassus Books is the independent bookstore for independent people located in Nashville, Tennessee. The shop has been co-owned by novelist Ann Patchett and her business partner, Karen Hayes, since it opened in 2011. Parnassus stocks an extensive and exciting selection of books including fiction, non-fiction, children’s, local interests, and the arts. The store also boasts an extensive local author section. 3900 Hillsboro Pike Suite 14, Nashville 37215.

9. Rhino Booksellers - Rhino Booksellers is a neighborhood bookstore, locally owned and operated, specializing in gently used books, collectible firsts, fine instruments & vintage vinyl records. We love readers, musicians, artists, writers, filmmakers & photographers. Rhino is deeply committed to Nashville’s community of creative talent. 4918 Charlotte Pike, Nashville 37209.

10. Third Man Records/Third Man Books - The publishing imprint of Third Man Records, TMB publishes poetry, non-fiction, fiction, speculative fiction, and more. The storefront is home to a 1947 Voice-o-graph recording booth that records up to 2.5 minutes of audio onto an instantly dispensed phonographic disc. The store is open to the public, but visitors can also set up behind the scenes tours by visiting https://thirdmanrecords.com/locations/nashville-storefront. 623 7th Avenue South, Nashville 37203.
