

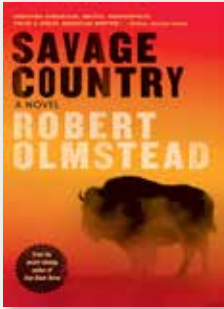
# December Midwest Connections Picks

## 2017

Books that Celebrate the Midwest

### Savage Country

"Another gorgeous, brutal masterpiece from a great American writer." — Kirkus starred review



*Savage Country* is the story of a moment in our history in which mass destruction of an animal population was seen as a road to economic salvation. But it's also the intimate story of how that hunt changed its characters forever. **Robert Olmstead** is the author of eight previous books. *Coal Black Horse* was the winner of the Heartland Prize for Fiction. *The Coldest Night* was a finalist for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize. *Far Bright Star* was the winner of the Western Writers of America Spur Award. Olmstead is the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship and an NEA grant and is a professor at Ohio Wesleyan University. **Recommended if you like:** *The Revenant* by Michael Punke and *All the Pretty Horses* by Cormac McCarthy



### Glory Days

"If Willa Cather and Cormac McCarthy had a love child, she would be a writer such as Fraterrigo."—Booklist



*Glory Days* is set in the imaginary plains town of Ingleside, Nebraska. However, the main plot—loss of land to developers and new commerce—could set the story in any small Midwestern town. A showcase of exceptional craft, Fraterrigo expertly takes on deeply troubling stories that reflect the rarely-explored realities of modern farming and small town communities. **Melissa Fraterrigo** is the founder and executive director of the Lafayette Writers' Studio in Lafayette, Indiana. She is the author of a collection of short fiction, *The Longest Pregnancy*. **Recommended if you like:** *Mothers, Tell Your Daughters* by Bonnie Jo Campbell

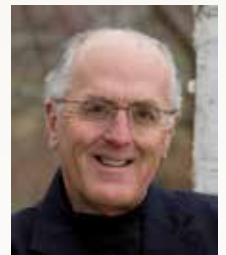


### Haunted Heartland

"An intriguing, engaging collection that is a real pleasure to read." —Elizabeth Tucker, author of *Haunted Halls*



For decades, journalist Michael Norman has been tracking down spine-tingling tales that seem to arise from authentic incidents in states throughout the Midwest. In *Haunted Heartland* he offers more than eighty entertaining, eerie stories. Are they true in the world that we know, or only in a dark vale of twilight? Michael Norman is an emeritus professor of journalism at the University of Wisconsin–River Falls. His many books include six other collections of American supernatural stories. **Recommended if you like:** *Haunted Wisconsin*, also by Michael Norman



### Never Coming Back

"An exquisite book, brim-full with nostalgia, love, regret, humor, yearning--and unforgettable prose." — Julie Schumacher, author of *Dear Committee Members*



*Never Coming Back* is a brilliant and piercing story of a young woman finding her way in life, determined to know her mother—and by extension herself—before it's too late. **Alison McGhee** writes for all ages in all forms, from novels to poems to books for children. Her bestselling novel *Shadow Baby* was a Today Show Book Club pick, and her picture book for adults, *Someday*, was a #1 *New York Times* bestseller. She has won many fellowships and awards, including four Minnesota Book Awards.

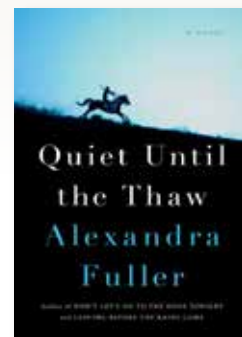
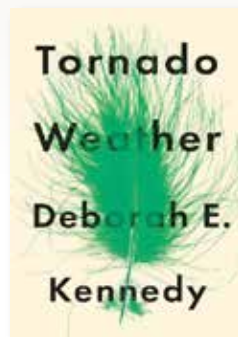
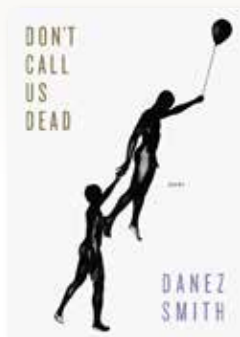
**Recommended if you like:** *Miller's Valley* by Anna Quindlen



# Ask your local bookseller about these recent Midwest Connections Picks

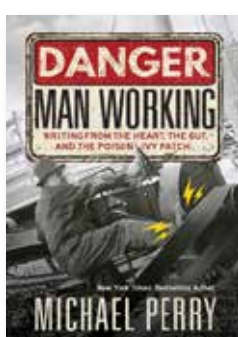
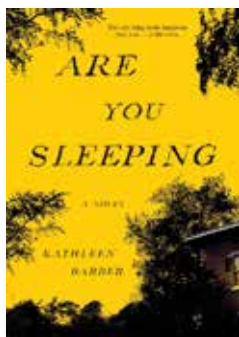
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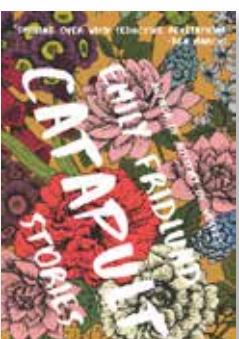
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