

Bookbites

Bookends on Main

December at the Bookstore

2021

December



To mark the holiday

this year, our annual drawing is for an assortment of books and non-book items. Draw a ticket with every purchase. Winners choose a displayed item of their liking. First winner: Nancy B. on Dec.2

The pandemic doesn't want to go away, so the “new normal” seems to be staying local, doing more home cooking, and reading a lot. Two out of three of those are good for the bookstore. We are trying to keep well stocked because of all the scares about supply chain issues. A few popular

titles may be affected by that. A lot of books are printed in China, so maybe some are stowed away in a container ship. However, our shelves are well-stocked.

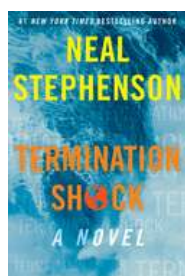
Also, be sure to pick up the holiday book catalogues at the bookstore.



Recently Published –December *Indie Next* Picks



As good as Christmas stories can get, *Small things Like These*, set in Ireland, tells the story of an utterly good man who risks everything to stand up against cruelty and rescue a suffering child.



In *Termination Shock*, a visionary billionaire restaurant chain magnate has a Big Idea for reversing global warming. Will it work? This is sci-fi for everyone.



Beasts of a Little Land By Juhea Kim

This novel has everything that I look for in a good read. It is an amazing work of historical fiction that spans several decades in the lives of its characters during the Korean Independence Movement. As a young girl, Jade is left by her impoverished family at the home of a courtesan. She eventually becomes a courtesan and an actress of some renown. She is pursued by many men of wealth

and power. JungHo is an orphan boy living on the streets when he meets young Jade and the two become good friends. JungHo harbors a secret and deep love for Jade through the years. During the Independence Movement, Jade and JungHo find love, friendships, and loyalties tested. Peppered throughout the book are profound and acute observations and reflections on human nature that really resonate. This is Juhea Kim's debut novel and I can't wait for her next one! —Rev. by Heather Obenberger

Latest Midwest Bestseller Lists

Fiction

1. Go Tell the Bees That I Am Gone

Diana Gabaldon, Delacorte Press, \$36, 9781101885680

2. The Lincoln Highway

Amor Towles, Viking, \$30, 9780735222359

3. The Sentence

Louise Erdrich, Harper, \$28.99, 9780062671127

4. Cloud Cuckoo Land

Anthony Doerr, Scribner, \$30, 9781982168438

5. State of Terror

Louise Penny, Hillary Rodham Clinton, Simon & Schuster/St. Martin's

Press, \$30, 9781982173678

6. The Midnight Library

Matt Haig, Viking, \$26, 9780525559474

7. The Judge's List

John Grisham, Doubleday, \$29.95, 9780385546027

8. Harlem Shuffle

Colson Whitehead, Doubleday, \$28.95, 9780385545136

9. Lightning Strike

William Kent Krueger, Atria Books, \$27, 9781982128685

10. Beautiful World, Where Are You

Sally Rooney, FSG, \$28,

9780374602604

11. The Hill We Climb

Amanda Gorman, Viking, \$15.99, 9780593465271

12. Project Hail Mary

Andy Weir, Ballantine, \$28.99, 9780593135204

13. Oh William!

Elizabeth Strout, Random House, \$27, 9780812989434

14. Crossroads

Jonathan Franzen, FSG, \$30, 9780374181178

15. Our Country Friends

Gary Shteyngart, Random House, \$28, 9781984855121

Nonfiction

1. These Precious Days: Essays

Ann Patchett, Harper, \$26.99, 9780063092785

2. The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story

Nikole Hannah-Jones, The New York Times Magazine, One World, \$38, 9780593230572

3. The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse

Charlie Mackesy, HarperOne, \$22.99, 9780062976581

4. The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music

Dave Grohl, Dey Street Books, \$29.99, 9780063076099

5. The Lyrics: 1956 to the Present

Paul McCartney, Liveright, \$100, 9781631492563

6. The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity

David Graeber, David Wengrow, FSG, \$35, 9780374157357

7. Where the Deer and the Antelope Play: The Pastoral Observations of One Ignorant American Who Loves to Walk Outside

Nick Offerman, Dutton, \$28, 9781101984697

8. A Carnival of Snackery: Diaries (2003-2020)

David Sedaris, Little, Brown, \$32, 9780316558792

9. The Midwest Survival Guide: How We Talk, Love, Work, Drink, and Eat . . . Everything with Ranch

Charlie Berens, William Morrow, \$26.99, 9780063074958

10. Betrayal: The Final Act of the Trump Show

Jonathan Karl, Dutton, \$28, 9780593186329

11. Taste: My Life Through Food

Stanley Tucci, Gallery Books, \$28, 9781982168018

12. The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times

Jane Goodall, Douglas Abrams, Gail Hudson, Celadon Books, \$28, 9781250784094

13. Fuzz: When Nature Breaks the Law

Mary Roach, Norton, \$26.95, 9781324001935

14. Peril

Bob Woodward, Robert Costa, Simon & Schuster, \$30, 9781982182915

15. Renegades: Born in the USA

Barack Obama, Bruce Springsteen, Crown, \$50, 9780593236314

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Holiday Hours

December 1-23

Mon to Fri 10–5:30

Sat 10–4

Sun 1–3

December 24 –10 to 3

December 25–26 Closed

December 27– return to usual 10–5

Kids' Books of Interest



Christmas Tree

By James Merrill

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To be
Brought down at last
From the cold sighing mountain
Where I and the others
Had been fed, looked after, kept still,
Meant, I knew—of course I knew—
That it would be only a matter of weeks,
That there was nothing more to do.
Warmly they took me in, made much of me,
The point from the start was to keep my spirits up.
I could assent to that. For honestly,
It did help to be wound in jewels, to send
Their colors flashing forth from vents in the deep
Fragrant sables that cloaked me head to foot.
Over me then they wove a spell of shining—
Purple and silver chains, eavesdropping tinsel,
Amulets, milagros: software of silver,
A heart, a little girl, a Model T,
Two staring eyes. Then angles, trumpets, BUD and BEA
(The children's names) in clownlike capitals,
Somewhere a music box whose tiny song
Played and replayed I ended before long
By loving. And in shadow behind me, a primitive IV
To keep the show going. Yes, yes, what lay ahead
Was clear: the stripping, the cold street, my chemicals
Plowed back into the Earth for lives to come—
No doubt a blessing, a harvest, but one that doesn't bear,
Now or ever, dwelling upon. To have grown so thin.
Needles and bone. The little boy's hands meeting
About my spine. The mother's voice: Holding up wonder-
fully!
No dread. No bitterness. The end beginning. Today's
Dusk room aglow
For the last time
With candlelight.
Faces love-lit
Gifts underfoot.
Still to be so poised, so
Receptive. Still to recall, praise.