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Print Books, Half Year Report

2021

August

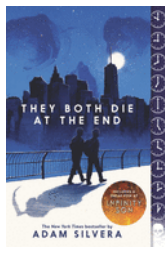


Publisher's Weekly reports big increases in print books for 2021 so

far: Adult nonfiction up 15.6%, nonfiction up 30.7%, Juvenile fiction up 17.8%.



Who says young people don't read much anymore?



Young adult fiction is up a whopping 48.8%.

They Both Die at the End, is currently #1.

Mothering Heights, Dog Man #10 is the best seller in the Juvenile Fiction category.



Hannah's *Four Winds* (a dust bowl epic) and

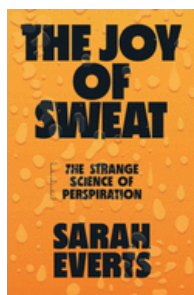
Owens' *Where the Crawdads Sing* (for over two years now) are tops in adult fiction.

Some books have a very long shelf life. Ruiz' *The Four Agreements: A Practical Guide to Personal Freedom (Toltec Wisdom)* first published in 1997, ranks #5 on the 2021 best seller list, so



far. And more to marvel at: Miller's *The Song of Achilles*, is also a top YA book.

Recently Published



A new book perfect for the hot, sweaty dog days of August: *The*

Joy of Sweat by Sarah Everts

A taboo-busting romp through the shame, stink, and strange science of sweating.

"Speaking with experts from disciplines such as

forensics, chemistry, genetics and even fragrances, Everts takes readers on an entertaining journey into the world of perspiration, including the science behind it and the benefits of a good sweat." –Becky Libourel Diamond, *Bookpage*

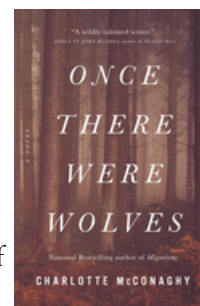
Popular middle reader fantasy series: *The Wingfeather Saga*, five to date. In the first, the three Igiby children and their family will need all their gifts to



survive the evil pursuit of the venomous Fangs of Dang who

have crossed the dark sea to rule the land with malice.

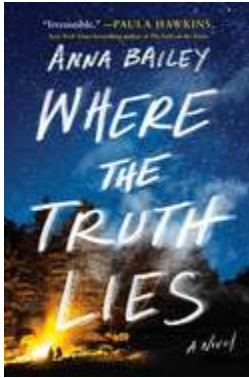
Once There Were Wolves by the author of *Migrations*, a gorgeous and pulse-pounding new novel set



in the wild Scottish Highlands. It's about wolves, people

who want to protect them, the harm inflicted by humans on both the wild and each other, a humans vs. nature story.

Where the Truth Lies, rev. by Heather Obenberger



Where the Truth Lies by Anna Bailey

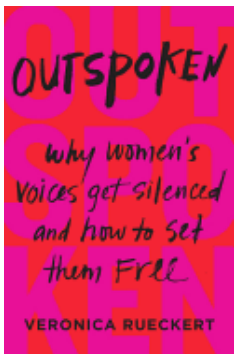
The truth about this novel is that it gripped me from the very first sen-

tence! I couldn't put it down until I knew what happened to Abi! This novel takes place in the small town

of Whistling Ridge, Colorado. It is a town predominantly composed of residents who harbor intolerance for those they perceive as different from themselves. At the heart of this novel is the Blake family whose daughter, Abigail, goes missing one night during a party she attends with her friend Emma. Emma is consumed with guilt that she left her friend at the party and is determined to find out what happened to her. The truths she learns along the way about her family, Abi's fam-

ily, and the town she has called home will keep you turning the pages. If you only have time to read one book this summer this impressive debut novel should be it!

Outspoken by Veronica Rueckert



In *Outspoken*, Veronica Rueckert—a Peabody Award-winning former host at Wisconsin Public Radio, trained opera singer, and communi-

cations coach—teaches women to recognize the value of their voices and tap into their inherent power, potential, and capacity for self-

expression. Detailing how to communicate in meetings, converse around the dinner table, and dominate political debates, *Outspoken* provides readers

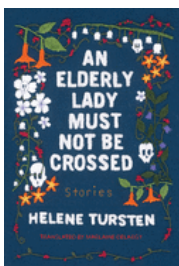
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with the tools, guidance, and encouragement they need to love

their voices and rise to the obligation to share them with the world.

Outspoken is a substantive yet entertaining analysis of why women still haven't been fully granted the right to speak, and a guide to how we can start changing the culture of silence. Positive, instructive, and supportive, this welcome and much-needed handbook will help reshape the world and make it better for women—and for everyone. It's time to stop shutting up and start speaking out.

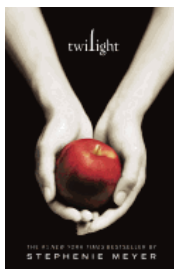
Remember Maud? A Sequel Coming in October . . .



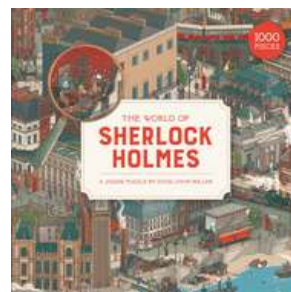
So many local readers delighted in and maybe like me were a wee bit scandalized with Maud, the *Elderly Lady Up to No Good*. Swedish crime writer Helene

Tursten has a new set of six interlocking crime stories about Maud, now 88 years old, still with grudges

to settle. Publication is scheduled for Oct 5.



What's old is new; Thanks to Netflix, Stephenie Meyer's vampire *Twilight Saga* is enjoying a resurgence of interest in print.



For another version of entertaining crime stories, try the *World of*

Sherlock Holmes 1000 Piece Puzzle: A Jigsaw Puzzle

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An August Midnight

By Thomas Hardy - 1840-1928



I

A shaded lamp and a waving blind,
And the beat of a clock from a distant floor:
On this scene enter—winged, horned, and spined—
A longlegs, a moth, and a dumbledore;
While 'mid my page there idly stands
A sleepy fly, that rubs its hands...

II

Thus meet we five, in this still place,
At this point of time, at this point in space.
—My guests besmear my new-penned line,
Or bang at the lamp and fall supine.
"God's humblest, they!" I muse. Yet why?
They know Earth-secrets that know not I.

Downtown in July

The three days of Ladies Night Out and Paint the Town brought hundreds to downtown. The weather was hot and humid but sunny, what makes summer flea markets special in Wisconsin. In general, summer is good for Main Street. We are looking forward to the return of college students and a sense of normalcy. Let's hope that will be the case.



The month is ending with the UW-Stout summer Film Festival. Here is the link to see the full schedule: <http://redcedarfilm.org/>

July 29 - August 1

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