

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Bookstore Update — Sidewalk Sale — Author 6/14

June 2018

Here is a follow-up on the bookstore. The buyers who were eager to close on March 15 have drifted away without explanation and I have met with several others who are really interested in the bookstore. Almost weekly someone says, "It's my dream to own a bookstore!" It's definitely a viable business perfect for Main Street. Being a bookseller has given me a very satisfying nine years and I'm prepared to make a go of it for another nine. See you!

T.H. Harbinger (Jim Lenz),
author of *Flying High with*



Consequences will be at the bookstore June 14, 3-5. His book is a historical novel based on the true story of

Professor John Karl and his research leading to the development of frac sand mines in Wisconsin.

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empower themselves to address environmental concerns.

Sidewalk Sale

JUNE 2, Saturday, downtown businesses are joining together for a day of sidewalk sales. It's a Walk-a-Block — tour the entire downtown from 9th Street to Broadway and also the business blocks on Broadway. Pick up a punch card at the Visitor's Center and have it stamped at the Bookstore and other locations to join the raffle for prizes and Main Street Gift Certificates.

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Midwest Connections Picks for June

The Lion's Binding Oath is a short story collection about life in Somalia, starting with an engaging story about goat-herder brothers, danger, hardship, family life told with warmth and humor. The author is an immigrant.

Our Towns by James and Deborah Fallows is a fascinating book about small towns, with a focus on their civic and economic renewal. It's a hopeful book, a respite

from so much of the negativity we are bombarded with.

Neck and Neck is a

delightful children's book about Leopold the giraffe whose self-esteem is challenged by a confrontation with a bobble-head look-alike. This book is a nice companion to the ever-popular Gi-



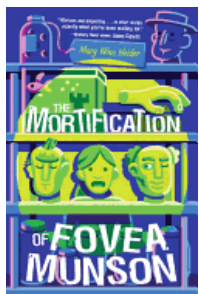
raffes *Can't Dance*. A middle reader book completes

the Midwest Connections selections for June. *The Westing Game* is a highly inventive mystery that begins when sixteen unlikely people gather for the reading of the very strange will of the

very rich Samuel W. Westing. He may be dead, but that won't stop him from playing one last game.

The Westing game is tricky and dangerous, but the heirs play one.

The Mortification of Fovea Munson, rev. by Pat Trotter



The Mortification of Fovea Munson by Mary Winn Heider, for Middle Readers

Imagine being a seventh-grader and having parents who own and work in a cadaver lab. They love their work and constantly enjoy talking about their favorite body

parts. Imagine having to give up summer camp plans to work in this body part lab that you consider extremely gross. As if that was not bad enough for Fovea (whose name means eyeballs, by the way), imagine having disembodied thawing heads begin to talk to you!! Throw in a tiger kidnapping, weird recording sessions, a random mugger, an order for 600 legs, and you have the makings for a never-to-be-for-

gotten summer. Well written, destined to be a favorite of middle readers.

Message from the Indie Next staff:

We are delighted to tell you your quote for *The Mortification of Fovea Munson* has been chosen for use in our Summer 2018 Kids' Next List. The printed flyer will appear in the May Kids' mailing and the full announcement will appear in the May 16th issue of *Bookselling This Week*.

Congratulations to our bookstore employee Pat!

The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (and Their Muses)

The Bar Harbor Retirement Home for Famous Writers (and Their Muses) by Terr-Lynne DeFino.

A beautiful old home, renovated into a retirement home exclusively for famous writers. A famous writer with a terminal illness who just wants to be left alone in his room to write one last book, but cannot find the words any more. A young staff member who has hidden herself away in this home for

elderly writers because an accident has left her with a horribly disfigured face and who just happens to be this writer's greatest fan. With the help of his young fan and the other writers in the home, Alfonso

finds the words to pen a beautiful story that works in all their lives to bring healing, love, and forgiveness. Masterfully written. Hard to put down.

Paper back. Rev. by Pat Trotter

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The Great American Read



Scroll down to page 4 to see the list of 100 best-loved books featured in THE GREAT AMERICAN READ, an eight-part series that explores and celebrates the power of reading. It investigates how and why writers create their fictional worlds, how we as readers are affected by these stories, and what these 100 different books (chosen in a na-

tional survey) have to say about our diverse nation and shared human experience. The television series features entertaining and informative documentary segments, with compelling testimonials from celebrities, authors, notable Americans and book lovers across the country. The two-hour launch episode went over the entire list of 100 books, and it will be followed by five one-hour theme episodes that examine concepts common to groups of books on the list, and a finale, in which the results are announced of a nationwide vote to

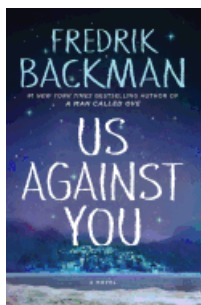
choose America's best-loved book. At the bookstore about 90 of the 100 books are in stock, an indication of their enduring popularity and frequency of purchase.

Visit <http://www.pbs.org/the-great-american-read/about/show/> to learn more about the program.

You can vote online for your favorite book on the list.

Scroll to page 4 for a description of our "Open Mic" GREAT AMERICAN READ night at the Barrel Room in July.

New Fiction



Swedish author Fredrik Backman has had a remarkable series of popular novels including *A Man Called Ove* and *Britt-Marie Was Here*. A seventh has just arrived: *Us Against You*.

"Backman returns to the hockey-obsessed village of his previous novel *Beartown* to chronicle the passion, violence, resilience, and humanity of the people who live there in this engrossing tale of small-town

Swedish life... Backman's excellent novel has an atmosphere of both Scandinavian folktale and Greek tragedy. Darkness and grit exist alongside tenderness and levity, creating a blunt realism that brings the setting's small-town atmosphere to vivid life."~ *Publishers Weekly*



Puddin' is the companion to the bestseller. *Dumplin'*: Millie Michalchuk has gone to fat camp every year since she was a little girl. Not this year. This year she has new

plans to chase her secret dream—and to kiss the boy she's crushing on.

Callie Reyes is the pretty girl who is next in line for dance-team captain and has the popular boyfriend. But when it comes to other girls, she's more frenemy than friend.

When circumstances bring the girls together over the course of a semester, they surprise everyone (especially themselves) by realizing that they might have more in common than they ever imagined.

A story about unexpected friendship, romance, and Texas-size girl power—this is another winner from Julie Murphy.

Hello Universe—a Newberry Award Winner



Lives of four misfits are intertwined when a bully's prank lands shy Virgil at the bottom of a well and Valencia, Kaori, and Gen band together in an epic quest to find and rescue him.

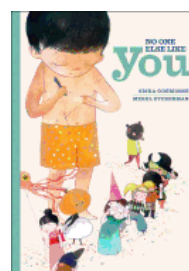
Review Quote: "Folklore, fairy tales, astrology, mysticism and dreams all mingle together to create a wonder-

filled, fantastical and unique world...there is so much for every reader contained within."~BookPage

Summer is the time when many middle

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reader books are bought. Many kids read a lot during summer vacation.



No One Like You is a book from Belgium that celebrates the diversity of people—their lives, their feelings and temperament, beliefs: "Seven bil-

lion people like little ants in the grass." But also everyone's individuality, "not one of them is just like you."

Back by Popular Demand



Bicycle earrings and pins from

Global Crafts and agate bookends, some dyed blue and teal, from Brazil are back in the bookstore. These items have been very popular over the years.



Evergreen Cemetery—the cemetery on an island at the east side of town founded by the Stout-Knapp Co in 1876—is searching for a sexton. This position has two parts so could be filled by two people. The most important part is meeting people who want to buy a cemetery space, locating gravesites for burials and monuments, and keeping records. The sexton receives a stipend. The second position is for some-

Evergreen Cemetery

one able to open/close for cremain burials. There is a fee schedule for this.

For more information contact: Gary Cowles, Evergreen Board President or Susan Thurin, Evergreen Sec'y-Treas. cowles@wwt.net or thu780@hotmail.com



The 100 Best Books in the Great American Read List

1984
Hatchet
A Confederacy of Dunces
Heart of Darkness
A Game of Thrones
The Help
A Prayer for Owen Meany
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

Great American Read – Two Events

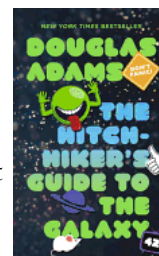
In July join us in at the Barrel Room for a round table on “My Favorite Book” on the Great American Read list. This will be a time to share ideas on book you’ve liked. Some of these are old classics, some relatively new like *Americanah* and *Fifty Shades of Grey*. At the end of the discussion, we’ll decide on one

Open Mic Book Night at the
Barrel Room

of the books as a group read for an August or September follow-up.

For my personal summer reading

from this list, I’ll include *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* — I’ve never read it but it is often bought at the bookstore. It’s sci-fi, action-adventure and humor.



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

What Is So Rare As A Day In June - by James Russell Lowell

(first stanza)

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
Every clod feels a stir of might,
An instinct within it that reaches and towers,
And, groping blindly above it for light,
Climbs to a soul in grass and flowers;
The flush of life may well be seen
Thrilling back over hills and valleys;
The cowslip startles in meadows green,
The buttercup catches the sun in its chalice,
And there's never a leaf nor a blade too mean
To be some happy creature's palace;
The little bird sits at his door in the sun,
Atilt like a blossom among the leaves,
And lets his illumined being o'errun
With the deluge of summer it receives;
His mate feels the eggs beneath her wings,
And the heart in her dumb breast flutters and sings;
He sings to the wide world, and she to her nest,
In the nice ear of Nature which song is the best?

Sheridyn & Gabriel's Wedding, Mother Pat, Robert Hunter Part-time Employment Opportunity



Pat's working at the bookstore while Sheridyn and Gabriel honeymoon.



Singer-author Robert Hunter, his wife, and opener Sara Trunzo were at the bookstore for their *Revival* book and tour. They both gave a really fine performance to a disappointingly small audience. At the Hudson bookstore a few days earlier they sold a hundred books. We'll have to try harder!

PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT
OPPORTUNITY (15 hrs/wk)
The Menomonie Area Senior



Center is looking for a Program Director for its Adult Day Services program for Adults with special needs.

Requirements:

Ability to work with special needs adults, planning activities and direct involvement with participants. CNA certification preferred. Ideal position for those looking for a rewarding occupation in a friendly environment.

Email resume and job references to: seniors@wwt.net, Donna Collins, Shirley Doane Senior Center Director, by June 15th. No phone or walk-in inquiries please!