**Virgil Wander**  
“Surprises and delights throughout; definitely worth waiting for.” –*Library Journal* (starred review)

With intelligent humor and captivating whimsy, Leif Enger conjures a remarkable portrait of a region and the residents of a defunct industrial upper Midwest town. Carried aloft by quotidian pleasures *Virgil Wander* is a swift, full journey into the heart and heartache by a “formidably gifted” (*Chicago Tribune*) master storyteller.

**Leif Enger** was raised in Osakis, Minnesota, and worked as a reporter and producer for Minnesota Public Radio before writing his bestselling debut novel *Peace Like a River*. His second novel, *So Brave, Young, and Handsome*, was also a national bestseller. He and his wife Robin live in Duluth, Minnesota.

**Recommended if you like:** *Barkskins* by Annie Proulx

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**A Cloud in the Shape of a Girl**  
A “remarkable achievement.” —*New York Journal of Books*

A poignant novel about three generations of the Wise family—Evelyn, Laura, and Grace—as they hunt for contentment amid chaos of their own making. Spanning from World War II to the present, we see these women and their trials, small and large, as they navigate the expectations for their lives and the dreams of everyone they love.


**Recommended if you like:** *Inside the O’Briens* by Lisa Genova

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**A Key to Treehouse Living**  
“Revelatory, a literary lighthouse that forges new routes of understanding.” —Rachel Kaplan, Avid Bookshop

This is the adventure of William Tyce, a boy without parents. William grows up near a river in the rural Midwest, and—in a glossary-style list—he imparts his particular wisdom on subjects ranging from ASPHALT PATHS, BETA FISH, and MULLET to MORTAL BETRAYAL, NIHILISM, and REVELATION. As he goes about defining his changing world, all kinds of extraordinary and wonderful things happen to him.

**Elliot Reed** received his MFA from the University of Florida in Gainesville and is currently living in Spokane, Washington.

**Recommended if you like:** *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon

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**Evergreen Tidings from the Baumgartners**  
A propulsive and endearing debut.”—J. Ryan Stradal, author of *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*

An unmissable dramedy about an aging Midwestern matriarch, Violet, who goes to hilarious lengths to keep up her family’s perfect veneer. It’s a smart, funny Wes Anderson-esque sendup of Midwestern suburban life and a celebration of it, with powerful, timely themes of LGBT rights, class, and generational differences.

**Gretchen Anthony** is a Minnesota-based writer and humorist who has also spent decades as a ghostwriter and has written for some of the best personal brands in the United States, from CEOs to doctors and startup superstars to BBQ pros. This is her first novel.

**Recommended if you like:** *The Nest* by Cynthia d’Aprix Sweeney
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