

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

July Events Downtown July 22-24



Three days of things happening downtown, starting with Ladies Night Out on July 22, 11-8 and Paint the Town overlapping with it July 22-24. Ladies Night Out is as usual,

with specials, small treats and registration for a gift bag. At the bookstore we will offer our usual 15% off all sales. The gifts from participating businesses will be on display in our window. The

“Paint the Town” event is building mural painting done by Wade Lambrightsen and friends on the Town and

Country and Silver Dollar buildings. Restaurant specials (cookbook specials at the bookstore) July 23, sidewalk sales, flea market, artisans, E.T movie at the Mabel and more July 24.

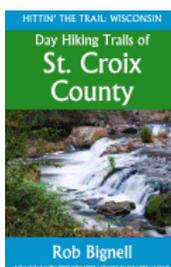
July 2021

Happy July 4th!

It's Back to Normal

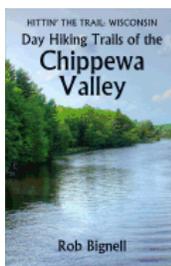


Local Authors at the Bookstore July 22, 24



Rob Bignell and Jeanne Anderson are returning.

Rob's popular guidebook series was recently featured on WPR. If you caught his interview on Spectrum



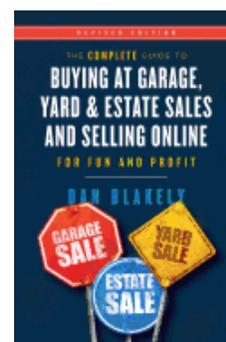
West, you must have been impressed with his broad knowledge of hiking trails across the U.S and wildflowers in our state. Rob will be at the bookstore on Ladies Night Out, July 22, from 5-7 with his guidebooks and many other or his 30+ books, not to mention his willingness to chat about hiking, writing, and editing.

On Saturday, July 24, 2-4 Jeanne Anderson will re-



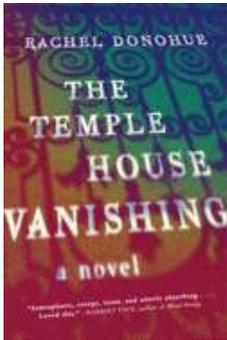
turn with her book *Where the Lilacs Bloom*, and her

wealth of knowledge about Old Meridean, vintage photos and more. Local history buffs will enjoy exchanging stories and perhaps research and writing information too.



For your weekend pastime and sideline selling, “Sometimes take an extra risk” (p. 91).

Temple House Vanishing by Rachel Donohue



Temple House Vanishing is an intriguing mystery that had me hooked from the very first chapter! The Victorian boarding school set-

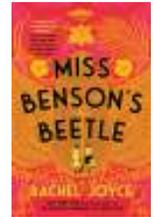
ting was a character in and of itself. The friendship between Louisa and Victoria and their complex relationship with their art teacher Mr. Lavelle is at the heart of this

novel. The reader is in a constant state of suspense trying to ascertain what the true motives of these characters are. The ending comes as a complete surprise. I am still haunted by the ending days after finishing this book.

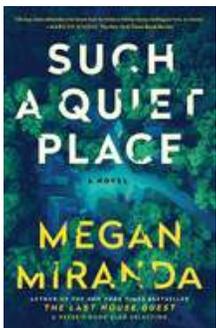
An unsolved mystery — the disappearance of a brilliant scholarship student and a young, charismatic teacher—

Rachel Donohue is an amazing new writing talent who excels at drawing the reader right into the minds and lives of the characters. This is a great read that will give you chills in the heat of summer. —rev. by Heather Obenberger

A hard to describe comic novel, *Miss Benson's Beetle*: wild women's adventurous travel, 1950s Thelma & Louise, finding friendship.



Such A Quiet Place by Megan Miranda



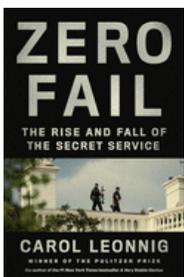
Such a Quiet Place welcomes you to a neighborhood where nothing is as it seems. A year and a half ago two of their own were murdered and now

Ruby, the neighbor formerly accused, has been acquitted and has returned to the scene of the

crime...seemingly acting as if it never happened. Everyone in the neighborhood is in a frenzy wondering why she has returned to live there. They are in a constant state of fear that she will seek revenge on them for testifying against her. Friends and neighbors who have known each other for years start to question what really happened that night as they are faced with the possibility that if Ruby didn't do it then that means one of

them got away with murder! Suspicion builds amongst the once close clan and there are lots of plot twists and turns that keep one guessing until the shocking conclusion. Save this book for a lazy summer day because once you start it you won't be able to put it down! —rev. by Heather Obenberger

Zero Fail: The Rise and Fall of the Secret Service



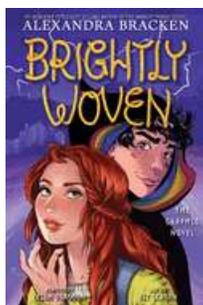
For serious-minded reading: Carol Leonnig's study of the Secret Service.

The Secret Service was born in 1865, in the wake of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, but its story begins in earnest in 1963, with the death of John F. Kennedy. Shocked into reform by its failure to protect the president on

that fateful day in Dallas, this once-sleepy agency was radically transformed into an elite, highly trained unit that would redeem itself several times, most famously in 1981 by thwarting an assassination attempt against Ronald Reagan. But this reputation for courage and excellence would not last forever. By Barack Obama's presidency, the once-proud Secret Service was running on fumes and beset by mistakes

and alarming lapses in judgment: break-ins at the White House, an armed gunman firing into the windows of the residence while confused agents stood by, and a massive prostitution scandal among agents in Cartagena, to name just a few. With Donald Trump's arrival, a series of promised reforms were cast aside, as a president disdainful of public service instead abused the Secret Service to rack up political and personal gains.

Young Reader Books, rev. by Pat Trotter



Brightly Woven
by Alexandra Bracken

Sydelle is a 14-year-old who lives in a tiny, fantasy village, which believes in magic and wizards. Sydelle is an extremely talented weaver who can weave magic into cloth. When she meets Wayland, a young wizard

who has come to deliver an extremely important message in order to stop a war between kingdoms, she is asked to mend his magic cloak with her weaving. Since time is of the essence, she must accompany him on his mission. Will they be able to complete their journey on time? Will Sydelle's talents be enough to save them from the more powerful wizard who wants this war? How will Sydelle take

the news that she may be the reason for all the bad things happening in their world: things like earthquakes, floods, droughts? This is a well-written fantasy that helps the read dig deep within themselves and discover what their gifts and talents are and how they can use them for good, to help people.

Graphic novel for ages 9–12



Little Kid, Big City! London
by Beth Beckman and illustrated by Holley Maher

This is the second travel book in the Little Kid, Big City series by Beth Beckman. In the first book, she went to New York. In her second book, she travels to London. This is a wonderful book for kids who love to travel. Even if they never actually get to London, this book will

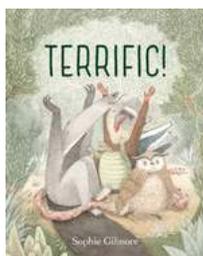
tell them more about London than they ever thought to ask. "With this book, you can explore the sights, tastes, and landmarks of London! When you're ready

For Ages 7 and up, nonfiction

to head to your next destination, look for the options asking where to go next and then turn to the page you chose to visit. If you want to learn more about a place, turn to the Adventure In-

dex in the back of the book for tips and fun facts" (from the frontispiece of the book). And there is even a kid-friendly map showing all the places described in the book. This book could be used by a family planning an actual trip to London. It could be used for a school project on London. Or it could just be enjoyed by kids who love to learn about other places in the world. Well designed with great illustrations. Might even make adults or families want to book a trip to London!

For Ages 7 and Under



Terrific! Is a humorous story about 5 animal friends and a cunning snake brainstorming

for something terrific to do and learn about friendship, cooperation and compromise in the process.

Noah's Ark is a counting book with pull out animals, a very cute board book.



Another humorous kids' book is **Too Many Birds**.

As birds line up to perch on a tree, a monitor shouts



rules at them:
No fluffin' feathers!
No pooping on the ground!
No nudity!

Eventually, the tree fills to capacity (100), but what happens when two more are accidentally born among the branches?

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This Land Is Your Land, lyrics by Woody Guthrie

This land is your land and this land is my land
From California to the New York island
From the redwood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and me

As I went walking that ribbon of highway
I saw above me that endless skyway
Saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me

I roamed and rambled and I've followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts
All around me a voice was sounding
This land was made for you and me

When the sun come shining, then I was strolling
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The voice was chanting as the fog was lifting
This land was made for you and me

A Little of What Local People Are Reading, i.e. Bought Recently

The Midnight Library, Haig	Sand County Almanac
King Lear	A Walk in the Woods, Bryson
Great Circle, Shipstead	Renegades, Meyer
Snowman, Nesbo	Canterbury Tales, Chaucer
Count of Monte Cristo, Dumas	Of Mice and Men, Steinbeck
Practical Magic, Hoffman	Utopia Avenue. Mitchell
Splendid and the Vile, Larson	The Hill We Climb, Gorman
Anxious People, Backman	Board books galore by Sandra Boynton
Testaments, Atwood	Etc. Etc.
Highlights Book of Things to Do	
The Other Mrs., Kubica	