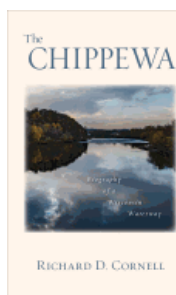


Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Ladies Night Out, Author Event



The Chippewa: Biography of a Wisconsin Waterway, by Richard D. Cornell, is a one of a kind biography. Cornell traveled the Chippewa River from its two sources south of Ashland to where it joins the Mississippi. In repeated visits over several decades, Cornell learned the stories

of the Chippewa and its valley, from the Ojibwe and early fur traders and lumbermen to the varied and hopeful communities of today. Through his conversations with ordinary people and local historians, he gets at the heart of the Chippewa and shares a history of the river that is both one of a kind and deeply personal.

The Chippewa includes tales of historical figures and of ordinary people, showcasing

the heart of the Chippewa and of the river itself.

Cornell will be at the bookstore on Thursday, July 20, during Ladies Night Out from 5:30 -7:30.



The July 20 Ladies Night Out is scheduled for a warm and sunny day—that's a promise! More than two dozen

downtown businesses are participating and as usual, shoppers can register for the prizes at each business. Each bag of prizes is worth about \$200. The prizes are displayed in the window at Town and Country Antiques.

Discounts on all sales on LNO.

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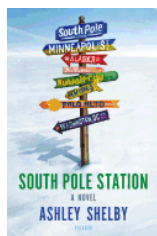
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Midwest Connections Picks for July



South Pole Station

Most people have problems. Some people literally go to the end of the Earth to avoid them.

Ashley Shelby gives us a winning comedy of errors set in the world's harshest place. *South Pole Station* is a wry and witty debut novel about the courage it takes to come together, even as everything around you falls apart.



Riveting, haunting, and set against the stunning landscape of Michigan's Upper

Peninsula, *The Marsh King's Daughter* is a transcendent novel of psychological suspense, the story of a woman who must risk everything she has and use every skill she possesses to hunt down the dangerous man who shaped her past and now threatens to steal her future: her father.



In a small Midwestern town, two Asian American boys bond over their outcast status

and a mutual love of comic books. Meanwhile, in an alternative or perhaps future universe, a team of superheroes ponders modern society during their time off. Between black-ops missions and rescuing hostages, they swap stories of artistic malaise and muse on the seemingly inescapable grip of market economics.



At the center of *Tough Luck* is a poem about the ill-fated I-35W Bridge in Minneapolis and

its disastrous collapse, which killed 13 people and injured 145. Todd Boss's freighted, swiftly moving poems crisscross the chasm between peril and safety as if between opposing riverbanks, revealing a frequently heart-stopping view of the muscled waters below.

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine



Now and again, there are books which come along that simply fill us with warmth and hope. The *Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*, say, or JoJo Moyes' *Me Before You*.

Powering up our charts and selected this week as Radio 2's Book Club choice, Gail Honeyman's *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* is just such a book, by turns hilarious and heart-breaking. Eleanor is 31 years old; work

finishes on a Friday and begins again on a Monday. Between, her only company will be two bottles of vodka and her own solitary, unique wit. This is, she thinks, a certain sort of contentment. But all that, gradually, is about to change.



After entering a writing competition, Glaswegian author Gail Honeyman found herself at the centre of a frenzied 8-way pub-

lisher auction, just the beginning of a wave of success that has included the film rights being snapped up by Reese Witherspoon. Suddenly, what began as a modest ambition is now rolling into a phenomenon.

—From *Waterstones Bookseller* newsletter, forwarded by a *Bookends on Main* patron.

We heartily recommended *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* for the May Indie NEXT list and are delighted to see the book having enormous success.

Bookends on Main is for sale as is: new and used book inventory, non-book merchandise, shelving, POS system, office equipment, etc.

\$74,059

Bookstore for Sale

Interested buyers may call or email for an appointment to discuss full details.

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**Bookends on Main
is for sale as is.**

- Business only is for sale. Store space (the best location downtown!) is rented.
- We are not going out of business. Our town needs a bookstore.
- Because of owner's age, it seems time to look for a new owner.
- The new hotel kitty-corner from the bookstore, opening in the fall, promises fresh interest in downtown.

New German Novels



Four modern German novels added to the book-

store inventory including the satirical *Look Who's Back* by Timur Vermes:

"Very funny . . . The frisson of reading "Look Who's Back" comes from its seamless transition from Borscht Belt one-liners to disturbing invocations of the legacies of Nazi rule. Mr. Vermes gives us a bracingly

double-sided Hitler—the arresting public speaker and astute negotiator who loves dogs and small children, and also the fanatical champion of political violence, global tyranny and ethnic cleansing . . . Translator Jamie Bulloch helps by providing a glossary at the close of the book, but what people will remember is his perfect rendering of the ridiculously orotund, yet oddly compelling, manner of Hitler's speechifying." *The Wall Street Journal*

Review Quotes:

"Look Who's Back" is Hitler satire at its

best . . . while there has been much debate over whether or why it's appropriate to laugh at Vermes's relentless Hitler satire, this well-researched and uproariously cringe-worthy book makes it hard not to . . . It is ultimately a sort of commentary on Hitler's first ascent to power-on the point at which a charismatic man starts being taken seriously, and what that transition entails . . . laugh-out-loud funny." **Kira Bindrim, Newsday**

We also have a translation of *To Kill a Mockingbird* – a good book for language learners to hone their German.

Customer Recommendations

The following are a few of the books recently mentioned or praised by book buyers. Some have been special-ordered, some were found in the bookstore in the first place. Some are on the current bestseller list.

- Girls of Atomic City
- Vanishing American Adult
- Between Them

- Life in a Jar
- Lillian Boxfish Takes a Walk
- Radium Girls
- A Gentleman in Moscow
- Men Explain Things to Me



- Kids' & Young Reader books:
- My Little Fox
- Strong Is the New Pretty
- The Hate U Give
- The new Harry Potter illustrated editions
- The Colorado Kid

Kids' Books



The Day I Ran Away by Holly Niner is a sweet story about how a child's horrible day makes her decide to run

away. Horrible things lead to horrible behavior to punishment. On one hand it's a story about how one thing leads to another, a chain of consequences, a good life lesson. On the other it's about motherly love and creative think-

ing encouraged by the fact that it's hard to run away if you aren't allowed to cross the street. The father's role is essentially passive, listening to his daughter's tale that turns out very happily.

It's hard to run away if you aren't allowed to cross the street.

There is plenty in this picture book for children to relate to and the illustrations are playful and colorful.

A cute concept ABC book— the *Star Wars ABC-3PO* book uses rhyming text to introduce many of the characters that populate the Star Wars franchise, one for each letter of the alphabet.



Odds and Ends

We have typical bookstore sidelines like note cards, greeting cards, and journals, but we also have toys and an assortment of music items. We are the only store in the area besides Eau Claire with guitar strings. We also have a few t-shirts.



The origin of the expression “goody two-shoes” is an eighteenth-century book attributed to Oliver Goldsmith. It's said to be the first children's novel. *Goody Two-Shoes* is a Cinderella story about Margery, a little girl who has only one shoe. When a rich



gentleman gives her a pair, she tells everyone she has two shoes. “Goody” (from “goodwife”) is a polite term used for women in that era. Margery eventually has a good life, proving virtue is rewarded.

The bookstore recently acquired a used 1930 edition of *Good Two Shoes*.

The Midwest Independent Booksellers Association Bestseller List, as brought to you by IndieBound and MIBA, for the week ended Sunday, June 25, 2017. Based on reporting from the independent booksellers of the Midwest Independent Booksellers Association.

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. *A Gentleman in Moscow*, Amor Towles
2. *Camino Island*, John Grisham
3. *The Ministry of Utmost Happiness*, Arundhati Roy
4. *Into the Water*, Paula Hawkins
5. *Beartown*, Fredrik Backman
6. *The Underground Railroad*, Colson Whitehead
7. *Magpie Murders*, Anthony Horowitz
8. *The Essex Serpent*, Sarah Perry
9. *The Force*, Don Winslow
10. *Beren and Luthien*, J.R.R. Tolkien, Alan Lee (Illus.)
11. *Kiss Carlo*, Adriana Trigiani
12. *The Little French Bistro*, Nina George
13. *The Women in the Castle*, Jessica Shattuck
14. *Do Not Become Alarmed*, Maile Meloy
15. *Men Without Women*, Haruki Murakami

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

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: A Memoir*, Sherman Alexie
4. *Killers of the Flower Moon*, David Grann
5. *Theft by Finding: Diaries (1977-2002)*, David Sedaris
6. *Hunger: A Memoir of (My) Body*, Roxane Gay
7. *Hillbilly Elegy*, J.D. Vance
8. *Give a Girl a Knife: A Memoir*, Amy Thielen
9. *Churchill and Orwell: The Fight for Freedom*, Thomas E. Ricks
10. *Believe Me: A Memoir of Love, Death, and Jazz Chickens*
11. *Born a Crime*, Trevor Noah
12. *The Hidden Life of Trees*, Peter Wohlleben
13. *Make Your Bed*, William H. McRaven
14. *The Book of Joy*, The Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu
15. *Between the World and Me*, Ta-Nehisi Coates

TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION

1. *All the Light We Cannot See*, Anthony Doerr
2. *A Man Called Ove*, Fredrik Backman
3. *The Handmaid's Tale*, Margaret Atwood
4. *Lilac Girls*, Martha Hall Kelly
5. *Homegoing*, Yaa Gyasi
6. *The Nightingale*, Kristin Hannah
7. *Commonwealth*, Ann Patchett
8. *Milk and Honey*, Rupi Kaur
9. *News of the World*, Paulette Jiles

10. *The Sympathizer*, Viet Thanh Nguyen
11. *The Woman in Cabin 10*, Ruth Ware
12. *Wintering*, Peter Gey
13. *The Nix*, Nathan Hill
14. *Larose*, Louise Erdrich
15. *Before the Fall*, Noah Hawley

TRADE PAPERBACK NONFICTION

1. *Evicted*, Matthew Desmond
2. *On Tyranny*, Timothy Snyder
3. *We Are Never Meeting in Real Life*, Samantha Irby
4. *No Is Not Enough: Resisting Trump's Shock Politics and Winning the World We Need*, Naomi Klein
5. *Lab Girl*, Hope Jahren
6. *The Mother of All Questions*, Rebecca Solnit
7. *Hero of the Empire*, Candice Millard
8. *Men Explain Things to Me*, Rebecca Solnit
9. *The Secret History of Wonder Woman*, Jill Lepore
10. *The Genius of Birds*, Jennifer Ackerman
11. *Braiding Sweetgrass*, Robin Wall Kimmerer
12. *The New Jim Crow*, Michelle Alexander
13. *Bad Feminist*, Roxane Gay
14. *Strong Is the New Pretty: A Celebration of Girls Being Themselves*
15. *You Are a Badass*, Jen Sincero

MASS MARKET

1. *American Gods*, Neil Gaiman
2. *1984*, George Orwell
3. *The Catcher in the Rye*, J.D. Salinger
4. *Night School*, Lee Child
5. *Home*, Harlan Coben
6. *Animal Farm*, George Orwell
7. *The Wise Man's Fear*, Patrick Rothfuss
8. *Ender's Game*, Orson Scott Card
9. *Curious Minds*, Janet Evanovich
10. *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*, Malcolm X

CHILDREN'S ILLUSTRATED

1. *Dragons Love Tacos 2: The Sequel*; 2. *She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World*; 3. *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*;
4. *Goodnight Moon*; 5. *Pat the Bunny*; 6. *Where Is the Green Sheep?*;
7. *Barney Dances!*; 8. *Goodnight Loon*; 9. *A Is for Activist*;
10. *The Legend of Rock Paper Scissors*

CHILDREN'S INTEREST

1. *The Hate U Give*; 2. *Everything, Everything*; 3. *Real Friends*;
4. *Wonder*; 5. *The Book Thief*; 6. *The Phantom Tollbooth*;
7. *Once and for All*; 8. *Mighty Jack*; 9. *The War That Saved My Life*;
10. *Hatchet*

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In honor of July 4th –

The Star-Spangled Banner

The words were written in 1814 by Francis Scott Key, who had been inspired by the sight of the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry after a night of heavy British bombardment. The text was immediately set to a popular melody of the time, "To Anacreon in Heaven."

"The Star Spangled Banner" was ordered played at military and naval occasions by President Woodrow Wilson in 1916, but was not designated the national anthem by an Act of Congress until 1931.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

There are 3 more verses—ever heard them?

Downtown News

—New businesses downtown—
Visit the Thread Shop for yarn, fabric, and sundry sewing and craft items. There was a tattoo parlor in the same space not long ago, but now completely re-done with lots of shelving and light.

Next door to The Thread Shop in the space recently vacated by the florist shop is Grassroots Wellness Peer Run Respite, a non-medical crisis alternative. Their stated mission is: To empower recovery and wellness through Choice, Connection, and Community.

Freedom Fest

Freedom Fest, the annual 4th of July festivities are planned by the Chamber of Commerce and held at Wakanda Park, Tuesday, July 4th, 4 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Games and refreshments for all ages, helicopter tours, beer garden, Fritter the Clown, fireworks over the lake at 10 P.M.

\$3 per person entry fee
Veterans, active-duty military, and children two and under get in free!
No fireworks, pets, or carry-ins in the park.
Handicap accessible parking is available.

