



2010

MIDWEST CONNECTIONS PICKS

As of February 1, 2010

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2010 MIDWEST CONNECTIONS PICKS

As of February 10, 2010 - More titles to come.

January 2010 Picks

HAPPY
Alex Lemon
Scribner
Memoir; author in MN, IA

**OUT OF THE NORTHWOODS:
THE MANY LIVES OF PAUL BUNYAN**
Michael Edmonds
Wisconsin Historical Society Press
Regional and American history and folklore

Also note this 2009 Midwest Connections Pick coming in paperback in January.

A RELIABLE WIFE
Robert Goolrick
Algonquin Books / Workman
Fiction / set in Wisconsin in 1909
Midwest Booksellers' Choice Award Honor Book;
A Heartland Indie Bestseller!

February 2010 Picks

THE COUGAR CLUB
Susan McBride
Avon A/HarperCollins
Women's contemporary fiction set in St. Louis

WEEPING UNDERWATER LOOKS A LOT LIKE LAUGHTER
Michael J. White
Putnam/Penguin
Contemporary coming-of-age fiction set in Des Moines

IN A HEARTBEAT
Loretta Ellsworth
Walker/Bloomsbury USA/Macmillan
YA fiction - set in MN and WI

Also note these 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in February.

IRREPLACEABLE: A NOVEL
Stephen Lovely
Voice / Hyperion
Fiction / Family relationships / Set in Iowa

THE ROSE VARIATIONS
Marisha Chamberlain
Soho Press / Consortium
Fiction / Women / Set in Minnesota

March 2010 Picks

TINY PILOT
Michael Perry and the Long Beds
Amble Down Records
music CD by author Mike Perry, COOP

THE HOUSE OF TOMORROW
Peter Bognanni
Amy Einhorn Books/Putnam/Penguin
Contemporary fiction set in Iowa

LAMB BRIGHT SAVIORS
Robert Vivian
U of Nebraska Press
Fiction - part of a trilogy - set in Great Plains, Nebraska

BAG IN THE WIND
Ted Kooser, Barry Root
Candlewick Press
Children's picture book, Midwest setting -- Kooser lives in NE

THE BUDDY FILES: THE CASE OF THE LOST BOY (Book 1)
THE BUDDY FILES: THE CASE OF THE MIXED-UP MUTTS (Book 2)
THE BUDDY FILES: THE CASE OF THE MISSING FAMILY (Book 3)
Dori Hillestad Butler
Albert Whitman
Children's early chapter books set in MN - dog who solves mysteries

Also note these 2008 & 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in March.

MUDVILLE
Kurtis Scalleta
Alfred A. Knopf Books for Young Readers / Random House
Middle grade fiction
Kids and baseball / set in small town Minnesota

SAVVY
Ingrid Law
Dial Press Books for Young Readers / Penguin Group
Children's Fiction / Middle Grades
Midwest Booksellers' Choice Award Honor Book;
A Heartland Indie Bestseller!

April 2010 Picks

MOTHERHOOD: A RADIO COLLECTION
Garrison Keillor
HighBridge Audio / Workman
Audio CD from A Prairie Home Companion shows

THE CRADLE: A NOVEL
Patrick Somerville
Back Bay / Hachette
Fiction set in Milwaukee & WI

THE TALE OF HALCYON CRANE
Wendy Webb
Holt Paperbacks / Macmillan
Gothic fiction on a Great Lakes island

Also note these 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in April.

THE TURTLE CATCHER
Nicole Helget
Mariner / HMH
April 27, 2010 publication
Fiction / Set in rural MN during WWI

THE GREAT PERHAPS
Joe Meno
W.W. Norton / Abraham Assoc.
Fiction / Set in Chicago

**THE GIRLS FROM AMES:
A STORY OF WOMEN & A
FORTY-YEAR FRIENDSHIP**
Jeffrey Zaslow
Gotham Books / Penguin Group USA
Women's relationships/families - group of women profiled in book grew up together in Ames, IA
A Heartland Indie Bestseller!

May 2010 Picks

SHOOT TO THRILL
P.J. Tracy
Putnam/Penguin
Mystery thriller with humor set in Upper Midwest - authors from MN

Also note these 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in May.

COOP: A FAMILY, A FARM, AND THE PURSUIT OF ONE GOOD EGG
Michael Perry
HarperCollins
Memoir / Rural Life / Humor
Midwest Booksellers' Choice Award Winner;
A Heartland Indie Bestseller!



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May 2010 Picks continued

Also note these 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in May.

DEWEY: THE SMALL-TOWN LIBRARY CAT WHO TOUCHED THE WORLD
Vicki Myron with Bret Witter
Grand Central Publishing / Hachette
Nonfiction / Iowa Small Town / Cats
Midwest Booksellers' Choice Award Honor Book;
A Heartland Indie Bestseller

SUPER STOCK ROOKIE
Will Weaver
Square Fish / Macmillan
YA novel -- Stock car racing in Midwest;
second book in MOTOR series

June 2010 Picks

**HORSE-DRAWN DAYS:
A CENTURY OF FARMING WITH HORSES**
Jerry Apps
Wisconsin Historical Society Press
Midwest rural and farming history

**WOUNDED KNEE: PARTY POLITICS
AND THE ROAD TO AN AMERICAN
MASSACRE**
Heather Cox Richardson
Basic Books/Perseus
American history -- Native Americans

Also note this 2009 Midwest Connections Pick coming in paperback in June.

**METHLAND: THE DEATH AND LIFE OF
AN AMERICAN SMALL TOWN**
Nick Reding
Bloomsbury Publishing / Macmillan
Current Affairs / Small town of
Oelwein, Iowa, is subject of this book

Note this reissue from a different publisher.

**NICO AND LOLA:
KINDNESS SHARED BETWEEN A BOY
AND A DOG**
Meggan Hill
Photographs by Susan M. Graunke
HarperCollins reissue
Picture Book/Midwest authors, setting
Children and pets

July 2010 Picks

THE QUICKENING
Michelle Hoover
Other Press/dist Random House
Historical fiction set in rural farming
community in Iowa

SILENCING SAM
Julie Kramer
Atria Books / Simon & Schuster
Fiction/Suspense set in Minneapolis
Third book in a series

Also note these 2009 Midwest Connections Picks coming in paperback in July.

WHILE I'M FALLING
Laura Moriarty
Hyperion
Fiction / Mother-daughter and family
relationships / set in the Midwest

SHIVER
Maggie Steifvater
Scholastic Press
YA Fiction / Supernatural fiction set in
northern MN

**JULIA GILLIAN
(AND THE QUEST FOR JOY)**
Alison McGhee
Illustrated by Drazen Kozjan
Scholastic Press
Middle grade fiction / second in series
Kids, friends, and elementary school
experiences/ set in Minneapolis

August 2010 Picks

**THE PERSONAL HISTORY OF
RACHEL DUPREE: A NOVEL**
Ann Weisgarber
Viking/Penguin
Historical fiction set in Badlands in
early 20th Century

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MISSING MARK
Julie Kramer
Doubleday / Random House
Fiction/Suspense set in Minneapolis
Second novel by the author of STALKING
SUSAN