

# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### Week Three of “We’re of All in This Together”

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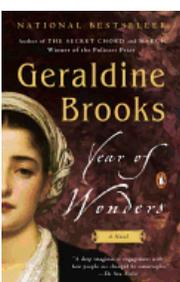
#### April 8 Update

Pandemic book reading: Albert Camus’ *The Plague*, published in 1942, has remained a classic of twentieth-century literature. It had a surge of interest in the 1960s for its existentialist perspective and is very popular again today. It is a haunting tale of human resilience in the face of unrelied horror, when a bubonic plague ravages the people of a North African coastal town.



One reader says, “ I wonder

if it would have a therapeutic effect or create the catharsis some readers are finding in such novels now, instead of escape fiction.”

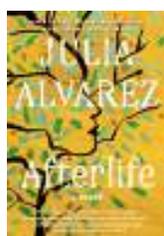


Geradline Brooks’ *Year of Wonder: A Journal of the Plague* (2002) is inspired by

the true story of Eyam, a “plague village” in the rugged hill country of England. It’s 1666 and Eyam decides to isolate itself in order to withstand the plague. No one leaves or enters the village for a year. Some survive, some die. There is also fear, rumors,

scams, scapegoating, deprivation, drunkenness, and violence. The story is told through the eyes of a young girl who comes of age during this time, so there is love, marriage, and childbirth too. Our book club enjoyed this novel.

#### New Books



A literature professor tries to rediscover who she is after the sudden death of her husband,

even as a series of family and political jolts force her to ask what we owe those in crisis in our families, biological or otherwise.



Five twenty-something heroes famous for saving the world when they were teenagers

must face even greater demons--and reconsider what it means to be a hero by destiny or by choice.



Set against the twilight of the American gold rush, newly orphaned children of immigrants Lucy and Sam are suddenly alone in a land that refutes their existence. They are trying not just to survive, but to find a home.

### Our Downtown Businesses

Needless to say, 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.



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Guitar Strings, Journals, Etc.

April is National Poetry Month.  
Look for a new Poetry window display at the bookstore.

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April Ladies Night Out has been cancelled, so at the bookstore we are giving 10% off on all purchases through April 24. Also, the names of purchasers are being added to the April raffle basket for the April 24 drawing.

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