

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Downtown in September

September 2019

Great Community Cookout September 12, 4-8pm

Mabel's Main Street Movies—"Newsies" September 18, 7:30pm

Historic Beer Walk September 21, 1-5pm
Join Downtown Menomonie for the 1st Historic Beer Walk. For only \$15, you will receive a

full history of the city, the downtown and how prohibition effected the area. Tickets are LIMITED and can be purchased on Eventbrite.com, just search "Historic Beer Walk." Stops include: Zymurgy Brewing Company, Silver Dollar, The Duke & Dagger and Brewery Nønic. You will receive one beer at each location. Four beers and tons of history, what

could be better? Three different tour times are available. 1:00, 2:00, 3:00. Each tour will last 90-120 minutes. Tours begin at Zymurgy Brewing. Tickets will be \$20 day of the event. Must be 21+ - ID must be shown at the door.

This event is a fundraiser for Downtown Menomonie Inc. and the Dunn County Historical Society.

Sep 2 Labor Day

Sep 5 Nat'l Cheese Pizza Day

Sep 23 Autumnal Equinox

Midwest Connections Picks for September

The Reckless Oath We Made

"Leave it to Bryn Greenwood to find loyalty and love in a world that seems devoid of both....Captivating, complex, and relentless, the story of Zee and Gentry is the reason we read, the chance to take a journey we'd never dare in real life, one that changes our perspective forever."

Brunonia Barry, author of The Lace Reader



Strange Birds: A Field Guide to Ruffling Feathers

"Thought-provoking, timely, and laugh-out-loud funny-Strange Birds explores friendship, community, and the role each of us plays in creating a better world." *Aisha Saeed*

My Footprints

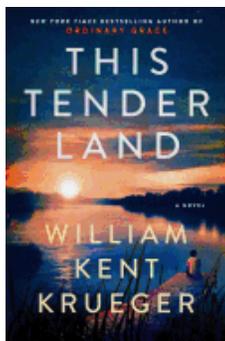
"I found so much to love in this book. The story starts off with a little girl, Thuy, being bullied. But it doesn't focus on the bullies or the bullying. Instead we see Thuy's brilliant and rich imagination, her two moms surrounding her with understanding and love, and Thuy finding her own courage. This beautiful story reminds us that there are many ways to be strong."

Holly Weinkauff, Owner, Red Balloon Bookshop

This Tender Land

William Kent Krueger's latest book is the No. 1 title on the September Indie NEXT list. Krueger, who lives in St. Paul, was featured in a very lengthy article in last week's *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Our own review is on page 2. *This Tender Land* is a wonderful book, sure to be loved by numerous readers. Krueger is very likeable, affable and unassuming, traits that seem to transfer to his characters.

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger



I can't say enough about how much I like *This Tender Land*. It's both heartrending and heartwarming. Krueger has an extraordinary ability to understand the hearts of children, their need

for love and family, their response to adult cruelty, their yearning to know who they are and what they will be-

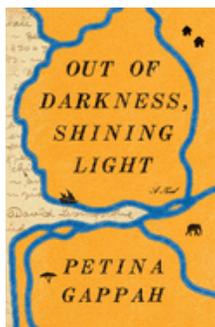
come. Because it is set in the depths of the Depression, the bootleg era, and the displacement of Native American children, it is an historical novel and it is also deeply literary, bursting with echoes of *Huck Finn* and *Great Expectations*. In addition, it is one of those crossover novels that will be read and loved by both adults and teens.

Krueger is one of our favorite regional authors based in Minnesota and his Cork O'Connor series of mysteries set on the Iron have a large and devoted following.

This Tender Land, like *Ordinary Grace*, is not part of that series but has deep Minnesota roots, a faintly disguised New Ulm to St. Paul region. There are Native American characters in all his novels, and Krueger also incorporates Minnesota Native history and culture in his stories.

Ministers, the meaning of salvation and redemption, con artists, rich villains, the generosity of the impoverished frequently figure on Krueger's stories. There is a lot to like in his novels.

Out of Darkness, Shining Light by Petina Gappah



Out of Darkness, Shining Light is an amazing work of historical fiction by Zimbabwean writer Petina Gappah, that recounts a 1,000 mile, two hundred eighty five

day journey through Africa carrying the body of the English explorer and missionary, Doctor David Livingstone to the settlement of Baga-

moyo, where his body could then be transported by sea to Livingstone's home country of England for burial. The story of the journey is related to the reader by both Halima, a cook on the expedition and by Jacob Wainwright, a freed slave who is de-

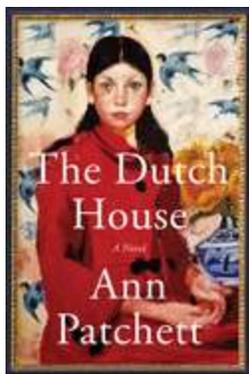
his fellow travelers to Christianity. As interesting as the logistics of the journey are, it is the stories of the characters embarking on it that make it a truly entertaining and memorable read. —Heather O.

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On Nov. 10, 1871, reporter Henry Stanley located missing British explorer David Livingstone in a small Tanzanian village, and asked, “Dr. Livingstone, I presume ... Livingstone had set out to find the source of the Nile.

The Dutch House by Ann Patchett



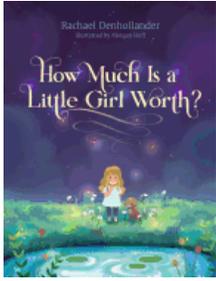
I was drawn into Ann Patchett's newest novel *The Dutch House* from the very first chapter. The characters in this book are richly developed and relatable. The book centers around

the complex relationship between

Danny and his older sister Maeve, two siblings whose lives change dramatically when they are driven from their childhood home by their stepmother. The home they are forced to leave is an opulent and ornate estate just outside Philadelphia referred to as "The Dutch House." Danny and Maeve find themselves without the money and comforts they were accustomed to and learn they must rely on each other if they are to overcome their impoverished conditions. The story follows these two sib-

lings over multiple decades as their lives and circumstances change and the return of people from their past and the ever present connection and sense of loss they feel for the *The Dutch House* and the years they spent under its roof continually test the strength of their bond. Just like the hold *The Dutch House* had over Danny and Maeve, this novel stuck with me long after I turned the last page. —Heather O.

Children's Books of Note



How Much Is a Little Girl Worth? Is pleasingly sentimental. It is in poetic form with a little rhyme and uses the current trend of universalizing the message

by making the illustrations multi-ethnic. It also includes a religious message. The author was one of TIME magazine's most influential people in 2018.

Not new, but sort of timeless is *My Mouth Is a Volcano*: "People say I erupt a lot" . . . "I got a time out. It was my



volcano's fault." By the end, though, the erupter learns to hold it in and wait his turn: "I was amazed that they [my words] just hung around my mouth and didn't float away."

Beverly, Right Here is Kate DiCamillo's newest middle reader book. Revisiting the world of *Raymie Nightingale*, two-time Newbery Medalist and bestselling author DiCamillo turns her focus to the



tough-talking, inescapably tenderhearted Beverly in a touching, funny, and fearless conclusion to her sequence of novels about the beloved Three Rancheros.



A true story from multiple Eisner Award-winning author Raina Telgemeier, *Smile, Sisters, Drama, and Ghosts.*, all hugely popular middle reader graphic novels. Telgemeier once again brings a thoughtful,

charming, and funny true story about growing up and gathering the courage to face—and conquer fears—her fears.

New in Science Fiction



Our science fiction section has a lot of classics. It is one of those genres that have readers dedicated to certain authors, series, and sub-genres. Our local sci-fi writer,

Kelly McCullough has his own shelf in the local authors section.

What is definitely new are the two ceramic masks that had been in the first exhibition at Gallery 610 this summer. The masks are unusual, frightful in their way, but also comic.

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Midwest Bestsellers

HARDCOVER FICTION

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing* Delia Owens,
2. *The Nickel Boys* Colson Whitehead,
3. *The Lager Queen of Minnesota* J.Ryan Stradal,
4. *Chances Are . . .* Richard Russo,
5. *Inland* Téa Obreht,
6. *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* Ocean Vuong,
7. *The Turn of the Key* Ruth Ware,
8. *City of Girls* Elizabeth Gilbert,
9. *Circe* Madeline Miller,
10. *The Most Fun We Ever Had* Claire Lombardo

HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. *Educated* Tara Westover, Random House,
2. *How to Be an Antiracist* Ibram X. Kendi,
3. *Becoming* Michelle Obama,
4. *Kochland* Christopher Leonard,
5. *The Pioneers* David McCullough,
6. *The Second Mountain* David Brooks,
7. *Trick Mirror* Jia Tolentino,
8. *Salt, Fat, Acid, Heat* Samin Nosrat,
9. *The Source of Self-Regard* Toni Morrison,
10. *Three Women* Lisa Taddeo

TRADE PAPERBACK FICTION

1. *The Overstory*
2. *There There*
3. *Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine*
4. *Beloved*
5. *A Gentleman in Moscow*
6. *Little Fires Everywhere*
7. *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*
8. *Virgil Wander,*
9. *Before We Were Yours*
10. *Washington Black*

Complete list is at www.midwestbooksellers.org

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SHAKESPEARE SONNETS



ALL 154 OF WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE'S SONNETS

WILLIAM
SHAKESPEARE

Shakespeare, Sonnet 73

That time of year thou may'st in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west;
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire,
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed, whereon it must expire,
Consumed with that which it was nourish'd by.
This thou perceiv'st, which makes thy love more strong,
To love that well, which thou must leave ere long.

Big Dot of Happiness Sent Us a Flash Mob

A big shout out to Big Dot of Happiness, located on Technology Drive, owned by Sheri Yukel. If you haven't heard of Big Dot, you aren't alone. Yukel has built her huge international business in twenty years.

And here is the reason for this shout out: On Wednesday Yukel gave all her nearly 100 employees \$50, put them on a school bus, and dropped them off on Main Street with the instructions they were to

spend the entire \$50 on themselves. What a boss! What an infusion of shopping to downtown during the Dog Days of Summer! Thank you, thank you.

By the way, to find out what Big Dot does, here is their website, or just Google it (it also shows their Facebook page has 27,000 likes). It's party supplies and favors galore...

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www.bigdotofhappiness.com/](https://www.bigdotofhappiness.com/)

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Did you see the nice article about the bookstore in the Aug 21 Menomonie insert? The article is wonderful and there is nice photo of Martha perusing our New Releases section. The whole Menomonie insert does us proud.