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## The Best Independent Bookstores in Washington, D.C.



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Washington, D.C. is a city of voracious readers. Maybe it's because it's home to the Library of Congress? Whatever the reason, locals here are crazy for books – they lined up for the midnight release of *Fire and Fury*. But it's not just political reading – the capital was ranked number six on Forbes' smartest city in the



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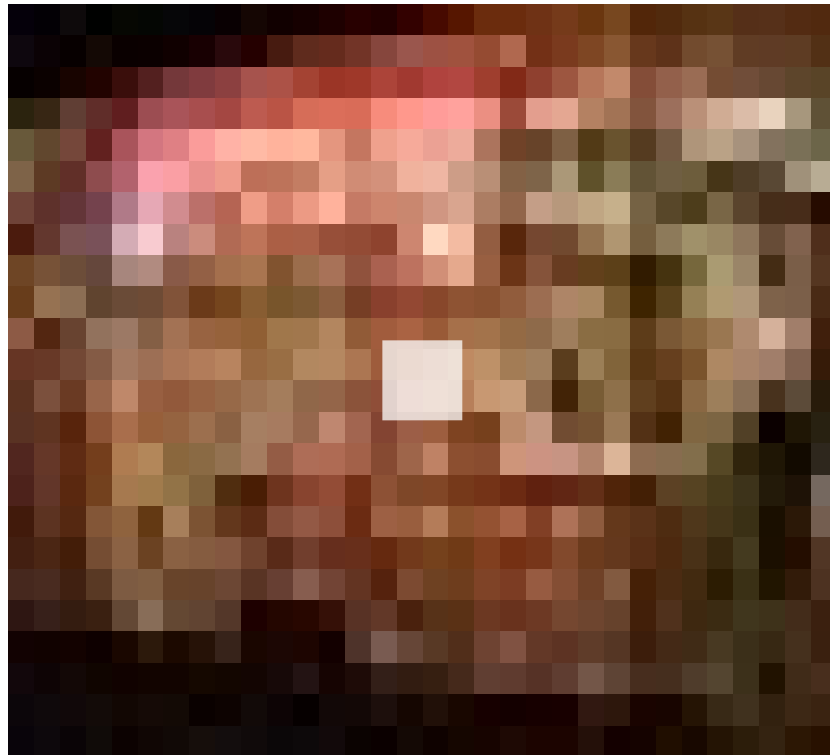
Part [bookstore](#), part cafe, part community hangout, [The Potter's House](#) has everything you could ever want. There are readings, live music, and comfy chairs to curl up in. The non-profit bookstore is the best place to hang out and engage in thoughtful conversation.

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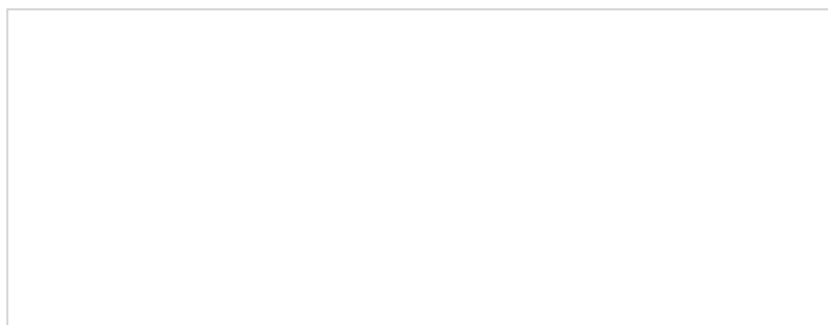


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