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FOUNTAIN BOOKSTORE LAUNCHES “ADULTS WHO READ YA” BOOK CLUB
Book Club Creates Needed Community Space for YA-Lovers in the Richmond Area

RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, October 7—Richmond’s beloved Fountain Bookstore launched a new book club in July: Adults Who Read YA. October’s book, *Ride On* by Gwen Cole, is available for purchase at the shop, located at 1312 E. Cary Street, Richmond, Virginia. The event will take place at Fountain Bookstore on October 21 at 10 AM and is open to the public.

The book club, launched on July 22, hopes to read a wide variety of YA literature. July’s book, *Dread Nation*, is speculative fiction that reimagines post Civil War America after a zombie apocalypse through the eyes of a young black girl. The club has also read mystery—*Fragments of the Lost* by Megan Miranda—and satire—*Mun Mun* by Jesse Andrews. Towery said, “Each month, I try to pick something different from what we’ve read before.”

October’s book, *Ride On* by Gwen Cole, is romance. Gwen Cole is a local Virginia author and frequent visitor at Fountain Bookstore. “We love Gwen. She does a ton of events at the shop,” Towery said. “I’m really excited to talk about her new book.”

The intentional choice to vary the types of books read has been well received by the club. “The club has really challenged me to read outside my comfort zone,” said Steph O’Neil, a local teacher and member of the “Adults Who Read YA” book club. “I would never have picked up *Fragments of the Lost* on my own, but I loved it. The discussion was so much fun, and now I have a new book to share with my students.”

Fountain Bookstore is a woman-owned, independent bookstore in Richmond, Virginia that is committed to being a part of the thriving local culture in Carytown. Launched in 1978, they now host more author programming than any other entity in Virginia.

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