

#	Where	Wisconsin Public Radio -Daniel Goldin Summer Reading - June 10, 2024
1	Venice	The Glassmaker, by Tracy Chevalier
		A historical novel that covers 500 years of the Murano glassmakers, focusing on one family. But there's a twist! Instead of having to follow 20 generations of families, the Rossos are in a Matt Haig-like time bubble, so they age slowly while the world speeds ahead, throwing everything from industrialization to Napoleon to Casanova to ecological change at them.
2	Sicily	The Sicilian Inheritance, by Jo Piazza
		Sara, a butcher in Philadelphia, gets a last request from her Great Aunt Rosie to spread her ashes in Sicily. But it turns out there's another request - find out if Great Grandmother Serafina was murdered. The story jumps between Serafina's story and Sara's - it's historical fiction with mystery and romance elements, and packed with delicious food.
3	Germany	Look Away, by Jacob Kushner
		For more than ten years, a band of White Supremacists killed immigrants in Germany, funding their crimes by robbing banks...on motorbikes. How could this happen in a country that was studiously confronting its history of hate?For fans of David Grann, Patrick Radden Keefe.
4	France	Miss Morgan's Book Brigade, by Janet Skeslien Charles
		At the end of the war, JP Morgan's daughter Anne led the CARDS, a group of society women who went to help France during and after the Great War. She also hired Jesse Carson, a librarian from New York, to rebuild the libraries, bringing the first children's libraries to that country. Told from Jesse's perspective and a librarian researching the story many years later.
5	Great Britain	Sipsworth, by Simon Van Booy

		An elderly women, grieving the loss of her husband and son, returns to England to live out her days. But she's brought back to life and community by an unusual intruder - a mouse that she names Sipsworth. This book has so many elements that readers love - empathy and humor and philosophy too. The Illusion of Separateness is one of my favorite books ever!
6	Iran	The Lion Women of Tehran, by Marjan Kamali
		A young girl's father dies and her mother is forced to relocate them from the fancy part of Tehran to a poorer part of town. This is where Ellie meets Homa, a friendship that continues, with bumps, for 70 years, through all the changes in Iran's government, through secrets and betrayals and emigration. There's definitely an Elena Ferrante-ness about this story.
7	The Indian Ocean	The Perfect Couple, by Ruth Ware
		A scientist with an actor boyfriend hoping to break out is convinced to participate in a dating show on a tropical island. What could possibly go wrong? It's Love Island meets Lord of the Flies meet the Fyre Festival.
8	China	Real Americans, by Rachel Khong
		Three generations, a Chinese immigrant May, her first gen daughter Lily, and her biracial grandson Nick, confront family secrets that reach back to May's life as a scientist during the Cultural Revolution. This is a sweeping novel about culture, science, money, and family.
9	New Zealand	Birnam Wood, by Eleanor Catton
		A literary eco-thriller about a band of anarchist gardeners pitted against a villainous billionaire and his drone company, both angling for an semi-abandoned farm owned by a newly knighted pest-control magnate, and isolated from the rest of New Zealand by a deadly earthquake.
10	California	Olivetti, by Allie Millington

		This is my kids pick! A young boy's mother goes missing, along with her typewriter. The typewriter is found in a pawn shop, and with a young girl's help, it turns out that the secret to his mom's disappearance might be in the typewriter. For fans of Wishtree and A Rover's Story
11	Montana	The Heart in Winter, by Kevin Barry
		This is the acclaimed Irish writer's first novel set in North America. An drug addicted poet outlaw working in the copper mines falls for a mail order bride of the mining boss and they make their ill-fated mistake. Poetic and bawdy and ultimately brutal.
12	New York	When Women Ran Fifth Avenue, by Julie Satow
		The lives of the women who ran Bonwit Teller, Lord & Taylor, and Henri Bendel when the industry was still dominated by men. It didn't always go well. I love retail stories and these women are particularly fascinating.
13	Massachusetts	Sandwich, by Catherine Newman
		This is one of my midlife meltdown books. On vacation on Capde Cod (Sandwich), Rocky must juggle her newly adult children and her aging parents (sandwich) as she herself copes with menopause. It's all about the voice here - alternately angry and mournful, grave and hilarious. Plus they eat a lot of sandwiches.
14	Maine	How to Read a Book, by Monica Wood
		Three people meet at a Portland bookstore - the coordinator of a prison book club, one of her recently released members, convicted of manslaughter while OWI, and the bookstore handyman, who is the husband of the accident victim. It's a touching tale about second chances and found family. It's perfect for anyone who loved Remarkably Bright Creatures. It even has a very smart animal, in this case, a parrot.
15	Minnesota	I Cheerfully Refuse, by Leif Enger

		Leif Enger writes a dystopian novel! Despite the political meltdown of the United States, Rainy and his wife Lark live a relatively peaceful existence on the shores of Lake Superior. But the world catches up with them when a fugitive from a work camp arrives and throws the town into turmoil. Rainy's escape is Odyssean in scope, but with help of Sol, a 9-year-old girl, he might find community again.
16	Illinois	Same As It Ever Was, by Claire Lombardo
		A fifty-something part-time librarian, Julia is happy with her quiet existence, but it is upended when, doing errands to prepare for her husband's birthday, she runs into an old friend and neighbor, who represents a terrible lapse in judgment in Julia's past. On top of this, Julia must navigate her son's upcoming wedding, prepare for her daughter's departure for college, and try to avoid getting into any more trouble.
17	Wisconsin	True North, by Andrew J Graff
		In this adventure thriller, Sam and Swami arrive in the North Woods, having bought a rafting company from Sam's uncle. What they don't know is that there's a new flashy outfit to compete with, as well as an attempt to buy out the land for a mine. Plus Sam has taken control and basically mortgaged their life, and Swami isn't exactly happy about this. Why this book was published in January is beyond me? It screams summer reading!
18	Milwaukee	A Taste for More, by Phyllis Dixon
		Margo leaves her Mississippi town for a better life in Milwaukee, joining her aunt and getting a job at a local café, but leaving behind the daughter Lana from her first marriage with her ex-husband. She'll do anything to make a better life for Lana, but first she must overcome one obstacle after another and by the time Lana comes, she's not exactly grateful. Entertaining - think Terry McMillan. And by the way, this book is a contemporary take on Mildred Pierce!
19	All Over the US	Dogland, by Tommy Tomlinson
		I love subculture books and I love the film Best in Show, so when a book promised a real-life take on the dog shows, I couldn't resist. Tomlinson, a journalist, closely follows a trainer whose goal is to have the first Samoyed win Best in Show. Tomlinson also looks at dog domestication and breeding, show ritual, and gets at the heart of the human-canine bond. And just to be even-handed, I also recently read Catland from Kathryn Hughes, about the art of Louis Wain and how it changed attitudes about cats.
20	All Over the US	My Life in Seventeen Books, by Jon M Sweeney

		<p>From My Side of the Mountain to Black Elk Speaks, Sweeney, a writer/editor/publisher/former bookseller who has dedicated himself to spirituality mysticism and religion, uses books as a jumping off point to his life in books. I love the story about going on a pre-internet, pre-GPS pilgrimage to find Wendell Berry's home in Kentucky, using only the illustration of the house on the book jacket as a guide.</p>
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