

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

Shop Local – Thanks to All Who Do!

2020



Where we spend our money these final days of 2020 determines the communities we find ourselves in come 2021. See the note on the last page about the #BOXEDOUT campaign.

In thanks for shopping local—and a lot of peo-

ple are already doing holiday shopping—the bookstore has set up our annual holiday drawing.



Register with every purchase for

1st Prize: a week at Westgate Lakes Resort in Orlando, FL, offer good until 2022

2nd Prize: a complete set of Rita Van Amber's Depression era Stories and Cookbooks

3rd Prize: a duck-shaped ceramic serving bowl with spoon

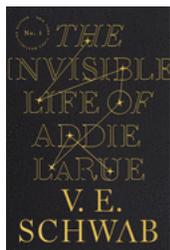
Small Business Saturday: Our usual 10% discount on all sales.



November Happy Thanksgiving!

The annual Independent Booksellers Holiday Catalog has arrived at the bookstore and also will come as an insert to subscribers of the Dunn County News. There are books for all ages and interests and a 20% coupon on the back. Phone in orders, browse in the store, ask for curbside or home delivery.

Very Popular Recent Fiction



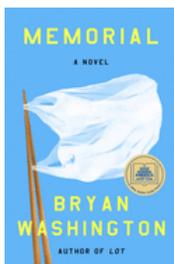
The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue by V. E. Schwab

Making a Faustian bargain to

live forever but never be remembered, a woman from early eighteenth-century France endures unacknowledged centuries before meeting a man who remembers her name.

"For someone damned to be forgettable, Addie LaRue is a most delight-

fully unforgettable character, and her story is the most joyous evocation of unlikely immortality." ~ Neil Gaiman



Memorial by Bryan Washington

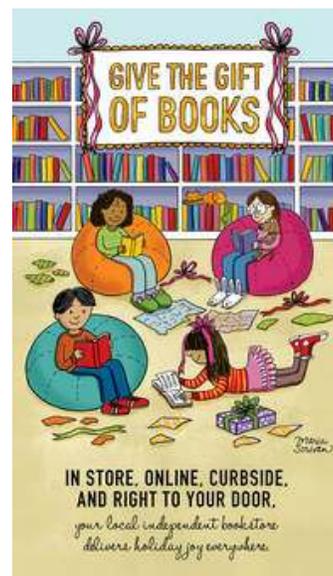
Japanese-American chef Mike and Black daycare teacher Benson begin re-

evaluating their stale relationship after Mike departs for Japan to visit his dying father and Benson is suddenly stuck with his visiting mother-in-law,

who becomes an unconventional roommate.

Memorial dares to insist on the mundane, thoroughly lived life as a site of perennial hope, joy, and abundance. It casts a fresh take on the American family that becomes truer because of its disparate origins, the queerness of its genesis, and the buoyed wonder it finds in surviving grief and loss towards the rare and forgiving ground of difficult, hard-won love. . . This book . . . made me happy."

~Ocean Vuong, author of *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous*



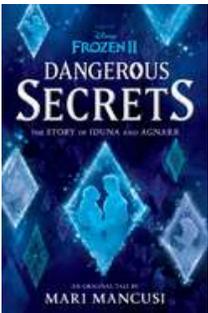
Pat Trotter's Young Reader Reviews



Alone in the Woods
by Rebecca Behrens
Ages 8 and up

Jocelyn and Alex have been best friends forever. But the summer between 7th and 8th grade, Alex goes to summer camp for two weeks and finds a new best friend. It is hard enough being in middle school, but to have your best friend be new best friends with your worst enemy, is nothing short of torture. The girls' families have always ended the summer with a

stay at the cabin in the Northwoods of Wisconsin. One family tradition is to do a rubber raft on the Wolf River. As the group of rubber rafts go down river, The girls' raft becomes separated from the rest of the families and begins to sink due to a hole in the side. Wearing just swimsuits and light shoes, the girls set off to get back to their cabin. However, they end up lost in the woods. Even if they survive being lost in the woods, will their friendship survive? A well-written story about the importance of friendship and relationships.



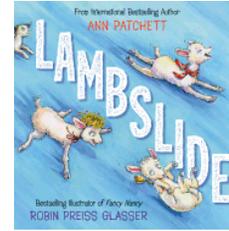
Dangerous Secrets: The Story of Iduna and Agnarr

Finally, we discover the background of Elsa and Anna of the *Frozen* movies. Mari Mancusi has imagined a back history

of the girls' parents, answering so

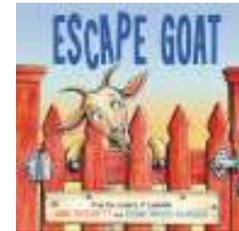


many questions that *Frozen* fans have been asking. Why was there so much animosity between



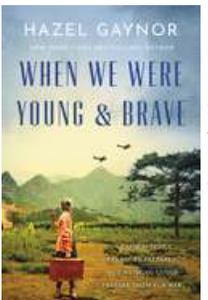
Take a look at Ann Patchett's kids books based on kids' cute language errors: *Lambslide* (voting,

"landslide") and *Escape Goat* (scapegoat). Both are funny and endearing not to mention bring political concepts to kids understanding.



Northuldra and Arendella? How did Iduna and Agnarr meet? What is the secret behind Elsa's "gift" and why the secrecy? Why was Iduna and Agnarr's broken ship found so far North from the Southern Sea? Written with imagination, fans of *Frozen* and *Frozen II* will delight in the reading of this book. It truly is a "must read" for everyone who loves Anna and Elsa. -PT

Heather Obenberger's Review



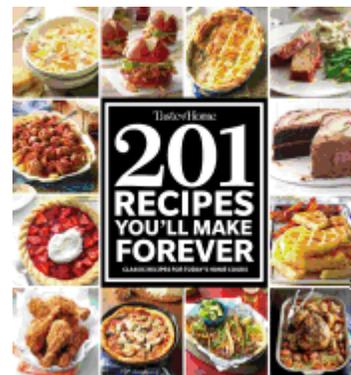
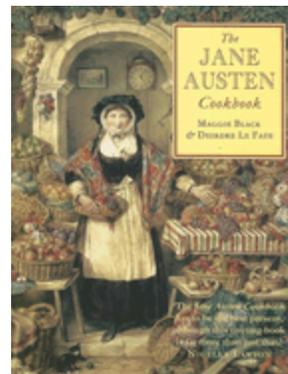
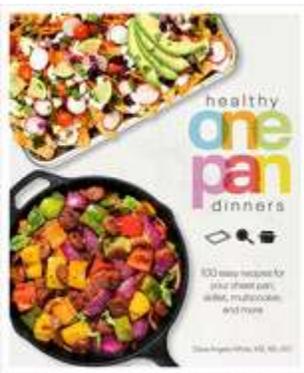
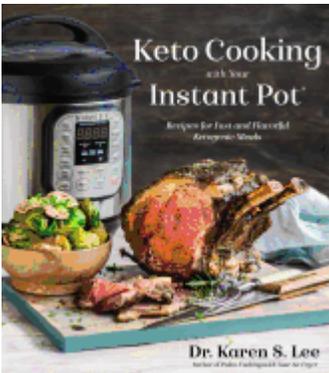
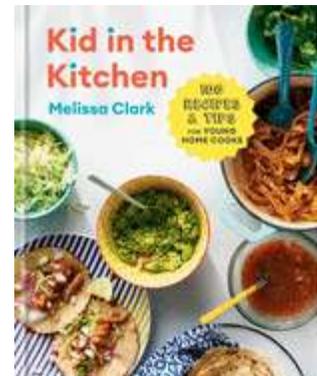
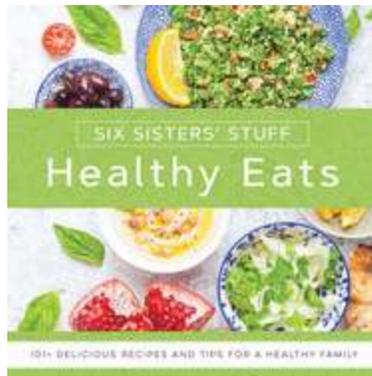
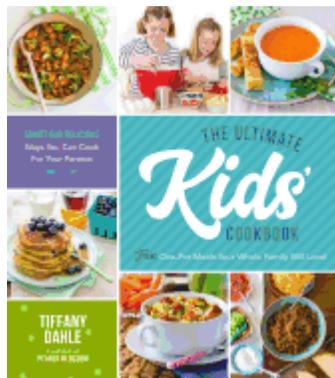
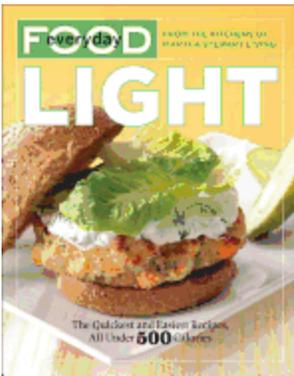
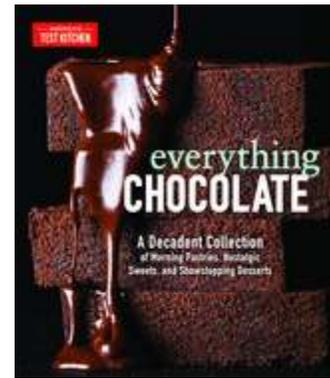
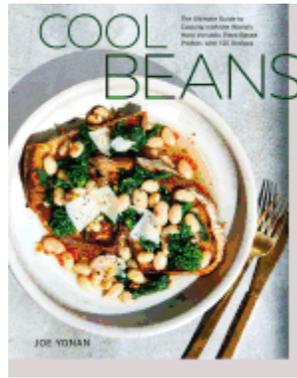
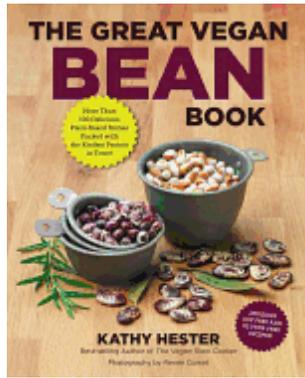
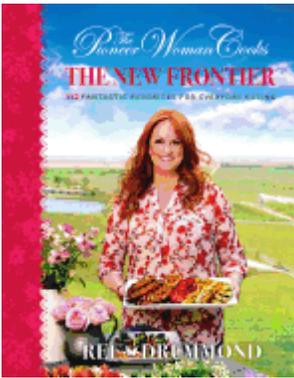
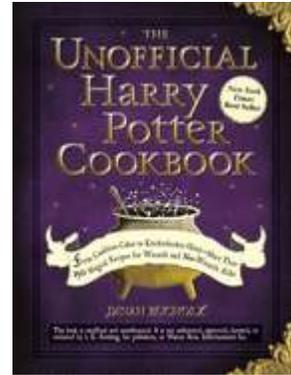
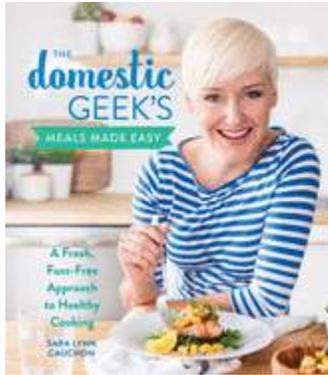
When We Were Young and Brave is the latest novel by bestselling historical fiction writer Hazel Gaynor. It is a fictionalized account of the true events surround-

ing the Japanese Army's internment of the teachers and students of a British-run missionary school in China during WWII. The novel unfolds as a dual narrative by El-

sabeth Kent who is a beloved teacher at the school and Nancy Plummer who is a ten year old student when the Japanese Army takes control of the school in December of 1941. It is a story of the amazing resilience and courage of the school staff and children as they endure multiple hardships under the rule of the Japanese Army. The teachers and students experience forced subsequent relocations in the four years that follow to two other internment camps where the living conditions

deteriorate with each move. I knew nothing about this school's history going into the novel, but now I will never forget the story or the characters. It is a novel that is full of sadness yet also of strength and hope in challenging times as life-long bonds of friendship are formed and cemented by small and large acts of kindness within the camps. This book is a must read for fans of historical fiction and WWII history buffs.

Bon Appétit: Cookbooks for All



Too bad, the Jane Austen Cookbook is out of print.

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By Jeffrey Johannes, Port Edwards
Wisconsin Poets' Calendar 2021

The whole world
should be sent
to their rooms
while Earth
sighs with relief,
leans back,
closes weary eyes,
and soaks
her bruised feet
in glacial lakes.
For one blessed day,
let the sun warm
her millions
of wounded miles;
let the moon caress
her millions of scars.

#BOXEDOUT

The campaign to save independent book-sellers in their struggle against big box stores has gained popularity worldwide. “Shop Local” resonates everywhere. People want to save their identity and save their communities. “We are all in this together” means a lot.

Did you know that back in 1981 French Minister of Culture Jack Lang established a fixed price for books sold in France? Since then, publishers have been fixing the price, printing it on the back of the book. Retailers from supermarkets to independent book sellers have had no choice but to sell those books at the official price.



#BOXEDOUT HAS GONE VIRAL

“Please support INDEPENDENT BOOKSTORES. They are important local businesses and vital to our communities. They must be a big part of #WhatUnitesUs.” —*Dan Rafter*, journalist

“Cafe Con Libros — a Black owned feminist bookstore in Crown Heights — did not come to play with #PrimeDay” Retweeted by *Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez*

“This is my FAVORITE BOOKSTORE (McKally Jackson) in NYC. It's pure magic. Let's order books from bookshops, shall we?” —*Sophia Bush*, actress, activist

“With the world mostly closed, I reached out to a local bookstore to send me a few of their favorite children's books twice a month and it's been the biggest gift to us. Amazon doesn't have the selection or the living person to find the best picture books.” —*Kristen Schaal*, comedian, actress, writer

“Every time you buy a book from an indie bookstore an angel gets its wings, a store employee gets paid, an indie bookstore survives another day, a press gets some money, a writer eats, and you get a book. It's a perfect thing.” —*Gabino Iglesias*, writer

