

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Publishing, Dunkards, Events

May 2018

Just about every day someone asks for a book I haven't heard of. This is not surprising as over one million books are published in the U.S. each year. An author and publisher have to hit the jackpot to be acknowledged at all, and to reach a best seller list is just about lottery-level pay-off. Often the book request is helpful as a title to add to the bookstore inventory. Sometimes the request is just downright intriguing as this title is:

Highlights and Heartaches



Sidewalk Sale June 2

Downtown Menomonie is hosting a Sidewalk Sale on Saturday, June 2, 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Visitors and shoppers are invited to "walk-a-block." The goal is for people to walk the entire Downtown Business District and see what really constitutes Downtown.

of Brethren Pioneers: North Dakota, Minnesota, Wisconsin by Herman Shuman (1981, 122 pp). The book is about the Dunkards, a religious group similar to the Amish. The local family who own the land where the Dunkard church once stood in Weston would like to have a copy of this book. Luckily, the UW-Stout archives have a copy of the book. It wouldn't be surprising if someone nearby has a copy of this book also. If so, a purchaser stands at the ready.

By the way, colonies of

Certain locations spread throughout Downtown will have a punch card that goes can return to the Chamber of Commerce building for a chance to win a prize. In order to get these cards punched, they must walk the entirety of the Downtown.

Dunkards still exist in Hillsboro and elsewhere in Wisconsin.

Robert Hunter

will be at the bookstore on May 22, 3pm-5pm.

Hunter is an accomplished entertainer, author, and Nashville recording artist - with a highly anticipated new record and a new novel coming out in 2018. He has written a book about himself and his wife dealing with cancer, and besides doing a book signing, Hunter will present a live acoustic performance as part of his "Relapse and Revival Tour."



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ENTER TO WIN!

Register with every purchase: Will Bookends on Main sell by August 1?

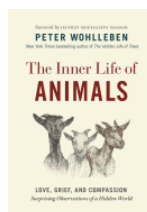
Prize:

\$50 cash if bookstore is sold,

\$50 Gift certificate if it's not.

(The bookstore is for sale as is. Call or email to set up an appointment to learn details.)

Don't worry.
Bookends is NOT closing!



Midwest Connections Picks for May

Great American Outpost reminds us that the revolution is not just a story of frack fluid and oil production but a story of the human experience. Through Didion-esque scenes of the North Dakota boom, Maya Rao evokes America in extremis with glimpses of lives and decisions that are sometimes frightening, sometimes inspiring, and sometimes just nuts." - Gary Sernovitz

girls to always be themselves and to love who they are—inside and out.



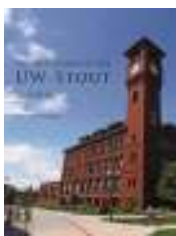
Written by mother-daughter duo Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Paris Rosenthal, *Dear Girl* is a perfect book for the special girl in your life. It encourages

A deeply personal and seamless blend of memoir, cultural history, literary criticism, and journalistic reportage, *The Recovering*

turns the traditional addiction narrative on its head, demonstrating that the story of recovery can be every bit as electrifying as the train wreck itself.

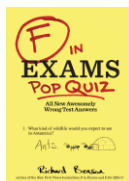
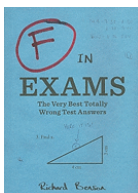
Beaut: If your mother decided to write about the details of her life, would you read her account? Jill Lundgrove does just that, and her children don't know what to make of it. They consider destroying her pages, for in them they find an account of their family blended by death and divorce, tested by illness and drug addiction, and unevenly duct-taped with their mother's love.

May: Graduation, Mother's Day, Teacher Appreciation

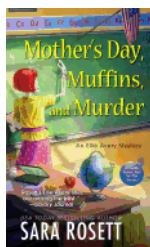


A nice memento for the UW-Stout graduate, the interesting and beautifully illustrated history of the university, *An Idea Comes of Age*.

Or for the humorously inclined, may we suggest one of the *F in Exams* series? The author



deserves an A in creativity and wit for these books.



Mysteries are a favorite genre, and a search for new titles brought an eye-catching title that combines a murder mystery, Mother's Day, and teachers. However, in this period of school shootings, the appeal of this mystery, even though it's called "sparkling" by *Publisher's Weekly*, may be tarnished.

Probably more rewarding a read is Paula McLain's new book *Love and Ruin* about the marriage of Martha Gellhorn and Ernest Hemingway. Gellhorn was fiercely independent and ambitious, a WWII war correspondent and novelist. Hemingway never forgave her for leaving him. *Paris Wife* is McLain's novel about Hemingway's first marriage. The Gellhorn-Hemingway home is in Havana.



Midwest Indie Roadmap Promotion



Here's an offer to celebrate Independent Bookstores beginning on Independent Bookstore Day (Saturday, April 28) and throughout the year thereafter.

- On the back cover of the map there are some details about a contest the Midwest Bookseller Association (MIBA) will be hosting to encourage folks to visit independent stores throughout the year.
- Customers take a selfie either in or in front of the store at any time over the course of the year.
- You post it to Twitter and tag (@midwestbooks) and the bookstore. Every month, MIBA selects a photo at random to receive a \$25 gift card to any store on the map.
- Next year on Independent Bookstore Day, MIBA will select another random photo to win a \$500 gift card to any store on the map. (The more times customers post a photo, the more likely they are to win the grand prize!)

Pick up a Midwest Indie Bookstore Roadmap at the bookstore.

America's 100 Favorite Novels (alphabetical order messed up)

1984
Hatchet
A Confederacy of Dunces
Heart of Darkness
A Game of Thrones
The Help
A Prayer for Owen Meany
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
A Separate Peace
The Hunger Games
A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
The Hunt for Red October
The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
The Intuitionist
The Alchemist
Invisible Man
Alex Cross Mysteries
Jane Eyre
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
The Joy Luck Club
Americanah
Jurassic Park
And Then There Were None
Left Behind
Anne of Green Gables
The Little Prince
Another Country
Little Women
Atlas Shrugged
Lonesome Dove
Beloved
Looking for Alaska
Bless Me, Ultima

The Lord of the Rings
The Book Thief
The Lovely Bones
The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao
The Martian
The Call of the Wild
Memoirs of a Geisha
Catch-22
Mind Invaders
The Catcher in the Rye
Moby Dick
Charlotte's Web
The Notebook
The Chronicles of Narnia
One Hundred Years of Solitude
The Clan of the Cave Bear
Outlander
The Coldest Winter Ever
The Outsiders
The Color Purple
The Picture of Dorian Gray
The Count of Monte Cristo
Pilgrim's Progress
Crime and Punishment
The Pillars of the Earth
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time
Pride and Prejudice
The Da Vinci Code
Ready Player One
Don Quixote
Rebecca
Doña Barbara

The Shack
Dune
Siddhartha
Fifty Shades of Grey
The Sirens of Titan
Flowers in the Attic
The Stand
Foundation
The Sun Also Rises
Frankenstein
Swan Song
Ghost
Tales of the City
Gilead
Their Eyes Were Watching God
The Giver
Things Fall
This Present Darkness
Gone Girl
To Kill a Mockingbird
Gone with the Wind
Twilight
The Grapes of Wrath
War and Peace
Great Expectations
Watchers
The Great Gatsby
The Wheel of Time
Gulliver's Travels
Where the Red Fern Grows
The Handmaid's Tale
White Teeth
Harry Potter
Wuthering Heights

Two Steps Forward

Graeme Simison, author of the popular *The Rosie Project*, and Anne Buist used their hiking experience to co-write *Two Steps Forward*, a novel about walking the Camino de Santiago, the old pilgrim route to the church of St. James in Compostella, Spain. In recent years Martin Sheen and son made a popular movie, *The Way*, about this pilgrim journey. Years ago David Lodge

wrote a hilarious account of the pilgrim journey, and countless peo-

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ple walk The Chemin each year, so *Two Steps Forward* is one in a series of such accounts from the profane

to the religious. This one has a huge variety of characters, a lot of detail about the route in France, an engineer whose goal is to test a wheeled cart alternative to the back pack which he hopes to market, and a pilgrim-widow—the romantic element there. There may be a few too many stray threads but the story makes the trek interesting, even enviable in its way.



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Greeting Cards, Guitars &
Guitar Strings, Journals, Etc.

“Lilacs” by Amy Lowell —first lines of a very long poem

Lilacs,
False blue,
White,
Purple,
Color of lilac,
Your great puffs of flowers
Are everywhere in this my New England.
Among your heart-shaped leaves
Orange orioles hop like music-box birds and sing
Their little weak soft songs;
In the crooks of your branches
The bright eyes of song sparrows sitting on spotted eggs
Peer restlessly through the light and shadow
Of all Springs.
Lilacs in dooryards
Holding quiet conversations with an early moon;
Lilacs watching a deserted house
Settling sideways into the grass of an old road;
Lilacs, wind-beaten, staggering under a lopsided shock of
bloom
Above a cellar dug into a hill.
You are everywhere.

Mr. Boddington's Etiquette: Charm and Civility for Every Occasion



New books of etiquette seem few and far between, but a recent one is eye-catching both in it's witty and amusing

presentation and a few unusual topics. The book was published in San Francisco, printed in China, and the manners often distinctively British. To wit, in honor of the upcoming royal wedding, we quote this section:

Royal Encounters

Occasions: Knighthood ceremonies, tea with the Queen and congratulatory parties for your Nobel Prize or Lifetime Achievement Award from the Motion Picture Association of America

Ladies: Whatever dress you choose, make sure to wear a darling hat that matches. Add a silk scarf, two strands of pearls, and some kitten heels to complete the outfit.

Gentlemen: Nothing but your most dapper suit will do, accented by a stylish tie and pocket square.

Got that Menomonie Ladies and Gentlemen? Any kitten heels and pocket squares in your wardrobe?



Historic Preservation Celebration May 18: Downtown tours. Contact the Main Street Office (715-235-2666) or the Chamber (715-235-9087) for more details.