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Bookends on Main

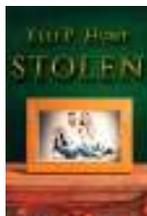
Events in November – Busy at the Bookstore

November 2018



Nov. 10
1:00–3:00

Alicia Schwab, illustrator of *Mukluk Ball*, publ. by MN Historical Press: At 1:30 she will give a presentation on illustrating a children’s book, read from the book and autograph copies of this charming work. Schwab is a UW-Stout Art Dept. graduate.



Nov. 17 1:00–3:00

Elli Hunt, local author of *Stolen (Lynn’s Story)*. At 1:30 Elli will give a presentation on her book. If you ever thought, “It couldn’t happen here,” you haven’t read this debut mystery. It takes place in the driftless area of WI where people are friendly and helpful, nothing much ever happens. On a pleasant late September day, Abi relished the opportunity to harvest the last of the veggies from her garden. It was her last pleasant memory .

Small Business Saturday



Nov. 24
11:00–1:00

Local author David Tank will present his latest Middle Reader book :

Secret Santa: The Mystery of the Magic Watch. Con’t p. 2

2:00–4:00 Joe Niese, author and sports historian and



library director in Chippewa Falls will present his book on Gus Dorais,

a Chippewa Falls native and early gridiron hero. Con’t p. 2.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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Midwest Connections Picks



Following a near-fatal car accident on Lake Superior, Midwestern movie-house owner Virgil Wander begins to piece together his personal history and the lore of his broken town with the help of a cast of affable and curious locals.

The author Leif Enger was a reporter for MPR and has written two bestselling novels and won an award for a third.



A Cloud in the Shape of a Girl is a poignant novel about three generations of the Wise family—Evelyn, Laura, and Grace—as they hunt for contentment amid chaos of their own making. Spanning from World War II to the present, we see these women and their trials, small and large, as they navigate the expectations for their lives and the dreams of everyone they love.

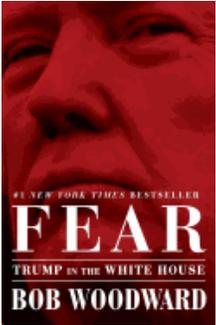


A Key to Treehouse Living is the adventure of William Tyce, a boy without parents. William grows up near a river in the rural Midwest, and—in a glossary-style list—he imparts his particular wisdom on subjects ranging from ASPHALT PATHS to MORTAL BETRAYAL. This is a story about keeping your own record straight and living life by a different code.



Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners is an unmissable dramedy about an aging Midwestern matriarch, Violet, who goes to hilarious lengths to keep up her family’s perfect veneer. It’s a smart, funny Wes Anderson-esque sendup of Midwestern suburban life and a celebration of it, with powerful, timely themes of LGBT rights, class, and generational differences.

Fear: Trump in the White House, rev by William Laine



In *Fear: Trump in the White House*, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist Bob Woodward describes chaos in the White House, with warring factions: nationalists vs globalists. Rex Tillerson as Sec of State was a globalist and Steve Bannon a nationalist, both of whom Trump, a nationalist, eventually jettisoned. Trump called his daughter and son-in-law moderate Democrats. They

wanted him to stay in the Paris Climate Accords. When the suggestion of Trump running for president was made to Bannon, he could not believe it, saying that Trump doesn't write checks; he signs checks other pay him. Trump spends several hours a day watching TV news, especially Fox News. That and his obsession with Mueller's investigation make major distractions from doing his job. Trump's staff try to curb his impulses to sign extreme orders (Trump doesn't like to read, so his briefings must be very brief) and tweet his decisions on policy. Tillerson learned he was replaced when Trump

tweeted it. Trump's attorney, John Dowd, tried to convince him not to testify before the Special Prosecutor, Robert Mueller. Dowd tried every argument short saying, "You are an habitual liar; if you testify under oath, Mueller will catch you in perjury." Dowd gave up and resigned. Woodward had access to White House staff, but Trump declined interviews.

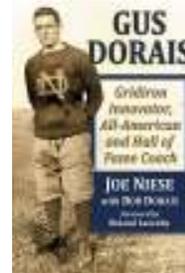
Local Authors and Their Books – Con't from p. 1

David Tank's *Secret Santa: The Mystery of the Magic Watch*:

Sam, Abby and Nick return in this time-traveling adventure to the Roaring Twenties. When Abby gets separated and finds herself lost in New York City, Sam and Nick follow her trail, determined to rescue her. In their race to bring her back to the present, they foil a bank robbery, catch a burglar and learn the secret of magician Harry Houdini's greatest trick. This middle-grade novel is the sequel to *Secret Santa: The Mystery of the Stereoscope*.

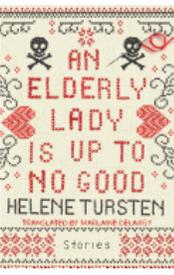
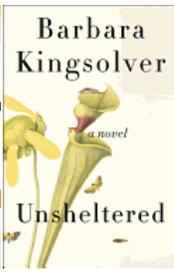
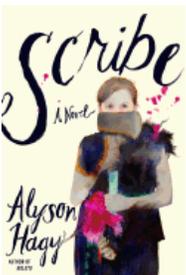
They "learn the secret of magician Harry Houdini's greatest trick."

Elli Hunt, author of *Stolen (Lynn's Story)*, is a retired teacher who has written a thriller that captures the imagination. Her description of how the book got written is also really interesting, a good authorial story in its own right. See her blog at <https://elli981763040.wordpress.com/>



Joe Niese's book about Notre Dame's quarterback, coach, and innovator Gus Dorais is his third book. His second book is about Boyceville native Handy Andy Pafko whose baseball career took him to the major leagues. *Burleigh Grimes Baseball's Last Legal Spitballer* is Niese's first book. All three books are well-researched, have good illustrations and indexes. They are a really good contribution to local history as well.

New in November – Indie NEXT List



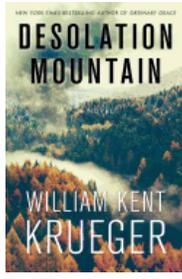
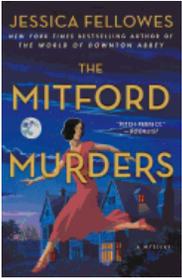
Little – an imagining of Madame Tussaud.

Scribe – dystopian Appalachia following the Civil War. *The Library Book* – about arson, library history and the fire that destroyed the LA Public Library. *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* – cat and owner travel Japan

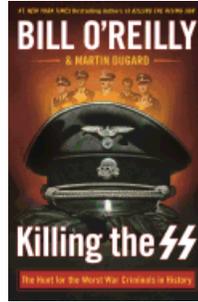
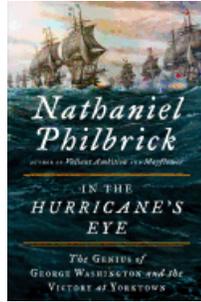
finding laughter and tears. *Unsheltered* – a then and now sort of story about superstition, truth, science; a great read. *The Proposal* – “funny, uplifting, lighthearted” romance/happy ending.

An Elderly Lady Is Up to No Good – a really small book of short, short stories in the *Arsenic and Old Lace* vein set in Sweden. Can't go wrong with any of these books this month.

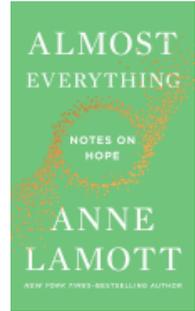
Mysteries



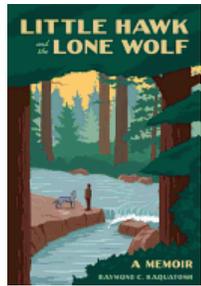
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Biography



Body, Mind, Spirit

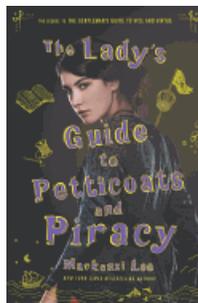
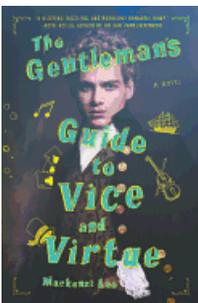


WPR Chapter-a-Day in November:

a first-person narrative of a young Wisconsin Menominee,

the son of a medicine woman, who grew up with a wolf as his companion by Raymond Kaquatosh.

Young Adult



ture for the modern age: A young bisexual British lord embarks on an unforgettable Grand Tour of Europe with his best friend/secret crush.

The *Lady's Guide* takes a different path:

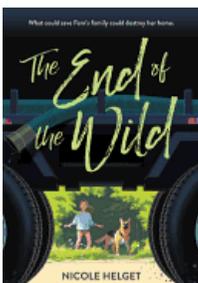
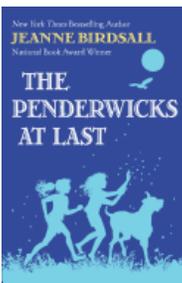
Felicity Montague must use all her womanly wits and wiles to achieve her dreams of becoming a doctor—even if she has to scheme her way across Europe to do it.



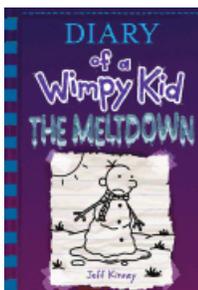
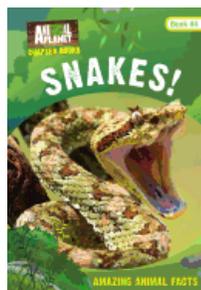
New Boy is a re-telling of Shakespeare's Othello

An eighteenth century romantic adven-

Middle Readers

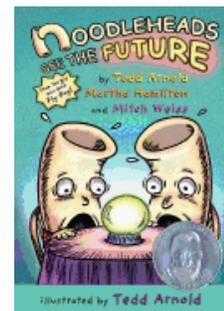


Two good kids' adventure stories.



Animal Planet series, #13 in the Wimpy Kid series

A cute, goofy graphic novel for middle readers.



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November

Helen Hunt Jackson

This is the treacherous month when autumn days
With summer's voice come bearing summer's gifts.
Beguiled, the pale down-trodden aster lifts
Her head and blooms again. The soft, warm haze
Makes moist once more the sere and dusty ways,
And, creeping through where dead leaves lie in drifts,
The violet returns. Snow noiseless sifts
Ere night, an icy shroud, which morning's rays
Will idly shine upon and slowly melt,
Too late to bid the violet live again.
The treachery, at last, too late, is plain;
Bare are the places where the sweet flowers dwelt.
What joy sufficient hath November felt?
What profit from the violet's day of pain?

Our Halloween Basket Grab Bags \$5 Halloween Window Display



And
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win-
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... waiting for Erin's response.



Grab bags \$5:
an assortment
of self-help,
mysteries, par-
enting books
in each bag.

Tariffs Hit the Bookstore:
One of our bookstore side-
lines is guitars. Our supplier
notes that because of the new
China tariff, the price has in-
creased by 10%.

Many books are printed in
China. Will book prices in-
crease because of the tariff
also? That's "trickle-down" on
Main Street.



Our Hallow-
een window
display. As
for down-
town trick or
treat, we ran
out at 4:45

after handing out 591 pieces
of candy. Dozens of costumed
Trick-or-
Treaters
came by after
that. Sorry.

