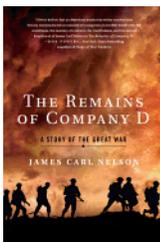


Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Flag Day Speaker, Author, Downtown

For the downtown Flag Day event on Wednesday, June 14th at the Veterans Memorial, the event partners will be bringing in an acclaimed WWI military history author for the speaker at the ceremony. Following the program that begins at 10 a.m., he'll also be doing a presentation in the lower room of the Mabel Tainter Center for the Arts.

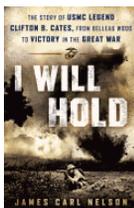
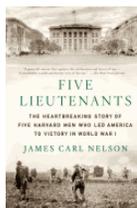


His name is James Carl Nelson, author of three books on WWI. The first, *The Remains of Company D*, follows the members of Company D, 28th Infantry Regiment, United States First Division, focusing on three major battles during World War I. It is a compelling tale of battle rooted in one man's search for his grandfather's legacy. *The Remains of Company D* received an Editor's



Choice Award as one of 2009's best seven history books. Nelson is a University of Minnesota graduate, a journalist, and lives in Eden Prairie, MN.

The Menomonie National Guard unit,



Company H, was largely transferred to the 28th Infantry of the 1st Division which is the regiment that Nelson wrote

about in his first two books.

Nelson's books on World War I are available in paperback.

By the way, the annual Flag Day ceremony takes place by the war memorial on Crescent Street, 10:00 A.M., June 14.

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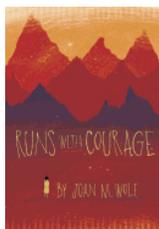
Midwest Connections Picks for June



Odd One Out, Quinton Skinner

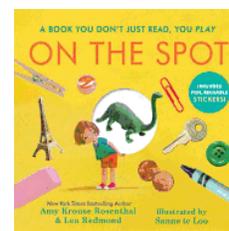
When a Minnesota father of three awakens his children late in the night with news that their

mother has left him and is bound for California, they set off on a hilarious, emotionally charged cross-country road trip to find her. The story is told in three parts, three points of view, and unravels the chain of events that forever changes this unconventional, brilliant, damaged, and loving family.



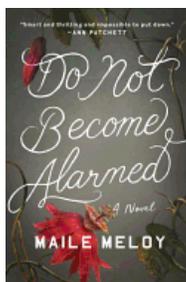
Runs with Courage, Joan Wolf, for middle readers, is about a Lakota girl in the 1880s who is taken from her family and sent to a boarding school to learn English and white culture, while trying to hold on to her own culture.

Give a Girl a Knife, Amy Thielen, a memoir about a woman from a dysfunctional Midwestern family who becomes a chef in New York City. She redeems Midwestern cooking and also wins a James Beard Award for her cookbook.

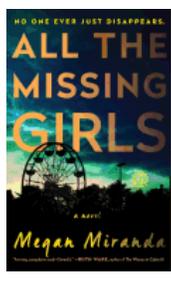


On the Spot is a picture book for 4-8 year olds. Readers are asked to provide objects, which are then inserted in blank spaces in the rhyming story about a child's active day.

Alarming Thrillers



Do Not Be Alarmed, a June publication, is about a day trip on a cruise turning into a nightmare. The main action is the result of three mothers being a little too relaxed and as a result the children go missing. Drug lords, kidnapping, infidelity, corrupt police, lots more criminal activities as well as a few caring people make this a page turner. Read with terrible fascination. Quite entertaining.

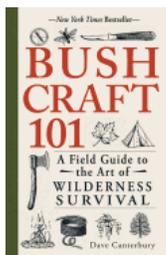


All the Missing Girls has less action and is more of a psychological thriller in the vein of *Gone Girl*. There is a mysterious family story and also a story about a tight-knit group of high school friends. The hook is the narrative gimmick—the story is told backward although the ending isn't entirely given away in the first chapter. After that each chapter is “the day before.” It's also a disturbing story. Crime, punishment, justice, how do they work?



The Perfect Stranger is Miranda's newest thriller. Failed journalist Leah Stevens needs to get out of Boston when she runs into an old friend, Emmy Grey. Emmy proposes they move to rural Pennsylvania, where Leah can get a teaching position and both women can start again. But their new start is threatened when a woman with an eerie resemblance to Leah is assaulted by the lake and Emmy disappears days later.

For the Outdoorsy and Wannabes

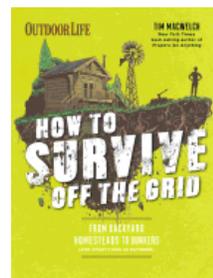


Bushcraft 101 gives advice on making the most of your time outdoors. Based on the 5Cs of Survivability—cutting tools, covering, combustion devices, containers, and cordages—this valuable guide offers only the most important survival skills to help you craft resources from your surroundings and truly experience the beauty and thrill of the wilderness. Detailed

information on food, animals and the elements is also included.



How to Survive off the Grid is for the full-time survivalist or the dreamer who



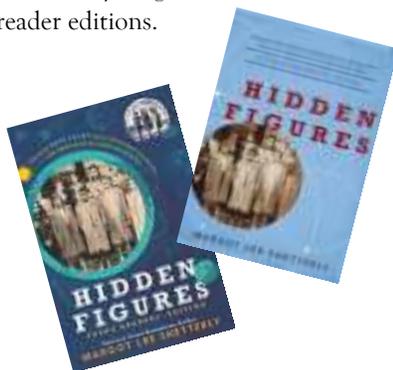
thinks of leaving it all behind and heading for the hills. This is a guide for the modern homesteader, covering energy efficiency, finding and pumping your

own water, keeping chickens, goats, bees, and other critters, and much more from a practical hands-on perspective.

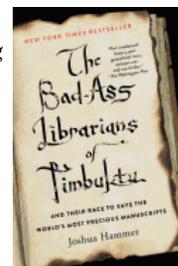
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Commonwealth, Ann Patchet
The Girls, Emma Cline
Valiant Ambition, Nathaniel Philbrick
All the Light We Cannot See, A. Doerr
The Woman in Cabin 10, Ruth Ware
Lab Girl, Hope Jahren
American Heiress, Jeffrey Toobin
The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu, Joshua Hammer
The Handmaid's Tale, Margaret Atwood
Everything, Everything MTI
Hero of Empire, Millard
The Muse, Burton

Hidden Figures is in paper in both the adult and young reader editions.



The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu and Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts is a thriller that revolves around one long chase scene, as librarians race through the deserts of Mali trying to salvage a trove of precious manuscripts from jihadists hell-bent on their destruction. This true-to-life thriller operates on several levels.

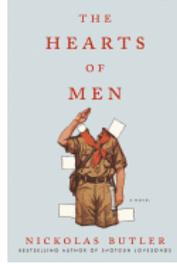


Father's Day Gift Book Ideas

Sports' books: There are always new titles of the sport of choice, from fly fishing to football, biking, hiking, climbing, driving, et cetera. Place an order!

In the fiction genre, there is Eau Claire author Nicholas Butler's *The Hearts of Men* which came out a few months ago with a splash of publicity and is likely to win an award or two for this brilliant new book.

An immediate reaction: This is a guy book in the way that *Manchester by the Sea* is a guy movie. It's about the way men relate to each other in childhood and adulthood, as friends and enemies, as fathers and sons and also about men

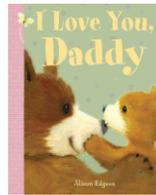


as lovers and husbands—the “hearts of men,” it covers the territory. How do boys become men and what is manhood anyway? All this and much more is there between the lines of Butler's story. The story covers three time periods, 1962, 1996 and 2019, enough to follow the connections between three generations.

A local hook to the novel is that all the action is set right here. The bulk of the story takes place in Camp Chippewa boy scout camp, up Hwy 53, near Haugen. The main characters live in

Eau Claire and Menomonie and visit Hurley.

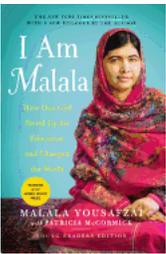
This book corroborates Jane Austen's rule never to write a scene about men alone together because she didn't know how they talked in that situation. There are some “hearts of women” in Butler's novel, especially Rachel, a wonderful character, but mostly men good and bad. Definitely a five star book..



In a lighter vein are books for new fathers like the ever-popular *Go the F* to Sleep*, Jimmy Fallon's comic *Your Baby's First Word will Be Dada*, and the heart-warming *I Love You, Daddy*.

Religion and Inspiration

Fiction, children's books, mysteries, history and biography are the most popular genres, but the bookstore has a smattering of books in many areas.



The recent kerfuffle about *I Am Malala* and the Islamic speaker at the middle school has demonstrated broad support from the community for the teachers and open-mindedness

about world religions. In light of that we can report that your local bookstore has life time sales of sixteen Korans,

about the same number of Bibles (as well as many books dealing with Christianity),

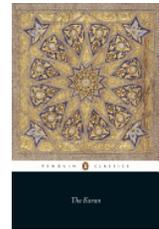
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two Torahs, and many titles about Native American Spirituality, Buddhism, Hinduism, and Confucianism.

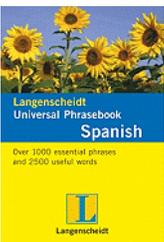
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As we know, the teenaged author of *I Am Malala* won a Nobel Peace Prize.

We can also remind ourselves that Muhammed splintered off from the Christian tradition in the eighth century, Martin Luther launched his protest five hundred years ago, Joseph Smith started Mormonism in 1820, and look no farther than Broadway and Main Street for current splinterings/evolution of the Christian tradition.



Foreign Language Section

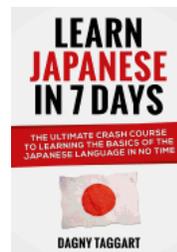


The bookstore has phrase books in a number of languages. Believe it or not, the most popular foreign language books are for Japanese. For several years it was Arabic but that seems to have fallen into disrepute. To the way of thinking of a lot of peo-

ple, it would be helpful for all of us to know as many everyday Arabic words as most of us have in Spanish—Buenos dias/al-salaam, taco/falaafil, etc.

Most of the foreign language books in the bookstore are used. Spanish has five shelves. There are also sections for Latin, Classical Greek, Hebrew, French, Russian, German, Italian, Fin-

nish, and Chinese.



Learn Japanese in 7 Days (good luck) has been popular but unfortunately no longer available.

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As we get into the annual summer travel season, it's always good to remember Emily Dickinson's paean to armchair travelers:

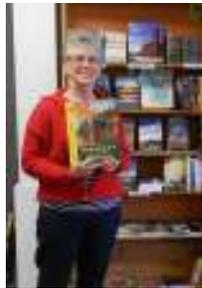
There is no Frigate like a Book
To take us Lands away
Nor any Coursers like a Page
Of prancing Poetry—
This Traverse may the poorest take
Without oppress of Toll—
How frugal is the Chariot
That bears the Human soul



Winners: Chicks Night Out, Preservation Celebration

Chicks Night Out in April turned out to be cold and windy which seemed to have discouraged some. Five who braved it all won a Prize Basket, each valued at about \$200 in merchandise. The winners are:

1. Missy Aubas
2. Tammy Gibson
3. Sharon Oebrer
4. Sally Meiner
5. Celia Burgraff



(what's happened to spring?). Cynthia Welch is the winner of the 1946 Menomonie Centennial Program donated by the bookstore. A Menomonie native, Cynthia is currently doing a local history presentation at the middle school, so her program should be a delightful item to show the students.

The Preservation Celebration on May 18 also turned out to be cold and blustery

Coming Up: Freedom Fest, the annual July 4th festivities at Wakanda Park organized by the Chamber of Commerce. As usual there is a need for volunteers and a chance for community service as well as a chance to participate in the holiday celebration. Here is the link to volunteer, or call Tony Leidl at the Chamber.



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