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### CHPB Currents

# House Band

Will Secrist, Book Specialist Extraordinaire at Cathy's Half Price Books, is also a founding member, gifted instrumentalist and songwriter for the talented new indie-band Cleanfall, CHPB's unofficial House Band. Their recently completed new album "Idle Talk" has been winning wide acclaim from local critics, leading to recent Philly appearances at the Khyber, North Star Bar and the Trocadero among others.



Cleanfall's new album Idle Talk, on sale now at Cathy's for only \$12

Cleanfall's full, rich sound covers a range of genres and musical influences; from pop-inspired ballads to pulsating rock anthems interwoven with folk and country themes, crafted together here into thirteen well-produced tracks that offer insightful lyrics about life, love, the universe and everything in between. This accessible, eclectic band from Philadelphia and Lancaster is definitely worth a listen. Find out more about the band and sample some tracks at: [www.myspace.com/cleanfallband](http://www.myspace.com/cleanfallband). Once you've had a taste, you'll definitely want to come back for more. You can support the band and get some great music in the bargain when you purchase their CD, available exclusively at Cathy's Half Price Books.



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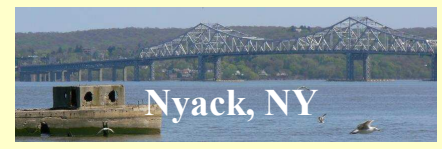
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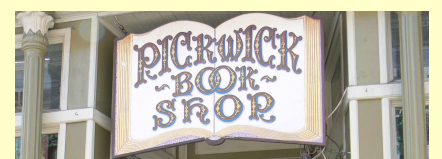
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## The Book Traveler

Adventures in Leisure



Tucked above the scenic western bank of the Hudson River just north of the Tappan Zee Bridge lies the quaint, leisurely paced village of Nyack, NY. Settled by the Dutch in the late 1600's, this once thriving river port offers a relaxing escape for the cultured day-tripper and weekender alike.



**The Pickwick Book Shop**, a village staple at 8 South Broadway, has been in continuous operation for over 35 years. That's where you will find proprietor Jack Dunningan buying and selling his books, usually in the company of Miss Agatha, his cat of 21 years, and Fisher, his formidable gentle giant of a Labrador retriever.

This proudly "old school" new and used bookstore offers any seasoned book traveler the rare opportunity to find some prized gems among the prodigiously stuffed shelves, although you may have to do some digging.

The Pickwick Book Shop is centrally located within the 6-block business district anchored by the intersection of Main St. and Broadway. From there you can easily meander the ample stores, coffee houses and purveyors of stronger drink, or take a stroll along tree-lined South Broadway past many of Nyack's most beautiful homes.

Nyack boasts scenic riverside parks, a charming selection of restaurants and a surprisingly vibrant cultural arts scene centered around [Riverspace](http://www.riverspace.com) (the former Helen Hayes Theater). Most surprising of all is the fact that this serene riverside respite is just a half hour north of Manhattan.

An easy 2-1/2 hour drive up the turnpike from Philadelphia, Nyack is a convenient gateway to the stunning attractions of the lower Hudson Valley. You can cross the river to Tarrytown and tour Sunnyside, the home of Washington Irving, or head upriver to Bear Mountain State Park, West Point Army Academy, or Hyde Park, home of the FDR family home and Presidential Library. Up for the weekend? Don't miss the terrific Sunday brunch at the historic [Hudson House](http://www.hudsonhouse.com) restaurant. You can see more photos at [www.cathysbooks.com/booktraveler](http://www.cathysbooks.com/booktraveler).