

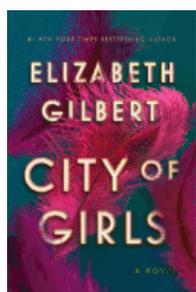
Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Book of the Month, Ladies Night Out

JULY 2019

We are starting a new promotion, a “Book of the Month” at 20% discount.

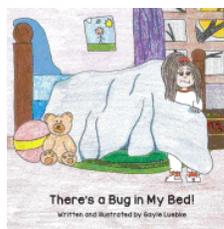


Our first book for this special is Elizabeth Gilbert's *City of Girls* which jumped to the top of

the best seller list as soon as it came out. It's sort of racy, about acting and glamour and New York. Here are two tantalizing review quotes: "The girls and women of the book don't

simply endure: they thrive, they dance, they live. Grab some champagne and toast..." - *OprahMag.com*
 "Gilbert's new novel... is a pitch-perfect evocation of the era's tawdry glamour and a coming-of-age story whose fizzy surface conceals unexpected gradations of feeling."
New York Times Book Review

At the bookstore on LNO, 4:00-6:00 **Gayle Luebke**, author of *There's a Bug in my Bed!* which tells the tale of one little girl's active imagination and her world



of discovery. With a giant bug in her bed, how can

she sleep, what will she do, and how will she get it out? Step into this story where sometimes things just aren't what they seem. Gayle Luebke is a Wisconsin native, originally from Rhinelander and currently lives in Tomah, WI with her family and cats. She is an Elementary School Principal in Ontario, WI.



Ladies Night Out

Thurs, July 18

3:00–8:00

July 27: Marcia Bjornerud—Geology Event—scroll down

Midwest Connections Picks for July



As usual four good books with Midwestern roots:

The Most Fun We Ever Had is a multigenerational novel in which the four adult daughters of a Mid-

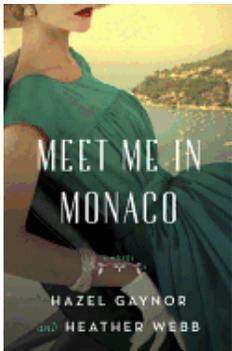
western couple—still madly in love after forty years—recklessly ignite old rivalries until a long-buried secret threatens to shatter the lives they've built.

Dr. Avaz Virji relates his story as a Muslim doctor in small town Dawson, MN in this unforgettable narrative that shows the human consequences of our politics, the power of faith and personal conviction, and the potential for a renewal of understanding in America's heartland.

Gilbert Baker's unifying symbol for the growing gay rights movement debuted in 1978 at San Francisco's Gay Freedom Day Parade. His creation would become an international emblem of liberation. He often called himself the “Gay Betsy Ross,” and readers of this memoir will agree.

Tallgrass Conversations: Journey into a realm where birds, plants, and seeds mix with water, roots, wind, and the sky, revealing about how each of us can learn to best live wherever we might call home. Designed as a conversation, the authors inspire new understandings of the Midwestern tallgrass prairie, encouraging looking and listening to the prairie through the heart and mind as well as eyes, ears, and other senses, advancing both conservation and creative efforts.

Meet Me in Monaco, rev. by Heather O.



Meet Me in Monaco by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb
Glamour, romance, and vivid descriptions of 1950's Hollywood style abound in the pages of *Meet Me in Monaco* by Hazel Gaynor and Heather Webb. This beautifully written book provides a fictionalized ac-

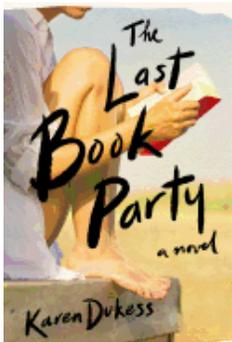
count of Grace Kelly and Prince Ranier of Monaco's courtship that culminates in their lavish wedding. In addition to the highly publicized romance, another budding romance is highlighted in the book. James, a British press photographer, meets Sophie, a struggling perfume developer who is determined to save her family's perfume business. James is surprised and distressed to find himself falling in love with Sophie. Friendships are formed, relationships are

tested, and drama ensues through the decades. Prepare to be swept away by the romance and the beauty of Monaco in this captivating novel.

Link to the Midwest Bestseller List:

<http://www.midwestbooksellers.org/bestsellers.html>

The Last Book Party, rev. by Heather O.



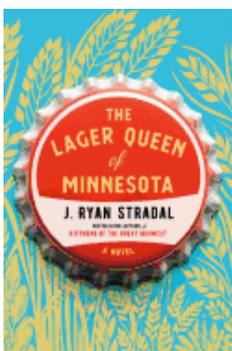
The Last Book Party by Karen Dukess is an entertaining summer read. It follows a young woman named Eve who works in the publishing world of 1980's New York. Eve dreams of becoming a published

author herself, but often finds herself struggling to finish the stories she starts. This novel follows Eve during a summer that she chooses to leave the field of publishing in order to work as a research assistant for a famous author in Cape Cod.

“an entertaining summer read”

Over the course of the summer Eve uncovers truths about her family, herself, and her writing and what is holding her back from realizing her dream. She also learns that in the world of publishing and in the world at large people and relationships are often very different and more complex than they appear on the surface.

The Lager Queen of Minnesota, rev. by Heather O.

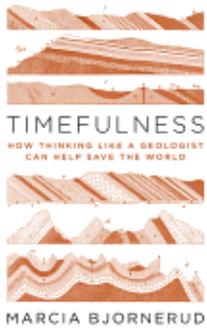


J. Ryan Stradal, the bestselling author of *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*, has penned another great novel. His newest book *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* is an engaging story about two sisters and

a family inheritance that divides them. Edith marries young and she and her husband work hard and long hours at their jobs, often struggling to make ends meet. Helen, the sole beneficiary of the family's inheritance, uses it to pursue her dream of owning a brewery and it is a great success. Following a tragic accident, Edith's teenage granddaughter, Diana, comes to live with her and by a twist of fate Diana ends up working

at a brewery and making beer becomes her passion. Beer, or rather the making of it, plays a very important role in the healing process for all three of these women and their relationships with one another. All the characters are witty and endearing in this wonderful story that centers around the themes of friendship, family, and hard work. I really enjoyed this book and learned quite a bit about craft beer brewing as well!

July 27, 1:00 Marcia Bjornerud –Local Connection Author



Marcia Bjornerud, who grew up near Downs-ville, is Profes-sor of Geology at Lawrence University. She studies tectonics and mountain

building and has worked in Nor-way, New Zealand, arctic Canada, Italy and the Lake Superior region.

In her new book *Timefulness: How Thinking Like a Geologist Can Help Save the World*, she argues that as a society we are time illiterate, lacking a sense for the durations of the great chapters in Earth’s history, the rates of change during previous in-tervals of climate instability, the intrinsic time-scales of ‘natural capi-tal’ like groundwater systems.

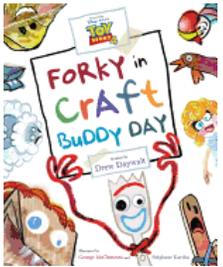
In short, *Timefulness* explains why an awareness of Earth’s temporal rhythms is critical to planetary sur-vival and offers suggestions for how

to create a more time-literate soci-ety.

Bjornerud will also offer rock iden-tification and answer geologic ques-tions after her presentation.

The book was longlisted for the 2019 PEN/E.O. Wilson Prize for Literary Science Writing and was a finalist for the 2018 Los Angeles Times Book Prize in Science & Technology.

Books for Young Readers –Pat T reviews



Forky in Craft Buddy Day by Drew Day-walt

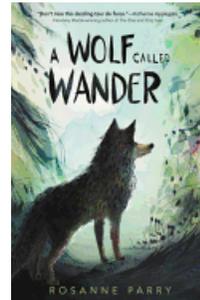
Forky is Bonnie's favorite toy. One day Miss Wendy, Bonnie's teacher, decides that all the

other kids need a toy like Bonnie's. So she has a Craft Your Own Buddy Day. But what happens when the students all leave the room and the newly crafted toys don't know they are toys? Chaos ensues. How will Forky get all of them to calm down before the kids come back in the room? An imaginative read that very well may get kids and parents

alike to see recyclable and throw-away materials in a whole different light.

“...a stunning tale of adventure, survival against all odds, and finding a place to call home.”

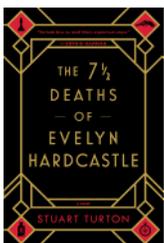
A Wolf Called Wander by Rosanne Parry: For centuries, humans have feared wolves, mostly because they don’t understand them. Parry introduces us to Swift, a wolf destined to be leader of a pack one day. Written from the voice and perspective of the wolf, this book is a stunning tale of adventure, survival



against all odds, and finding a place to call home. The reader suffers with Swift when he gets hurt, is hungry with him when there is no food, experiences hunger with him when no water is to

be found. And the reader comes to respect Swift's courage as he travels many, many miles alone. Inspired by the true story of a real wolf, *A Wolf Called Wander* makes one appreciate these extraordinary, beautiful animals. It's a book that can't be put down until it is read to the last page.

Book Club Books

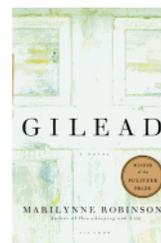


Our bookstore book club recently read *The 7 1/2 Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle* by Stuart Turton Here is what re-viewers say about it:

“dazzling in its complex-ity, astonishing in its fiendishness, and shocking in its sheer audacity ... a beau-tifully plotted tale told with breathtak-ing skill. One of the best books I've

read in a long time.” ... "Agatha Christie meets Downton Abbey with a splash of red wine and Twin Peaks. Dark and twisty, lush and riddled with gorgeous prose, part of me will always be trapped in Blackheath."

What we thought: “Not entirely coher-ent...too long...Who actually killed Evelyn Hardcastle?...A resurrection story...how long does rehabilitation take?...not sure I liked any of the characters.”



On to Marilynne Robin-son’s *Gilead* next. This promises to be more to our liking. In 1956 Rev. John Ames begins a letter to his young son, an ac-count of himself and his forebears, a tale of wisdom

forged during his solitary life and how history lives through generations, even when betrayed and forgotten.

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America

by Claude McKay

Although she feeds me bread of bitterness,
And sinks into my throat her tiger's tooth,
Stealing my breath of life, I will confess
I love this cultured hell that tests my youth.
Her vigor flows like tides into my blood,
Giving me strength erect against her hate,
Her bigness sweeps my being like a flood.
Yet, as a rebel fronts a king in state,
I stand within her walls with not a shred
Of terror, malice, not a word of jeer.
Darkly I gaze into the days ahead,
And see her might and granite wonders there,
Beneath the touch of Time's unerring hand,
Like priceless treasures sinking in the sand.



Winner



Wine Walk ... 2020 Calendar



Winner of the two tickets for the Tuesdays—Thursdays Table Benefit is Dorothy Bacon.

The Argentinean meal, the talk by Georgina Taggart and the whole event was fun and also beneficial for its charitable purpose.



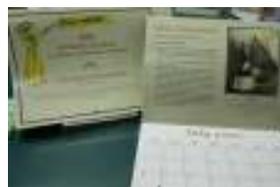
Jenny Knipfer had a constant stream of interested readers and catapulted to one of the bookstore's bestselling local authors.



One of the Main Street Board volunteer servers and a couple of Wine

Walkers. A good time was had by all. Everyone said, "Do this again!"

The League of Women Voters has put together a very nice 2020 Calendar memorializing the ratification of



the 19th Amendment August 18, 1920.

The calendar features images of and information about the Suffrage Movement.

