

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Lots of Things Going On

We have a busy couple months coming up. First of all are planned book events both in and out of the store. On Saturday, November 23 we have back-to-back area authors at the store to introduce their books.



Annie Lewis, Minneapolis author, will be here 12:00—

1:00, Nov. 23: Sympathy for a crooked little evergreen resulted in *A Perfect Tree for Christmas* (Nodin Press) a delightfully illustrated book that adults as well as children will enjoy.



Mother—daughter authors Natalie Buske Thomas and Cassandra Thomas from Hudson Natalie has written the

Serena Wilcox mystery series

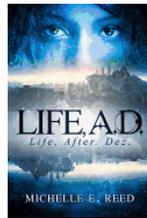
including *Bluebird Flown*. Cassandra, both a UW-RF student and cartoonist, has written a graphic novel *KiLA iLO*.



Dec. 7, 2:00, Michael Perry will be at the Mabel Tainter for a ticketed event—everyone will get an autographed

copy of his latest book *From the Top*. The bookstore will be selling copies of Perry's other books as well as his cds in the lobby after his presentation.

Dec. 13, Local author Michelle Stassen Reed will have a book launch for the first in her Y/A series, *Life, A.D.: Life, After, Dez*. At the Apothecary Café from 5-8 P.M.



In life after death for 17-year-old Dez Donnelly, she is

given two choices: join the program or face the consequences. Dez learns all about it when she crashes headlong into fate on the side of a rural highway, her life ending in a violent collision of steel and screaming brakes. The train that delivers her newly departed soul to the crossroads of the afterlife won't be carrying her to the sweet hereafter ... Meet Michelle on Dec. 13. Pre-order the book at the store, if you like. Cost is \$10, no shipping.

Introducing **Nou Lee**, our intern from Workforce Resources. Nou will be at the bookstore until January. She has co-edited this newsletter—pages 2-3 are all her work, her writing.



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Happy Turkey!



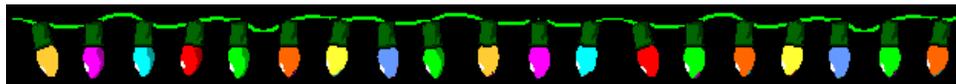
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Holiday Hours
Nov 29 to Dec 24
Mon – Fri 10:00–6:00
Sat 10:00–4:00
Sunday closed



Winter Catalogue
The Midwest Independent Booksellers Assoc. has put together a particularly nice set of books suggestions for every reader. The first pages have the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award books of special interest to Minnesota and Wisconsin readers.



If you didn't get a mailed copy, pick up one at the bookstore.

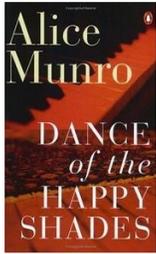
Many Thanks! Witches Night Out was both fun and a huge success in spite of the cold.

BOOKENDS
ON MAIN

A bookstore is one of the only pieces of evidence we have that people are still thinking.

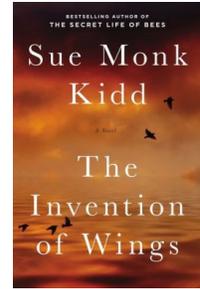
- Jerry Seinfeld

Book Reviews



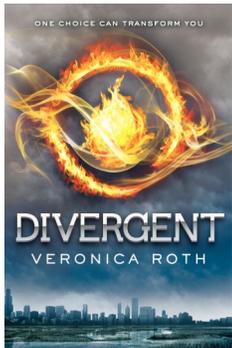
This year's winner of the Noble Prize for Literature, Canada's Alice Munro, is a rare choice, for she writes only short stories. Her first collection, *Dance of the Happy Shades*, understandably won Canada's Governor General Prize in 1968, because it is not just promising but accomplished work, the stories ranging from good to excellent. Munro's favorite setting in these stories is in small towns or rural parts of Southeastern Ontario near Lake Huron. The times go back as far as the 1930s. Her narrators are mostly girls and women. Usually, they are coping with girlhood, parents or other relatives. Their attempts to understand yield many perceptive observations. One girl learns that there is a definition of being a girl, a standard which she is expected to meet. I could quote many insightful passages. This is by a rare male narrator, "There are some people who can go only a little way with the act of love, and some others who can go very far, who can make a greater surrender, like the mystics. And Lois, this mystic of love, sat now on the far side of the car-seat, looking cold and rumpled and utterly closed up in herself." - "Thanks for the Ride" The last, the title story, ends with the narrator's revised opinion of "poor Miss Marsalles," stereotyped by the community as an obsolete, ineffectual piano teacher.

-Reviewed by William Laine



Not slated to appear in stores just yet, this richly nuanced book weaves fiction and history with deft strokes. It's the story of Sarah Grimke and Hetty Handful, the abolitionist and the handmaiden cleaved to her. My grasp of this time in history was rather tenuous but watching the quiet intensity of this story build and flesh out the realities of the world in the period fueled my apprehension and curiosity. Even amidst such cruelties it was gratifying to feel a sense of hope and fall a little more in love with these female characters and their strength of self. Definitely read.

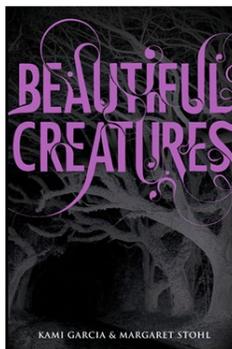
Young Adult Books



With *Allegiant* recently published and completing the trilogy, now might be a time to check out the series. Set in a world where the people uphold a facet of humanity lifelong, Veronica Roth spins a complicated and deeply immersive story. There are five particular Factions: Abnegation, Amity, Candor, Dauntless, Erudite and they value above all else the trait of Selflessness, Peace, Honesty, Bravery and Intelligence respectively. There is no Sorting Hat however. Instead, those of age take an aptitude test that places them most likely to be in a Faction and then there's a ceremony to which they can choose. The story follows Beatrice Prior, a sixteen year old who's never really felt like she wholly belonged within Abnega-

tion and yet who can't imagine betraying her family by changing to a different one. Her life is made more difficult when she finds out that she is Divergent: being equally suited for more than one faction, specifically Abnegation, Dauntless and Erudite. To be different is dangerous and as she makes her decision Beatrice must balance on the knife edge of wariness, as there are those that would kill her if they knew. Further compounding matters is the Initiation Process to which she must pass to be considered a member, and the clash of differences that result from competing with others. Along the way she makes friends with fellow initiates and begins to change, even as she questions certain views the faction stands for. An intriguing take on the pursuit of a utopian society and what it means to grow up, Roth leaves no time for breath in this fiendishly paced book. Currently in the process of being adapted to film.

Speaking of movies, this series had one not too long ago and it's clear why. It's deceptively simple on the surface, boy meets new girl. But there's a supernatural theme in here and Ethan Wate as the narrator shares a viewpoint we don't often get to see. The town is a sleepy sort of place, where nothing really happens but things are put into motion starting that very night before school which would change lives forever. Ethan dreams of meeting someone important to him in the woods and when he sees newcomer Lena he feels as though there's a connection. They become friends when he realizes she was the person in his dreams. But past family secrets and the interests of others eventually puts things to a head. Lena is a Caster, someone with powerful magic and must choose to be dark or light. As with *Divergent*, this book leaves you on the brink, eager to continue the next.



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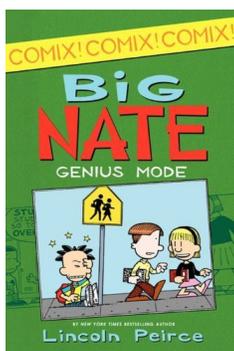
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Percy Jackson Series



My reading curve followed from fairy tales to Greek mythology and the Percy Jackson series is definitely something that featured in that. A modern twist to the stories of so long ago, Rick Riordan crafts a superbly sympathetic protagonist, drawn from some personal experiences. Percy Jackson is as surprised as any to find out he is a demigod and more specifically, that of Poseidon's son. This places a target on him and he learns of Camp Half Blood where others like him go to be safe and learn so he sets off and so begins a number of adventures. Riordan also has two other series dealing with Mythology and one wonders of a culmination of the three will clash one day. Should prove interesting. Currently we will be having a **10% discount on all Rick Riordan books for the month of November** so now may just prove a time to check them out!

Books for Middle Readers



Nate the Great is a favorite of children for good reason, its quirky humor and graphics makes the character easy to relate to and approach. There's a certain balance to maintaining highs and lows in the story which Lincoln Peirce navigates expertly as he takes us from Valentine mix-ups, to upholding Nate's longstanding

record of most Detentions, and hilarious reviews of the school. And that's not even the half of it! After reading one of these you almost want to do some drawing on your own and the author smartly has a few pages to prompt that creativity.



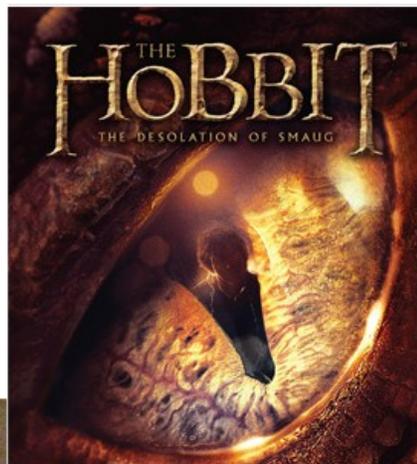
The first of a series, Thomas Kingsley Troupe introduces a lively pair in the mysterious setting of the Corman Towers; an apartment building with truly heinous housing code violations. Flo Gardner has just moved into town, across the hall from the chipper but slightly odd Furry who seems to be strangely at home in the derelict residence. Soon enough she finds herself on the hunt for a thief of popsicles, bribing a retired maintenance man, discovering her friend is not quite all he seems and school hasn't even started yet! With dynamic illustrations accentuating scenes and a well paced plot, Furry and Flo keeps you on your toes. Caution: not for the arachnophobic as there are quite a few spiders and word imagery.

Upcoming Books

Winter is coming and along with it, The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug. The movie is set to show in theaters on December and what better way to prepare for the adaptation then reading the book? You might even get swept away into the distant lands of Middle-Earth and need the Lord of the Rings series to tide you over then, to which we quite cheerfully can be of aid. Also to look forward to is the latest

of the Diary of a Wimpy Kid series, a genuinely engaging and charming narration of the life and times of Greg Heffley; slated to hit bookstores on November 5th.

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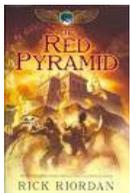
New & used books, Toys, Gifts,
Greeting cards, Guitars & guitar
strings, Journals, Etc.

Holiday Specials and Seasonal Events.

Small Business Saturday, right after Thanksgiving, is a national promotion started by American Express. It has proven a boon for main street businesses across the country. Hope to see you again for this year's SHOP LOCAL campaign. It means a lot. And remember that the vast number of dollars spent locally stay local for salaries, rent, taxes, and so on.



NOVEMBER SPECIALS



All Rich Riordan books are 10% off during November. We have titles in the Kane Chronicles, Percy Jackson, and Heroes of Olympus series.



There is also a graphic version of *The Red Pyramid*.

Advance Reader Copies –Publishers send pre-publication proofs to recommend for the Indie Next lists. We offer them for \$1. Proceeds go to Steppingstones and other local charities.



Midwest Connections Monthly Promotions – Three Cookbooks for November

15 % off shelf – titles rotate. Hard covers, children's books.

20% off shelf – Science Fiction

80% off – Assorted titles

Free – Miscellaneous books and magazines

Ongoing: Raffle for the 1980s Hallmark ornaments 50 cents

Eight Hallmark pewter plates, \$15.00 each

Hallmark Creche: 15 ceramic figurines plus basket background.

