

# SHOP WITH US

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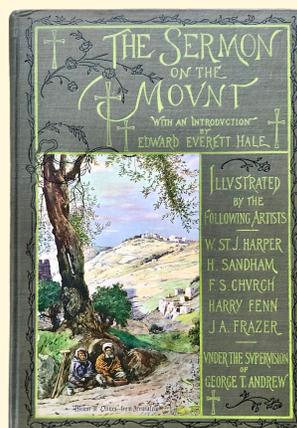


## SPRING FORWARD AT SARATOGA'S BOOKSTORE

In the Northern Hemisphere, Spring 2022 begins March 20 as the sun enters Aries, the first sign in the zodiac. On April 1, we play tricks on friends, and are reminded of The Fool, the first (or last) card in the tarot's Major Arcana, representing new beginnings and opportunity. And this year in April, many will celebrate the holy days of Easter and Passover. Renewal can be read in each of these events, and one corner at the Book-Go-Round has a fantastic selection of books about them all.

Lance Krieger manages the World Religions, Spirituality, Philosophy & Metaphysics, Mythology, and Occult categories at the shop. While this section began simply as "Religion," new subjects were added over time, and now tarot decks, along with books on meditation and spiritual development, are among his best sellers.

Upon retirement from a career in business, Lance felt a greater pull to give back to the community. As a longtime church volunteer, he enrolled in graduate studies for Pastoral Ministry at Santa Clara University, and completed the Advanced Lay Leadership program with the Diocese of San Jose. When he started sorting donations for the Saratoga Library, he found the Religion category a fulfilling match. We had a chance to ask Lance a few questions about his volunteer work at the Book-Go-Round.



The Sermon on the Mount, Edward Everett Hale, 1885. Available at [ebay.com/str/oakstbooks](https://www.ebay.com/str/oakstbooks).

Above: detail from interior illustration by W.St.F. Harper.

## Q&A WITH LANCE KRIEGER

**Q:** Your sections are browsable, with one category leading seamlessly into the next. How would you recommend someone new to your corner of the shop approach the subjects?

**A:** The categories are arranged on the shelf beginning with Bibles at the top, along with books on Judeo-Christian religious tracts, study guides, and dictionaries. Following are books about devotion, personal reflections, famous figures, practical tips on how to work in community, guidance on including the spiritual in marriage and family life, and how to cope with death and difficulty. Next is Philosophy & Metaphysics, Eastern religious scripture, and study guides. Within these are books on Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism (Zen and Tibetan), Taoism, Native American religions, Mythology, and the Occult.

**Q:** Metaphysics is a type of Philosophy. Can you expand on this?

**A:** Metaphysics is defined as a branch of philosophy that deals with the first principles of things, including abstract concepts such as being, knowing, substance, cause, identity, time, and space. For some, astrology, tarot, and the occult help in the understanding of being and identity.

**Q:** Are there specific titles you receive frequently?

**A:** We regularly receive all varieties of Bibles: children's, study, gift, annotated, etc., and will sell a few each week. We see donations of books by Thich Nhat Hanh, Matthew Fox, and John MacArthur all the time.

**Q:** Do you notice a shift in sales at certain times of the year?

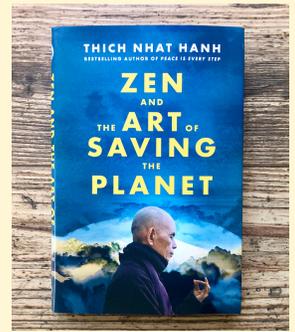
**A:** There doesn't seem to be a seasonal timing to sales which is strange, because each of the religions has a liturgical year with feasts and high holy days.

**Q:** What genres do you enjoy reading, and what books are currently on your nightstand?

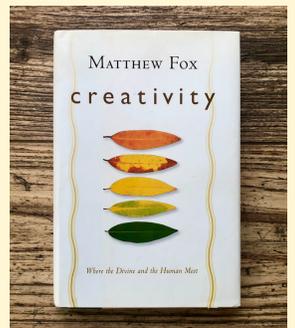
**A:** *Moscow, 1937* by Karl Schlögel, which is a discussion of Stalin's dictatorship, and a follow-up to the fictional *Darkness at Noon* by Arthur Koestler. There is always some sort of murder mystery on Libby, and right now it's *The Janus Stone* by Elly Griffiths. Previously it was Raymond Chandler's *The Lady in the Lake*. I just finished *Robert E. Lee* by Allen Guelzo, because you can't read too many books on the Civil War or World War II.

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Zen and the Art of Saving the Planet, Thich Nhat Hanh, 2021. Available at the Saratoga Library.



Creativity, Matthew Fox, 2002. Available at the Saratoga Library.



The Good Shepherd Edition Holy Bible in box, 1946. Available at [ebay.com/str/oakstbooks](http://ebay.com/str/oakstbooks).



"The Fool" Universal Waite Tarot, 1990. Drawing by Pamela Colman Smith.

