

# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### Summer Events



#### Ladies Day Out

July 23, 10:00–8:00

We are open downtown, people are shopping, some more cautiously than others, and using home delivery and curbside pick-up. So our July Ladies Night Out is being reconfigured

as Ladies Day Out which will help with social distancing.

Sign-up for the gift raffle will be provided on the side-walks of each block. Members of the Downtown Menomonie board will be around to help with sanitization.

Bookstore rules: face masks

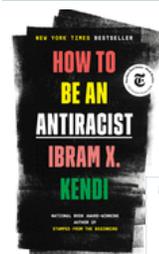


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strongly urged, hand sanitizer available. For all of July: Register with every purchase whether in-person, phone or an email order to win two tickets and drink vouchers at the Mabel Tainter. Two sets will be given away.

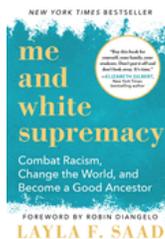
This is also a good time to remember that 68% of money spent at a locally owned business stays local while only 48% spent at a national chain stays local.



### What Menomonie Is Reading

Social awakening, political turmoil, and the pandemic are turning many people to current events for their summer reading and others to escapist novels. From the point of view of the bookstore, this is really good. Books are popular and local shopping is helping the local economy.

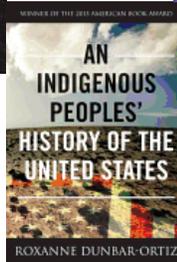
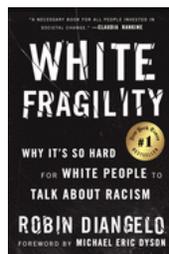
Here are titles of some books on race relations people have been buying in the bookstore recently:



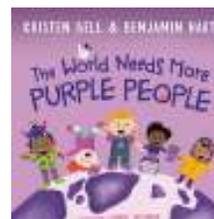
*White Fragility, So You Want to Talk about Race, Burned, Warmth of Other Suns, Such a Fun Age, Stamped from the Beginning, Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting at the Same Table? Me and White Supremacy, How to Be an Antiracist.*

Politics: *Socialist Manifesto, Fascism A Warning, The Room Where It Happened, The Art of Her Deal,*

*Dangerous Crooked Scoundrels, Becoming, The Audacity of Hope, Pelosi, Rise of the Warrior Cop and classics like Brave New World and 1984.*



Children's books like *The World Needs Purple People* promote broad-mindedness.



## Summer Reads



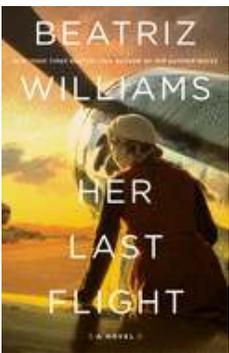
ship as well as the positives and negatives of “living a life online” and in the public eye. It was sur-

Big Summer by best-selling author Jennifer Weiner was a compelling and surprising read. It focused on the themes of female friend-

prising in that the story contained a suspenseful mystery. At the risk of giving too much away, I will keep my synopsis brief. High school best friends Daphne and Drue have a falling out during college and don't speak for the greater part of six years when Drue contacts Daphne out of the blue and begs her to be a bridesmaid at her highly publicized nuptials. Many unexpected events happen during the wedding weekend that cause Daphne to question how well she ever really knew her

best friend, and she learns about true friendship, the importance of family, gratitude for one's blessings, and the importance of loving oneself. —*Rev. by Heather Obenberger*

## *Her Last Flight*



wartime photographer Janey Everett is researching the life of the famous

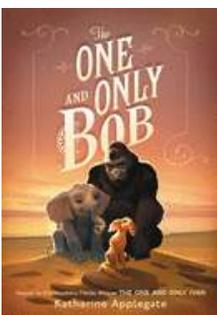
Her Last Flight by best-selling historical fiction author Beatriz Williams has it all. . . . adventure, intrigue, and romance! The year is 1947 and

pilot Sam Mallory who died during the Spanish Civil War. Her research leads her to Irene Lindquist who runs a small tourist-excursion airplane business in Hawaii. Janey believes that Irene Lindquist might

be Irene Foster, the famous female aviator and former flying partner and suspected true love of Sam Mallory who disappeared during an attempted flight around the world in 1937. Told in a dual narrative the reader learns how the lives of Janey and Irene are connected in surprising ways. —*Rev. by Heather Obenberger*

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## *One and Only Bob*



to visit Ivan regularly. But Bob really misses his sister, gone since they were tiny puppies, abandoned

The One and Only Bob by Katherine Applegate

Bob is Ivan's best friend. He lives with a family who loves him. He is able

along the roadside. When a tornado tears apart the zoo and his city, Bob sets out to rescue as many of the zoo's residents as he can, with Ivan and Ruby's help. There are many heart-stopping moments in this excellent read for middle readers. As the are floods, will they be able to keep their heads above the rising waters and save the animals? When the police come and plan to shoot animals for the safety

of the people, will they be able to escape? When Bob'd family disappears, will he ever be able to find them again? And what about Bob's sister? Is she still alive and will he ever see her again? As the sequel to a Newberry Medal Winner, "The One and Only Ivan," this book is also destined to be a favorite among fans of Ivan, Ruby, and Bob. Katherine Applegate has written another winner for middle readers. — *Rev. by Pat Trotter*

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## Shakespeare, *The Tempest*, Act 5, Scene 1

*Miranda has spent her whole life on an isolated island with her father Prospero and Caliban, their monster-slave. On meeting fellow human beings, Miranda utters her often-quoted lines that illustrate her innocence. Huxley uses it ironically for his Brave New World. It's a speech for our time too, isn't it?*

Oh, wonder!

How many goodly creatures are there here!

How beauteous mankind is! O brave new world,

That has such people in 't.

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## Downtown Newsletter, Dustyn Dubuque

Our Main Street Executive Director, Dustyn Dubuque has put out a June-July newsletter with a lot of information that will interest local residents. It's a big file, so it will be forwarded separately.