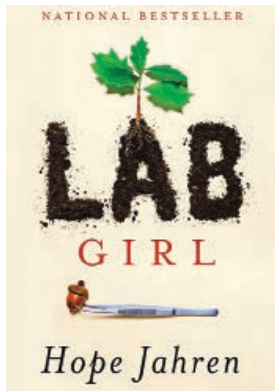


AUTUMN PROSE

WELL READ

Bradley Graham and **Lissa Muscatine**, owners of renowned bookstore Politics and Prose, open a new location at Union Market this fall. To toast the literary expansion, Muscatine gave us three of her must-reads for autumn nights. *1309 Fifth St. NE, politics-prose.com* —*Lauren Staehle*



Lab Girl
(\$16, Vintage)
by Hope Jahren

"Lab Girl" is one of the best memoirs I've read in a long time. Jahren is one of the world's leading botanists, as well as a superb writer and virtuoso storyteller whose tale of becoming a woman scientist is brilliant, quirky and charming all in one."



Exit West
(\$17, Riverhead Books)
by Mohsin Hamid

This is a love story at its core. It's set in an unnamed Islamic country with two young Muslims as its protagonists, and it exposes disquieting truths about secular and fundamentalist interpretations of religion, culture and community. Everyone in the West should read it."



Miss Burma
(\$26, Grove Press)
by Charmaine Craig

"This is one family's evolution through the ups and downs of modern Burmese history, based on actual events in the author's family going back several generations. It's an engaging and eye-opening novel by a terrific young literary talent."

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MARVELOUS MAPLE

Get in the fall spirit with these syrup-sweetened sippers. —*Nevin Martell*

1 MAPLE LEAF OLD-FASHIONED
The classic cocktail gets sapped up with a spoonful of boldly dark Grade B maple syrup and accented with housemade vanilla bitters. \$9, *Saint Yves, 1220 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.466.2582, saintyvesdc.com*

2 MORNING STAR
With a backbone of maple-amped rye, this concoction comes with garnishes galore, including maple foam, honey-glazed crispy pork belly and flowers. \$13, *The Oval Room, 800 Connecticut Ave. NW, 202.463.8700, ovalroom.com*

3 SAPPY ENDING CLUB
Avion reposado and spiced rum are mixed with amber maple syrup to create a cocktail that shines brightly and tastes like a stack of boozy pancakes. \$14, *Hank's Cocktail Bar, 819 Upshur St. NW, 202.290.1808, hankscoktailbar.com*



Smoke Signals from the brilliant mixologist Sarah Ruiz at Dirty Habit in Penn Quarter

4 SMOKE SIGNALS
High West double rye gets mellowed out with Lapsang souchong black tea, maple syrup and walnut bitters; it's breakfast-for-happy-hour in a glass. \$16, *Dirty Habit, 555 Eighth St. NW, 202.449.7095, dirtyhabitdc.com*

5 THE GOLDEN COCONUT
Creamy with a hint of cinnamon, the tippie finds balance by incorporating sweet maple syrup and deeply aromatic turmeric. \$11, *Etete, 1942 Ninth St. NW, 202.232.7600, eteterestaurant.com*

BEAUTY BUZZ

NATURAL WOMAN

Take Care's Becky Waddell will host holistic workshops for locals this fall.



Becky Waddell believes beauty brands can save the planet—and your skin. In late August, the 30-year-old entrepreneur opened **Take Care**, the District's first independently owned all-natural, holistic lifestyle shop. She'll likely find kindred spirits among the forward-thinking set in the Georgetown neighborhood where the 1,200-foot-boutique is located. Patrons will discover small-batch, plant-based skincare items like the exclusive-to-DC Blue Cocoon mask by May Lindstrom (\$180) and natural perfumes from brands like Strange Invisibles (1.7 fl. oz. for \$385). Also look for homemade goods and cosmetics from brands like Herbivore Botanicals, Lilfox and Mischo Beauty. *1338 Wisconsin Ave. NW, takecareshopdc.com* —*MM*