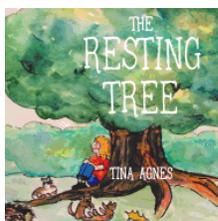


Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Children's Event

Friday June 14th
starting at 10:30
Children's author



Tina Sheppard, who grew up on the Chippewa River outside of Eau Claire, will read her book titled *The Resting Tree* about her childhood friends on the family farm. Besides reading and signing books, she will bring art supplies for the kids to color a picture of one of the book characters.

Wine Walk

Wine Walk
Sat June 22, 5-8,

a first time event for downtown Menomonie.

- Tickets are available online and the night of the event but please buy online to avoid waiting and to make sure you get a ticket, number is limited. Ticket holders must be 21 and will be issued a glass and wrist band.
- Each participating location will have official pourers and representatives to make sure folks have wristbands and empty glasses when they arrive and leave. Snacks will be available but because books and finger food don't go well together, the bookstore is

offering a 9.7% discount on all sales in place of snacks.

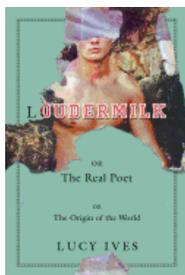
- Elk Mound author Jenny Knipfer will be at the bookstore during the Wine Walk with her new novel *Ruby Moon*. *Ruby Moon* embodies a tale of grief, guilt, greed, and redemption. During the mid 1890's, Jenay, a young woman of mixed French and Ojibwe descent, must survive the trauma of causing a horrific accident. Her maturity accelerates as the challenges of grief, and romance enter the scene.



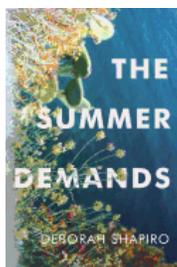
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Midwest Connections Picks for June

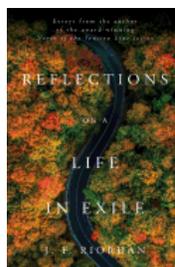


Loudermilk: Or, the Real Poet; Or the Origin of the World by Lucy Ives. A tale of two idiots-the handsome, charismatic Troy Augustus Loudermilk and his unassuming, socially anxious friend Harry Rego-who, in the early days of the new millennium, scam their way into a fellowship at the most prestigious creative writing program.



The Summer Demands by Deborah Shapiro. On the verge of her fortieth birthday, and shaken

by a recent miscarriage, Emily inherits an abandoned summer camp in Massachusetts and discovers a magnetic young woman living undetected in a cabin whose presence will force her to question everything she thought she knew .



Reflections on a Life in Exile by J. F. Riordan. A collection of essays that

is by turns spiritual and gently comic, these brief meditations range from the inconveniences of modern life to the shifting nature of grief.



The Unforgettable Guinevere St. Clair by Amy Makechine. 10-year-old Gwyn

searches for a missing neighbor in her new town in Iowa, she learns much about her mother, who grew up there but has suffered from memory loss since Gwyn was four.

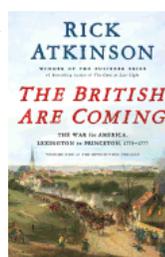
The Stationary Shop by Marjan Kamali, rev. Heather O.



The Stationary Shop recounts the ill-fated love story of Roya and Bahmad who meet in 1953 in a small stationary shop in Iran. The two are determined to spend their lives together despite Bahmad's family who are not supportive of the relationship and already have a bride in mind for Bahmad. Bahmad and Roya hatch a plan to meet and

marry, and on that day Roya waits in the square for her beloved. To Roya's great distress, Bahmad does not appear and a tragedy occurs in the square that day. Believing Bahmad has changed his mind about marrying her, Roya eventually leaves Iran and begins a new life in America. Many years pass and she marries a man she meets while at university and they raise a family. Bahmad often crosses her mind and she continues to wonder why he never met her that day in the square as they planned. One day by chance she learns that Bahmad is also living in

America and that he lives near her. After much deliberation she decides to contact him and subsequently goes to visit him to get an answer to the question that has haunted her through the years. I highly recommend you read this unforgettable love story to learn the answer.



The British Are Coming: The War for America, Lexington to Princeton, 1775-1777 (Revolution Trilogy #1) by Rich Atkinson

Current top-selling history

Hot Books at the Moment

FICTION & NONFICTION

City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert

Where the Crawdads Sing

Little Faith

Women Talking

The Silent Patient

Educated

The Pioneers

Nanaville

The Second Mountain

TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION

There There

A Gentleman in Moscow

The Overstory

The Woman in the Window

The Tattooist of Auschwitz



Rules of Civility

Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine

The Alice Network

Warlight

The Lost Girls of Paris

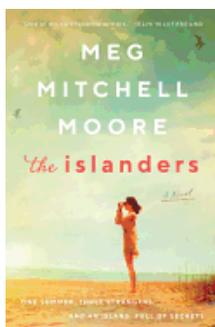
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The Mueller Report

How to Change Your Mind

Killers of the Flower Moon

The Islanders by Meg Mitchell Moore, rev. by Heather



The Islanders by Meg Mitchell Moore in the middle of one of Wisconsin's snowiest winter months on record and was instantly transported to summer time on Block Island. The island is the setting of this charming novel about three

strangers who by chance have all found themselves there for the summer. Joy lives on the island year round and is a single mom trying to raise her teenage daughter and run a successful cafe there. Lu is living on the island with her two young boys for the summer while her husband commutes to the mainland for his job. She has a secret that she is hiding from her husband that is getting harder to conceal. An-

thony is a writer who procures a beach house for the summer where he attempts to come to terms with his deteriorating marriage and also revive his writing career in the wake of a scandal. Over the summer these three strangers meet, become friends, and play important roles in each other's lives. *The Islanders* is a delightful story and should definitely be included in your summer reading list

Midsummer's Mayhem by Rajani LaRocca, rev.



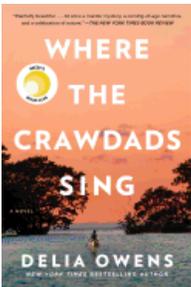
Mimi is the youngest in her family. She has always felt like a failure next to her older brother and two sisters who seem to be perfect and best at something. Her only talent is baking, which she really loves. The summer she is 11 years old is a magical summer for her. Her best friend has moved

away but she makes a new friend who also loves to bake. Then weird things start to happen to each member of her family but her mom. Her dad, a food critic, turns into a glutton, eating everything in sight and not even tasting the food anymore. Her brother becomes so narcissistic, no one can stand to be around him. Her sisters, too, are affected, as are two neighbor boys who fight over them. Then Mimi enters a baking contest sponsored by the new bakery in town. But all is not as it seems. Is it really magic

that is affecting everyone in her family? Or are these just weird happenings? Will Mimi win the contest and get to bake with her favorite celebrity chef? LaRocca's debut book for middle readers is a delight to read and helps her readers see the importance of dreaming, of putting your whole heart into what you want to accomplish, and the importance of family, as well as being just plain fun to read. *This is a Middle Reader book.*

Rev. by Pat Trotter

Where the Crawdads Sing



“For years, rumors of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. She's bare-foot and wild, unfit for polite society.

So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya

Clark. But Kya is not what they say. Abandoned at age ten, she has survived on her own in the marsh that she calls home. A born naturalist with just one day of school, she takes life lessons from the land, learning from the false signals of fireflies the real way of this world. But while she could have lived in solitude forever, the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved.” —*Book publicity quote*

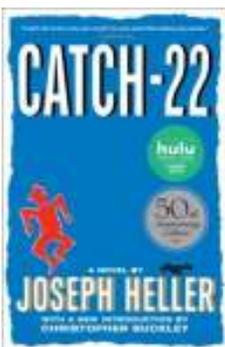


Solo: A Modern Cookbook for a Party of One

If you are alone and still like to cook a gourmet meal, this cookbook by Anita

Lo will delight you. The mouth-watering recipes are accompanied by delicious and delightful personal anecdotes: food for the mind and body.

Catch-22 by Joseph Heller



Joseph Heller's 1961 World War II satire, *Catch-22*, is being resurrected as six-part TV series with George Clooney and a cast of young actors.

Catch-22 poses the moral dilemma of how to remain sane in an insane world. When it was first published,

Yossarian is upset “that thousands of people he has never met are trying to kill him.”

the novel not only became a modern-day classic, but it also introduced the term *catch-22* to everyday vernacular.

One of the basic dilemmas for bombardier Yossarian is that thousands of people he has never met are trying to kill him. Therein lies the horror of war and the dark comedy of this classic American novel.

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Guitar Strings, Journals, Etc.

American poet Walt Whitman was born 200 years ago on May 31, 1819. His *Leaves Of Grass* has been called the most important book of American poetry ever for breaking the mold of rhyme and rhythm that characterized poetry for centuries. Yet in 1855, he could barely give it away.

Some well-known Whitman quotes:

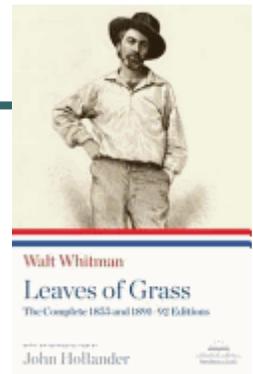
- *Do I contradict myself? Very well then I contradict myself, (I am large, I contain multitudes.)*
- *I celebrate myself, and sing myself.*
- *Keep your face always toward the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you.*
- *I too am not a bit tamed, I too am untranslatable, I sound my barbaric yawp over the roofs of the world.*
- *Be curious, not judgmental.*
- *And your very flesh shall be a great poem.*
- *I exist as I am, that is enough.*
- *...the powerful play goes on, and you will contribute a verse.*
- *Re-examine all that you have been told... dismiss that which insults your soul.*
- *To die is different from what any one supposed, and luckier.*

Christina Uss, Author of *Adventures of a Girl Called Bicycle*

At the bookstore May 24:
Fifth-graders interviewing
author Christina Uss for
their podcast.



Below is an excited reader
who has just had his copy of Adven-
tures of a Girl Called Bicycle auto-
graphed.



Opening lines
from Walt
Whitman's
"Song of Myself":

I celebrate myself, and sing my-
self,

And what I assume you shall as-
sume,

For every atom belonging to me
as good belongs to you.

I loafe and invite my soul,

I lean and loafe at my ease ob-
serving a spear of summer grass