

## 2023 Night Readers — 4th Mondays at 6 p.m.

**Jan. 23\*** *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarina Bivald — Sara has traveled all the way from Sweden to meet her pen pal, Amy, who lives in Broken Wheel, Iowa, only to find Amy has just passed away. Marooned in this small farm town, Sara opens a bookstore in Amy's honor to share her love of reading with the townspeople.

**Feb. 27** *Resistance Women* by Jennifer Chiaverini — From prolific and bestselling author Jennifer Chiaverini comes the exciting historical saga that recreates the danger, romance, and sacrifice of an era, and brings to life one courageous, passionate American — Mildred Fish Harnack — and her circle of women friends who waged a clandestine battle against Hitler in Nazi Berlin.

**March 27** *An Indigenous People's History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar — Acclaimed historian and activist Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz offers a history of the United States told from the perspective of Indigenous peoples and reveals how Native Americans, for centuries, actively resisted expansion of the U.S. empire.

**April 24\*** *The Henna Artist* by Alka Joshi — A talented henna artist for wealthy clients finds her efforts to control her own destiny in 1950s Jaipur threatened by the abusive husband she fled as a teenage girl.

**May 22** *Kindred* by Octavia Butler — Dana's torment begins when she suddenly vanishes on her 26th birthday from 1976 California, and is dragged through time to antebellum Maryland to rescue a boy named Rufus, heir to a slave owner's plantation. She soon realizes the purpose of her summons to the past: protect Rufus to ensure his assault of her Black ancestor so that she may one day be born. As she endures the traumas of slavery and the soul-crushing normalization of savagery, Dana fights to keep her autonomy and return to the present.

**June 26** *Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce — It is 1950. London is still reeling from World War II, and Margery Benson — a sensible schoolmarm and lonely spinster — is just trying to get through life. But one day, she reaches her breaking point, abandoning her job and her tidy, circumscribed life, to set out on an expedition to the other side of

**July 24\*** *The Home Front* by DW Hanneken — The novel tells the story of life on a Wisconsin farm during WWII. Maggie Wentworth must take on all the responsibilities of running the farm when her abusive husband is called into service in the war.

**\*\*Special guest author DW Hanneken will be attending the meeting in person to discuss his novel with the Night Readers.\*\***

**Aug. 28** *My Life on the Road* by Gloria Steinem — Gloria Steinem had an itinerant childhood. Every fall, her father would pack the family into the car and they would drive across the country, in search of their next adventure. The seeds were planted: Steinem would spend much of her life on the road, as a journalist, organizer, activist, and speaker.

**Sept. 25** *Leave the World Behind* by Rumaan Alam — Amanda and Craig and their children, Archie and Rose, hope to leave their troubles behind as they vacation in a remote Long Island cottage. Barely a day into their vacation, the house's owners come knocking. Panicked by a total blackout in Manhattan, where they usually reside, Ruth and G. H. are seeking refuge in the cottage, fleeing a mysterious catastrophe.

**Oct. 23\*** *Loving Frank* by Nancy Horan — An historical fiction treatment of the scandalous affair between married architect Frank Lloyd Wright and a client, Mamah Cheney, married and a mother of two, that rocked the Chicago suburb of Oak Park, Illinois.

**Nov. 13\*\*\*** *Olive Again* by Elizabeth Strout — In this sequel to her novel *Olive Kitteridge*, Pulitzer Prize winner Elizabeth Strout continues the life of her beloved Olive, a character who has captured the imaginations of millions. This story finds Olive struggling to understand herself while bonding with a teen suffering from loss, a woman who gives birth unexpectedly, a nurse harboring a longtime crush, and a lawyer who resists an unwanted inheritance.

**Dec. 11\*\*\*** *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci — The food-obsessed, award-winning actor, reflecting on the intersection of food and life, presents a heartfelt and delicious memoir of life in and out of the kitchen that takes readers on a gastronomic journey through the good times and bad.

**\* Potluck — participants are invited to bring a dish to pass**

**\*\*\* Meeting on date other than 4th Monday of the month**

## The Monday Evening Group “The Night Readers”

- ◆ Meets the 4th Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m., except where noted.
- ◆ Leader: Peer-led discussions

**The Night Readers meetings are free and open to the public, no registration or reservation is needed.**

**The Night Readers invite participants to bring their own dinners to the meetings, if they choose, to eat during the discussion. Several meetings throughout the year are designated as “potluck” in which participants are invited to bring a dish to pass. Beverages are provided at each meeting.**

**To get a copy of the book being discussed:** Pick up a copy at the checkout desk. Library copies will be reserved in advance.

These titles *may* also be available as e-books or e-audiobooks through the Hoopla or Libby apps, which are free to use on your mobile device with your Milwaukee County Federated Library System library card. Please ask a librarian if you need help accessing these electronic versions of the selected books.

Another option is to purchase a copy at area bookstores or online.

**Cancellations due to weather:** The Night Readers book discussion group meetings will be cancelled if the library closes, or if the leader of the group notifies the library that the group will not meet due to weather conditions.



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