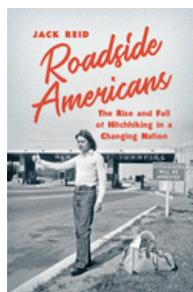


# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### “We Are All in This Together,” Another Week

2020



Remember the time when it was safe to hitchhike?

Here is a fascinating book on the subject with a local connection: *Roadside Americans: The Rise and Fall of Hitchhiking in a Changing Nation* by Jack Reid, a professor at Northern Arizona State University and a son-in-law of Peggy and Steve Terry. Copies are at

the bookstore, and maybe at a future date we can get Dr. Reid to give a talk here.

Scroll down for links to articles about Reid's book.

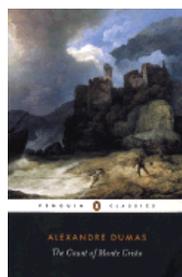
Also, those of us old enough to have hitchhiked could read the book and get together to discuss it and tell a few of our own tales.

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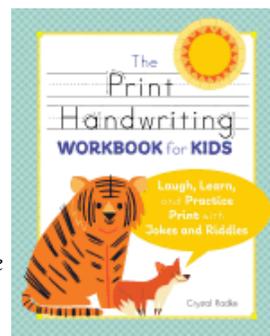


mended as “Zombie Apocalypse Survival” reading: *The Count of Monte Cristo*, Tana

French's *Faithful Place* and Larry McMurtry's *Lonesome Dove*. Or *The Twenty-Ninth Day* by a teenager who survived mauling by a grizzly in Alaska.



### April 15 Update



For kids, a workbook with jokes and riddles.

### April is National Poetry

## Downtown Offers



Collective Souls (formerly Crimson Skies) will be offering curbside pick-up, shipping, delivery on purchases of \$50 or more, 30 mile radius.



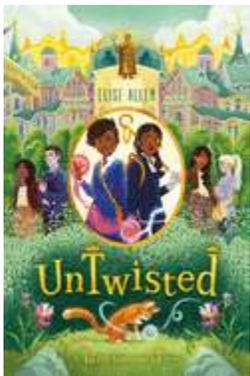
Like Mike's Art & Design Supply's Facebook page and stay tuned for ongoing promotions since they'll regularly be changing.  
715-235-3322

To repeat last week's message, we all want downtown Menomonie to survive, and those of us who have businesses that can offer out-of-store delivery are doing so. A lot of people are calling in or emailing orders. We are definitely grateful. Eating places are able to have curbside and home delivery and other businesses also offer curbside or USPS delivery.



Art work by  
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## Untwisted



A middle reader book, publish date April 2020.

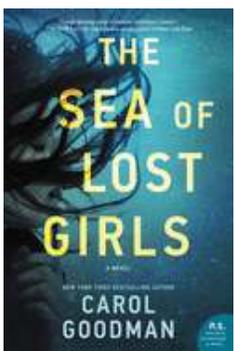
Princesses Flissa and Sara are in line for accession to the throne of Kaloön. Because the country is at war, the princesses live underneath the castle in a large cavern. They

need to be kept safe so that they can one day rule their country. While there, they spend their days helping others who reside in this cavern: children, the sick, the elderly; all who have come there to live in safety for the time being. In this second Twinchment novel, author Allen keeps readers on the edge of their seats. Who will win the war? The Keepers of the Light or the Shadows? Will the princesses' newly learned magic be enough to keep the kingdom safe? Who is it

who is trying to undermine the Maldevon Academy and tear apart the kingdom? And will Flissa and Sara be able to work together to save their kingdom? Another exciting book full of adventure and twists and turns for Middle Readers.

- rev. by Pat Trotter

## The Sea of Lost Girls



The Sea of Lost Girls by Carol Goodman introduces us to Tess who is a teacher at Haywood (a prestigious boarding school) and also

a woman with secrets who has made a new life for herself and her teenage son, Rudy. The new life she has created over the years is threatened

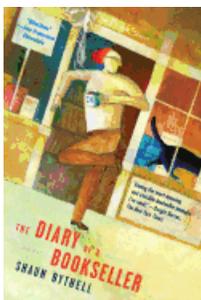
when her son's girlfriend, Lila, is found dead on a beach near Haywood. Tess soon learns that both her son and her husband, Harmon, who is also a professor at

**"and addictive thriller that has many twists and turns"**

the boarding school are potential suspects in Lila's death. To save her

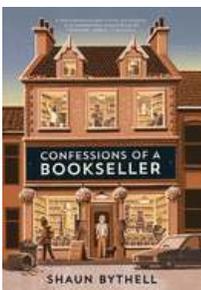
son and her husband Tess may have to reveal some unpleasant truths about herself and her past at Haywood...or will she ultimately learn some unpleasant truths about her son and husband? Nothing is as it seems on the surface, and even Haywood itself harbors secrets. The Sea of Lost Girls is an addictive thriller that has many twists and turns and will take the reader on a wild ride until its shocking conclusion. - rev. by Heather Obenberger

## Books by and about Booksellers



Shaun Bythell is the owner of The Bookshop in Wigtown, Scotland. It's all used books, about a million of them sold to browsers and online. His first book was so successful that a sequel has appeared recently,

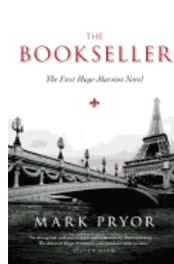
and these are just two of quite a number of recent books by and about booksellers and bookstores. The number doesn't match the number WWII novels every year, but there



is a plethora of them. Why? It's not that booksellers are fascinating subjects but no doubt because booksellers love books and there is a lot of downtime in a bookstore, i.e. time to ruminate and write. The novels

with great plots, mysteries, and romance are thanks to the novelist's imagination. The "diaries" and confessions" books are about the business of selling books, keeping a

bookstore afloat, and about book buyers who seem a universal lot: "I want a book." "I don't remember the title or author but it's about..." "My dream is to own a bookstore." "I love the smell of books." Etc. Etc.



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Guitar Strings, Journals, Etc.

This is a good time to resurrect the definition of success by Bessie Anderson Stanley. Stanley (born Caroline Elizabeth Anderson, March 25, 1879 – October 2, 1952) was an American writer, the author of the poem “Success” (What is success? or What Constitutes Success?), which is often incorrectly attributed to Ralph Waldo Emerson or Robert Louis Stevenson. (Typical?)

### What is success?

To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch Or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!

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## Links to articles about the Hitchhiking book

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