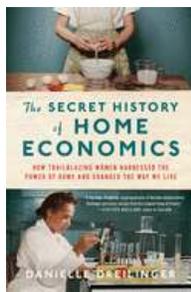


# Bookbites

## Bookends on Main

### A New Book for Our Town

June 2021



*The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live,* Danielle Dreilinger

This “Secret History” is a long-overdue and eye-popping book to all who only know the stereotypes associated with this field. First of all, Ellen Swallow Richards, the founder of Home Economics, was the

first woman to attend MIT. She believed in science as a means to relieve women from a life of drudgery and set a course of study, research, and development that helped form American life in the twentieth century. The results include the practical like uniform sizing for clothing. More fundamental is the creation of a profession with deeply feminist and Black roots, thanks to Margaret Murray Washington, wife of Booker T. Washington. She was dedicated to the

empowerment of black women educated in the Black college system.

This book is filled with fascinating information, is well-researched and highly readable.

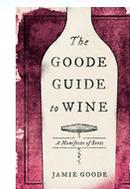
Have a great summer!



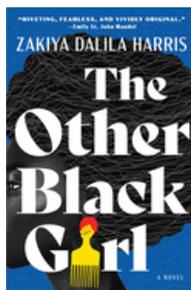
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Win a copy of *The Goode Guide to Wine*

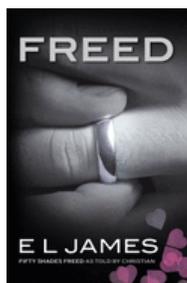


### Recently Published



*The Other Black Girl* by Zakiya Dalila Harris is a thriller with no murders. A couple of black girls working in a high profile publishing house in NY are friends and competitors, but there is more... what is it? I did not see the ending coming and had

to smile at its cleverness and my expectations which were all wrong. Lots of details about book publishing, educated black girls and black hair make for a very pleasant foray outside a small Midwestern town!



*Freed: Fifty Shades Freed as Told by Christian* ( *Fifty Shades of Grey* #6 )

For fans of E L James' earlier books: Relive the sensuality, the romance, and the drama of *Fifty Shades Freed* through the thoughts, reflections, and dreams of Christian Grey.

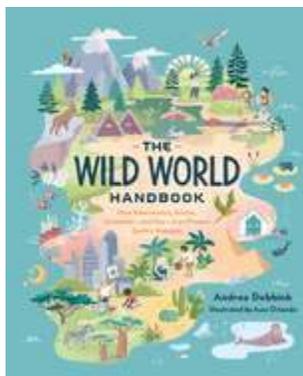
Gordon-Reed interweaves history, politics, and memoir in short essays reflecting on the history of *Juneteenth*. Despite its thorny racial



history, Gordon-Reed expresses a deep fondness for her native state of

Texas, writing that “love does not require taking an uncritical stance toward the object of one's affections.” Her beloved home state of Texas embodies the virtues and faults of America.

## The Wild World Handbook, rev. by Pat Trotter Review



The Wild World Handbook by Andrea Debink, illustrated by Asia Orlando. Ages 7 and up - nonfiction

I wish I had been privileged to have a book like this about our world when I was growing up.

The subtitle of this book is How Adventurers, Artists, Scientists – and You – Can Protect Earth’s Habitats. The book is divided into 7 chapters. Each section deals with nine different habitats on our globe, from the mountains to the ocean and everything in between. The chapters tell about the different habitats, include a brief biography of an individual who had an impact on one of these habitats, a success story for that habitat in terms of protecting it, ways that individuals and groups can care for these habitats, and projects and crafts for kids to do to help them see how

important it is that we care for all parts of our world to lessen the impact of global warming and climate change. This is a book that should be in the library of everyone who cares for our planet. It is the first of a proposed “series for young environmental activists and conservationists,” I look forward to seeing others in the series.

## Our Woman in Moscow, rev. by Heather Obenberger



Our Woman in Moscow by Beatriz Williams

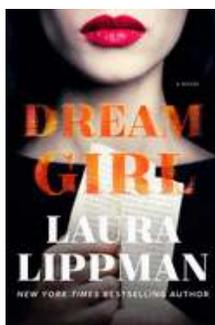
This enthralling novel set in the first phase of the Cold War has it all...intrigue, adventure, espionage, and romance. At its center are Ruth and Iris, twin sisters who

travel to Rome for a summer holiday that goes awry. To Ruth's dismay Iris falls in love with the charming and mysterious Sasha Digby. Ruth returns to the United States alone and spends years es-

“... intrigue, adventure, espionage, and romance.”

tranged from her sister until one day Iris sends a letter asking Ruth for help. Ruth soon discovers that helping her sister is going to be a much larger undertaking than she planned as it will entail getting Iris and her family safely out of Russia. I raced through the pages of this book hoping for a happy ending for these sisters.

## Dream Girl, rev. by Heather Obenberger



Dream Girl by Laura Lippman

I started this book and couldn't put it down! Gerry Anderson is a renowned fiction

writer who suffers a debilitating injury and finds himself bedridden

and facing a lengthy recovery. He is dependent on his assistant and a nurse to help him with all his daily activities. His days begin to blur as they consist of medications for pain, medications to help him sleep, and isolation. Then phone calls from a woman claiming to be the main character from his best-selling novel begin. His ex-girlfriend starts visiting him out of the blue and he doesn't know what

she wants from him. He doesn't even know if these calls and visits are real or if he is just dreaming them. He begins to fear he is losing his grip on reality. However, it becomes all too real when he discovers a dead body in his room one morning and he has no recollection of the hours preceding this grisly discovery. Plenty of twists and turns and an ending you won't see coming make this book a must read!

## Bird Books



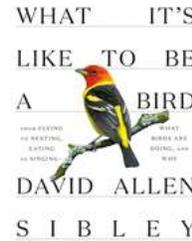
*A Most Remarkable Creature*, Jonathan Meiburg

"In 1833, Charles Darwin was astonished by an animal he met in the Falkland Islands: handsome, social, and oddly crow-like falcons that were 'tame and inquisitive, quarrelsome and passionate,' and so insatiably curious that they stole hats, compasses, and other valuables from the crew of the *Beagle*. Darwin wondered why these birds were confined to remote islands at the tip of South

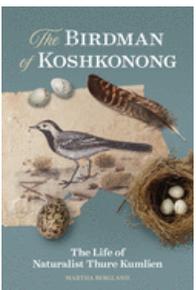
America, sensing a larger story, but he set this mystery aside and never returned to it. Almost two hundred years later, Jonathan Meiburg ... takes us through South America, from the fog-bound coasts of Tierra del Fuego to the tropical forests of Guyana, in search of these birds: striated caracaras, which still exist, though they're very rare."

*What It's Like to Be a Bird: From Flying to Nesting, Eating to Singing-What Birds Are Doing, and Why*

"Can birds smell?" "Is this the same cardinal that was at my feeder last year?"



*What It's Like to Be a Bird* 'Do robins "hear" worms?' In [this book], David Sibley answers the most frequently asked questions about the birds we see most often. This special, large-format volume is geared as much to nonbirders as it is to the out-and-out obsessed, covering more than two hundred species and including more than 330 new illustrations by the author.



*The Birdman of Koshkonong: The Life of Naturalist Thure Kumlien*

Thure Kumlien was one of Wisconsin's earliest Swedish settlers and an accomplished ornithologist, botanist, and naturalist in the mid-1800s, though his name is not well known today. He

settled on the shore of Lake Koshkonong in 1843 and soon began sending bird specimens to mu-

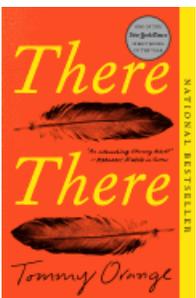
Kumlien was the first curator and third employee of the new Milwaukee Public Museum.

seums and collectors in Europe and the eastern United States, including the Smithsonian. Later, he prepared

natural history exhibits for the newly established University of Wisconsin and became the first curator and third employee of the new Milwaukee Public Museum.

For all of his achievements, Kumlien never gained the widespread notoriety of Wisconsin naturalists John Muir, Increase Lapham, or Aldo Leopold. Kumlien preferred to work behind the scenes.

## Paperbacks Worth a Second Look

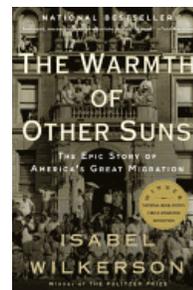


Tommy Orange's book *There There*, about urban Indians, specifically in Oakland, CA is stark and brutal, no soft-peddling life off the rez.

The book starts with history, the first Thanksgiving, and then the second and it's mostly downhill from there. The book de-

scribes the life of 12 characters, all connected to each other though not all of them know that, and the powwow at the end that brings them together.

Isabel Wilkerson's *The Warmth of Other Suns* is another book that is about as painful and disturbing as books can be. It traces the migration from the South to the North of



millions of Blacks from about 1900 to 1960. Wilkerson focuses on the life of three representative people escaping Jim Crow and the new freedom and hardships of life in the North and West.

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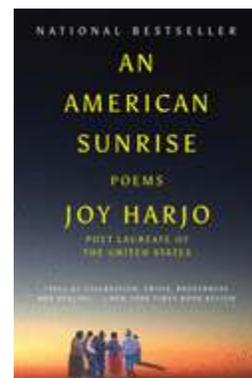


## An Indie Bookstore

New & Used Books, Toys, Gifts, Greeting  
Cards, Guitars & Guitar Strings,  
Ukuleles, Journals, Etc.

## Road by Joy Harjo, Poet Laureate of the United States

We stand first in our minds, and then we toddle  
From hand to furniture  
Soon we are walking away from the house and lands  
Of our ancestral creator gods  
To the circles of friends, of schooling, of work  
Making families and worlds of our own.  
We make our way through storm and sun  
We walk side by side against each other  
The last road will be taken alone—  
There might be crowds calling for blood  
Or a curtained window by the leaving bed  
It is best to not be afraid  
Lift your attention  
For the appearance of the next road  
It might be through a family of trees, a desert, or  
On rolling waves of sea  
It's the ancient road the soul knows  
We always remember it when we see it  
It beckons at birth



## Details

The Wine Walk will be 2-5pm on Saturday, June 12, 2021 (100 tickets will be sold per hour). Each business, up to a maximum of twelve, will have two representatives of the Wine Walk in their space. A wine representative will be there to pour wine and a Downtown Menomonie representative will be there to welcome attendees and facilitate the event. Wristbands will be given to participants age 21 and older during registration, at the Visitors Center. Attendees will be given an event plastic wine glass, a punch card and a map to all

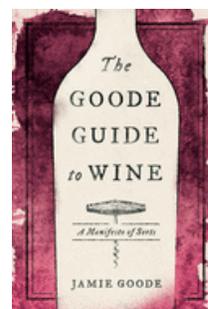
the participating businesses. Attendees will have an option to have up to three wines and light snacks at each participating business. Each business can provide appetizers for their guests, in addition to appetizers provided by Downtown Menomonie. Admission to the event is \$25 each or \$40 per couple.

### *Discount on all sales*

### *Drawing for*

### *The Goode Guide to Wine*

Over the last decade, Jamie Goode has embarked on almost nonstop travel through the world's vineyards in an effort to understand the beau-



tifully diverse and complicated world of wine. His hard-nosed pursuit of the most interesting stories to tell about wine has led us here, to The Goode Guide to Wine.

This book—a sort of manifesto—distills many of the observations, lessons, and opinions that have made Jamie Goode a renowned voice within the wine world.

In a series of short, pithy, and often rather blunt chapters, he celebrates what is exciting and interesting about wine and points out some of the absurdities of wine culture. *The Goode Guide to Wine* is a book designed to provoke and inspire . . . and to see the world of wine through fresh eyes.