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Bookends on Main

August 2017

Dog Days of Summer Sale –

Stop by the bookstore on **Thursday, August 17** for our **Dog Days of Summer Sale** – 10% discount on all sales—15% if you bring your dog or buy a book about a dog.



Katy meets Barkley...

The “dog days of summer” means the sultry part of the summer, supposed to occur during the period that Sirius, the Dog Star, rises at the same time as the sun: now often reckoned from July 3 to August 11. Dictionary definition of “dog days”: period marked by lethargy, inactivity, or indolence.



“Dog days” is a translation of Late Latin *dies caniculares*.

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"Reading this book is like listening to stories from a wise, compassionate, and irrepressibly funny friend—one who allows her empathy to fill every unflinching tale about how fear both plagues and saves us. Whether she's writing about gun laws, a bear attack, or postpartum depression, Stielstra's clear voice calls for us to pay attention."—Esme Weijun Wang



"A Different Pond" is a powerful, honest glimpse into a relationship between father and son and between cultures, old and new. It is an unforgettable story about a simple event—a long-ago fishing trip to a pond in Vietnam compared to pre-dawn fishing in a Minneapolis lake. It's an immigrant story as well as about father-son bonding and family meals. Target age 5-8.



"A Washington Post reporter's intimate account of the fallout from the closing of a General Motors' assembly plant in Janesville, Wisconsin—Paul Ryan's hometown—and a larger story of the hollowing of the American middle class. This is the story of what happens to an industrial town in the American heartland when its factory stills—but it's not the familiar tale."



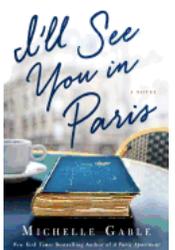
In this moving, witty novel, author Maureen Leurck explores the intricacies and joys of renovation and rediscovery—as one woman's improvement project promises to transform much more than a home. This novel, set near Geneva Lake, Wisconsin, is a good end-of-summer contemporary romance-family story.

Now in Paperback —Book Club Picks—reviews by Julie Hale



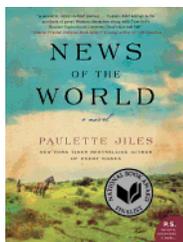
Miss Jane by Brad Watson explores the nature of physical and spiritual love in his acclaimed novel *Miss Jane*. Set in Mississippi in the early 1900s, the novel tells the story of Jane Chi-

solm, who is born with a rare disorder of the reproductive system. With an alcoholic father and distant mother offering little in the way of family life, Jane is looked after by her sister, Grace, and by kindhearted Eldred Thompson, a doctor who offers her compassion and understanding. Although Jane's condition sets her apart, she comes to know love, after a fashion, and the farm where she grows up provides a natural



I'll See You in Paris by Michelle Gable circles around Gladys Deacon/Gladys Spencer-Churchill/Duchess of Marlborough, an American aristocrat who lived an astonishing eccentric, wild life. There are two other stories, a fictional

contemporary mother and daughter, loosely linked to the Duchess which makes for three time frames as well as lengthy quotations from real and fictional books all making for a fractured narrative.



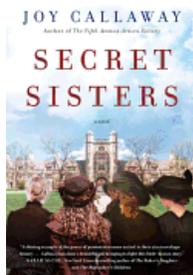
News of the World by Paulette Jiles

A finalist for the National Book Award, Paulette Jiles' mesmerizing novel *News of the*

World is a beautifully rendered tale of the Old West that focuses on Johanna Leonberger, a 10-year-old who's been taken captive by Kiowa raiders. Johanna's parents and sister were killed by the Kiowa, and she has lived among them since the age of 6. When Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd—a 70-year-old war

veteran—comes to take her to live with relatives near San Antonio, Johanna, who has forgotten how to speak English, is frightened and reluctant to go. Their journey home makes for remarkable reading. Along the way, the contradictory twosome smooth out the rough edges of their relationship and develop an unexpected rapport. Jiles writes beautifully about Texas in the late 1870s, using poetic prose to tell a timeless story. Named the top book of 2016 by the editors of BookPage and slated for a film adaptation starring Tom Hanks, *News of the World* is a must-read for lovers of historical fiction.

Secret Sisters



Secret Sisters by Joy Callaway is an historical novel based on the founding of the country's first sororities.

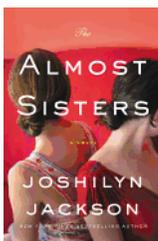
Illinois, 1881: Whitsitt College sophomore Beth Carrington has two goals to fulfill by the time she graduates: obtain a medical degree, and establish a women's fraternity, Beta Xi Beta, that will help young women like herself to connect with and support one another while attending the male-dominated Whitsitt.

Neither is an easy task. The sole female student in the physicians' program, Beth is constantly called out by her professors and peers for having the audacity not to concentrate on a more "fitting" subject like secretarial studies. Meanwhile, secret organizations are off-limits, and simply by crowding together in a dank basement room and creating a sense of camaraderie, she and her small group of fraternity sisters risk expulsion. (Book blurb)

Indie NEXT August—Three Recommendations



Girl in Snow by Danya Kukafka, a murder mystery, a teenager found murdered in a playground, numerous suspects, well-written with especially good portraits of teenagers who don't fit in, with problems, with sketchy families.



Almost Sisters by Joshilyn Jackson is the featured novel in this month's list. "Jackson delivers an-

"Lizzie Borden took an axe ..."

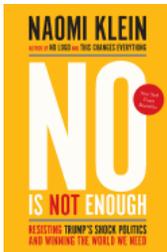
other quirky, Southern-based, character-driven novel that combines exquisite writing, vivid personalities, and imaginative storylines while subtly contemplating race, romance, family, and self. A searing yet ultimately uplifting look at broken people who heal themselves and each other through forgiveness, love, and the power of stories." ~

Kirkus Review

See What I Have Done by Sarah Schmidt is a psychological thriller that re-imagines Lizzie Borden and her troubled family ("Lizzie Borden took an axe and gave her mother forty whacks. When she saw what she had done she gave her father forty-one"). For all those hooked on thrillers and historical fiction, this is a really good choice. The murders took place during the Dog Days of Summer, so there!



No Is Not Enough, rev. by William Laine



Naomi Klein is an award-winning journalist with dual Canadian and U. S. citizenship. She writes from a progressive viewpoint. Her new book, *No Is Not Enough: Resisting Trump's Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need*, is a well-researched analysis of world social, economic and environmental problems. Her first book, *No Logo*, explored the rise of super brands like Nike, Apple, and Starbucks, which profit from wage slavery and convincing consumers to join an elite group willing to pay much more for super brands than for products that are of equal quality and much cheaper. In her next book, *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, she analyzed and

researched the right-wing capitalization of natural and man-made disasters to privatize public services for private profit and push governments to institute austerity economics. For example, Hurricane Katrina was used to privatize New Orleans' school system. Klein analyzes complex socio-economic-political problems with keen intelligence

Special-interest groups use a strategy to divide people . . .

and backs it up with extensive research. She explains how various problems—unemployment, poverty, hunger, racism, sexism, and the destruction of our environment—are all related to loot-and-

pollute capitalism. Klein says that the chief reason why neoliberals deny climate change is that accepting the scientific facts shows that worship of "free market" capitalism as a "natural law" reduces people and nature to commodities and destroys people and our environment. All groups of people who suffer in these different ways need to unite for radical, progressive change, Klein argues.

We have an economic system in which the 8 richest people in the world own more wealth than half of the world's people put together. Politicians and governments will act for the common good only if many people push them to do so. Special-interest groups use a strategy to divide people: turn nonunion workers against union workers, whites against other races, one religion or sect against another, one sexual orientation against others, and so on.

At the end of her book is a copy of "The Leap Manifesto: A Call for a Canada Based on Caring for the Earth and One Another," which was created by many groups in Canada realizing that they had a common goal.

Midwest Non-Fiction Bestsellers HC

1. Al Franken, *Giant of the Senate*, Al Franken
2. *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry*, Neil deGrasse Tyson
3. *You Don't Have to Say You Love Me*, Sherman Alexie
4. *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann
5. *Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance
6. *Theft by Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)*, David Sedaris
7. *Hunger*, Roxane Gay
8. *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter

9. *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah,
10. *Devil's Bargain: Steve Bannon, Donald Trump, and the Storming of the Presidency*, Joshua Green



11. *Give a Girl a Knife: A Memoir*, Amy Thielen, Midwest chef who made it big in the East, has a local connection—an aunt who lives in Menomonie.

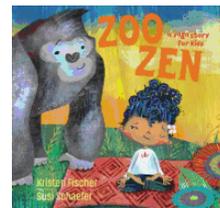
12. *Make Your Bed*, William H. McRaven
13. *Democracy in Chains*, Nancy MacLean
14. *Option B* Sheryl Sandberg, Adam Grant
15. *The Subtle Art of Not Giving A F*ck*

Midwest Fiction Bestsellers —Paperback

1. *A Man Called Ove*, Fredrik Backman
2. *Lilac Girls*, Martha Hall Kelly
3. *The Handmaid's Tale* Margaret Atwood
4. *Milk and Honey*, Rupi Kaur
5. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
6. *Homegoing*, Yaa Gyasi
7. *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, Fredrik Backman
8. *The Little Paris Bookshop*, Nina George

9. *Commonwealth*, Ann Patchett
10. *The Couple Next Door*, Shari Lapena
11. *Behold the Dreamers*, Imbolo Mbue
12. *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware
13. *Wintering*, Peter Gey
14. *Larose*, Louise Erdrich
15. *Still Life*, Louise Penny

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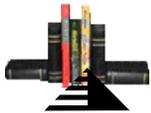


Zoo Zen is one of numerous new books about yoga for kids, an increasingly popular activity with growing national support and evidence of its positive benefits. *Zoo Zen* uses animals to help kids learn yoga in a fun way.

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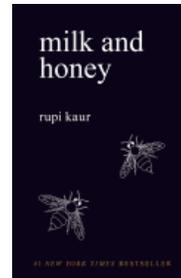
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Rupi Kaur's "Milk and Honey" is a very popular poetry collection that resonates with young women. Accompanied by her own sketches, the poems read like the everyday, collective experiences.



the thing
worth holding on to
would not have let go

your body
is a museum
of natural disasters
can you grasp how
stunning that is

love made the danger
in you look like safety

Day Trips



Aug 22 Whistle Stop & Shop
Spooner

Aug 31 MN State Fair

Sept 8 A John Denver Tribute
concert at the Dells Palace Dinner
Theater

Sept 28 Monky Business - Comedy
Dinner Theater (yes the spelling of
Monky is correct)

Oct 17 Paint Your Own Raku
Pottery at The Potter's Shed and
Fall Harvest Fun at Mommsen's
Produce Patch

Nov 30 The Nutcracker's Nuts!
- Holiday Comedy Dinner Theater

Dec 14 Phantom Of The Opera:
The Spectacular New Production at
the Orpheum Theater

Early bird special of \$2 off if booked
2 months in advance. Bus departs
from Menomonie, Lake Hallie and
Eau Claire

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