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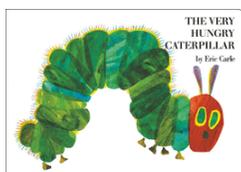
Bookends on Main

Books: Publishing, Reading

Publisher's Weekly marks its 150th year of publication in an issue crammed with wonderful publishing history. One article notes that "Books are one of the first entertainment technologies—and one whose fundamentals are essentially the same since Gutenberg" invented movable type in 1440.

Also, e-readers haven't killed print books. Print books account for about 80% of the book mar-

ket, and last year over 800 million "units" were sold. That's about 3 books for every American.

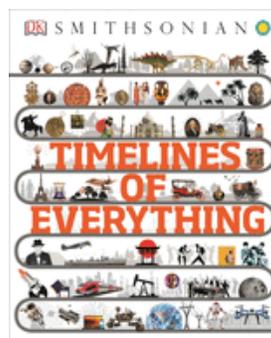


The top ten best-selling books

in the last two decades are *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*; *Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*; *Fifty Shades of Grey*; *Oh, the Places You'll Go!*; *Twilight*; *Strengthsfinder 2.0*; *Goodnight Moon*; *The Hunger*

Games, *The Shack*; and *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. How many have you read or bought for others?

An antidote-book for our Covid-induced problem with time.



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A Hot Author



Emily Henry is a powerhouse popular writer. Her

newest novel, *BookLovers* is just out and has thousands on pre-order. Henry's 2021 *People We Meet on Vacation* and her 2020 *Beach Read* are still enormously popular.



Here are a couple reviews of *Book Lovers*: "... a rom-com lover's dream of a book.

It is razor-sharp and modern, featuring a fierce heroine who does not apologize for her ambition and heartfelt discussions of grief. Readers know that Emily Henry never fails to deliver great banter and a romance



to swoon over but this may just be her best

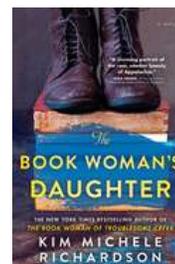
yet. A breath of fresh air."

~ Taylor Jenkins Reid, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Malibu Rising*

"I would follow Emily Henry anywhere. A small town, a literary enterprise, a bookstore to res-

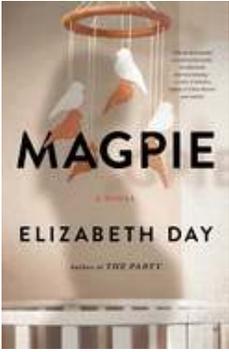
enterprise, a bookstore to rescue, and sex in moonlit streams? Yes, please! *Book Lovers* is sexy, funny, and smart. Another perfectly satisfying read from the unstoppable Emily Henry."

~ Emma Straub, *New York Times* bestselling author of *All Adults Here*



A sequel to the very popular *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*

Heather's Reviews



Maggie by Elizabeth Day

I have never read anything like this book! I think it would be classified as a psychological

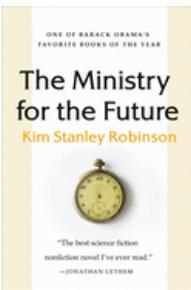
thriller, but it is much more than that. I felt every emotion with the characters and the emotions ranged from heartbreak, to sheer terror, to gratitude, and everything in between. It delves into the pain of infertility and explores the definition of a parent. It is really hard for me to review this book without

“spoilers”, but what I can do is urge you to set aside a few hours to experience this novel...you will not be able to put it down!

–Heather Obenberger

This book has gotten a host of pre-publication rave reviews. Some say it is “darkly comic” among other things.

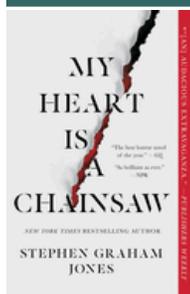
Sci-fi and Mysteries, Book Titles



Science fiction and mysteries have devoted readers, favorite authors and series.

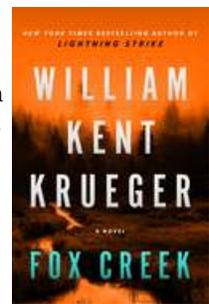
Some titles can be provocative like *My*

Heart Is a Chainsaw. Good titles hint to the main theme or story line. Mysteries with Wisconsin settings and regional authors are popu-

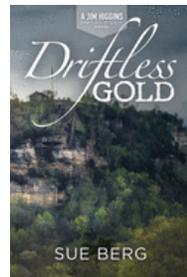


lar like Victoria Houston, Mary Logue, and Skalka's Door county series. A few newer authors and titles include

Driftless Gold, The Souls of Lost Lake, Blue Lake. William Kent Krueger continues his Cork



O'Connor series with No. 19 coming in August.



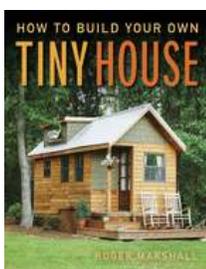
DIY, Back to Basics



This book shows you how to apply embroidery, patching, darning, felting, stamping, and a little crochet to worn pieces of clothing or

household items. Instead of stowing or throwing away damaged pieces that hold happy memories, you can employ these sustainable ideas to give them a new life. With this book, you'll learn how to repair knitted and woven fabrics; work with flat and curved surfaces; repair

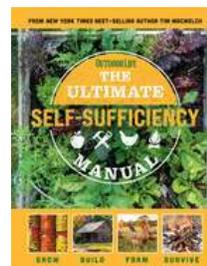
comfy, well-made socks and gloves; make a statement with creative patching and so on.



Offering anyone with basic carpentry skills step-by-step instructions to successfully build a tiny house (250 to 1,000 square feet.), this edition covers

everything from forming a bill of materials to the basics of frame construction. It details wiring and plumbing a tiny home, outlines construction codes, and gives point-

ers as to where local regulations may apply.



Looking for a greater sense of control in the chaotic world of today? Concerned about your dependence on existing food and power sources,

and other systems beyond your control? Empower yourself with the gift of self reliance-with the Total Self Sufficiency Manual, which has over 220 tips and techniques to empower your independence.

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A poem for graduation: Robert Frost's The Road Not Taken

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim,
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I kept the first for another day!
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

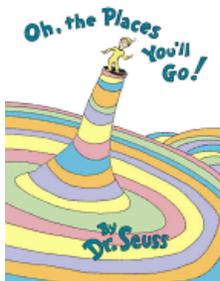
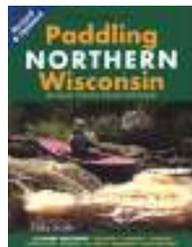
Book Ideas for May Events



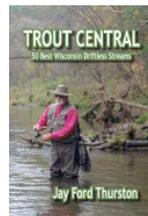
Mother's Day
May 8

Mabel's Community Celebration
Saturday May 21, 2-10 P.M.

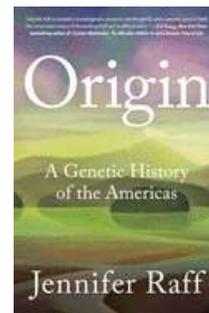
Spring and Summer Activities



Graduation, an
all-time best-
seller good for
kindergarten
on up



Reading



Fascinating
non-fiction
about the
origin of
human
population
in North
America:

"Raff beautifully integrates
new data from different sci-
ences...and different ways of
knowing, including Indige-
nous oral traditions, in a mas-
terly retelling of the story of
how, and when, people
reached the Americas..."