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The Toni Morrison Book Club
JUDA BENNETT, WINNIFRED BROWN-GLAUDE, CASSANDRA JACKSON, AND PIPER KENDRIX WILLIAMS

Turning to a beloved writer in times of struggle and celebration

“What can the work of Toni Morrison teach us about the world we live in? Morrison’s work provides a scaffolding here; the narrative frame of the distinct voices is unique and makes for an intriguing multivocal experience.”—Emily Bernard, author of Black Is the Body: Stories from My Grandmother’s Time, My Mother’s Time, and Mine

In this startling group memoir, four friends—black and white, gay and straight, immigrant and American-born—use Toni Morrison’s novels as a springboard for intimate and revealing conversations about the problems of everyday racism and living whole in times of uncertainty. Tackling everything from first love and Soul Train to police brutality and the Black Lives Matter movement, the authors take up what it means to read challenging literature collaboratively and to learn in public as an act of individual reckoning and social resistance.

Framing their book club around collective secrets, the group bears witness to how Morrison’s works and words can propel us forward while we sit with uncomfortable questions about race, gender, and identity. How do we make space for black vulnerability in the face of white supremacy and internalized self-loathing? How do historical novels speak to us now about the delicate seams that hold black minds and bodies together?

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A cat culler in an Arizona trailer park community mulls his daily routine. An old mercenary explains the history of edible eel in New Zealand. A divorcé plays homewrecker across Finland and Russia while his worldly possessions sit in a full self-storage unit. The dark and stunning stories in Add This to the List of Things That You Are explore how we sustain relationships when everything goes sideways and how we find meaning when the old patterns and structures of life give way. Many of Chris Fink’s characters have outgrown their rural roots but still feel ill-equipped for the urbane scenarios in which they find themselves.

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CHRIS FINK is a professor of English at Beloit College. He is the author of Farmer’s Almanac and the editor of the Beloit Fiction Journal.

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In award-winning author Trebor Healey’s newest collection, Falling, characters lose their way, figuratively and literally, and confront the profound displacement of modern life. These are stories of hard-won redemption and transformation—a widower who finds meaning adopting refugee children, a painter who reconnects with his son after losing everything, a nun victimized and haunted by state terror, and a peripatetic gay man in utter despair and fatigue who finally bonds with his dying father. In Healey’s skilled hands, there is a flicker of hope in the hopeless, a way forward in the pathless wood, and a bridge—though rickety and swaying—across even the most harrowing chasm.

Together, these vignettes cover a dizzying breadth of the human experience. From a contemporary reimagination of the life of Evita Perón with a gay man in the starring role to the story of an abandoned building full of ghosts in the center of Mexico City, this collection suggests other ways of seeing in a world overburdened by history.

TREBOR HEALEY is a Lambda Literary Award winner and a two-time recipient of the Ferro-Grumley Award. He is the author of Through It Came Bright Colors, A Horse Named Sorrow, the short story collection A Perfect Scar, and a volume of poetry, Sweet Son of Pan.

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Successful Yale Law School grad Andy Simonson returns to Milwaukee if not in triumph, at least thinking he is better off than his blue-collar upbringing—but coming home isn’t all it’s cracked up to be. Childhood friend Tom Williams lands him an associate gig at a big downtown firm and Andy settles into a lakeside mansion with mercurial wife Moira. But when his artist mother exacts a deathbed promise that he take over as landlord of her run-down duplex on the East Side, complete with delinquent occupants, Andy is forced to decide which vows he can honor.

As Moira’s obsession with starting a family and tempting mutual friend Patsy threaten to upend his marriage, Andy is roped in to settle an unwinnable domestic dispute for shady tenant Frankie “The Pin” Pignatano. A Milwaukee Inheritance is a finely textured portrait of family dynamics, the secrets between generations, and how the shadows of the past can keep you from moving into the future.

DAVID MILOFSKY is a professor emeritus of English at Colorado State University. He is the author of the novels Playing from Memory, Eternal People, and Color of Law.

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Thirteen-year-old Danny Meyer’s charmed life in Madison comes to an abrupt end when his concert pianist father falls ill and must give up his professorship. The family is forced to move to Milwaukee and live on the edge of poverty as his father’s health worsens. Struggling with the change, Danny befriends the son of a gangster. Through brushes with a thrilling world of crime, he soon finds his way to a new confidence. A Friend of Kissinger captures a sentimental and authentic sense of place in a midwestern rust belt city, following a young man learning to make sense of the world around him.

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In these poems, well-known spaces both reassure and imperil, and language both anchors and disorients. Molly Spencer’s speakers navigate the landscape of human experience, building upon the cycles of a household throughout the seasons of the year. Ordinary places and things—a kitchen table, a memory, a beloved’s thigh—are viewed as if through the lens of a shifting, unsettling kaleidoscope. This incisive collection suggests that the imagined comfort we find in familiarity and routine belies the unease that lingers beneath.

Every last house with bone-bare walls. A fire
You left off tending. Another front door
Key lost in a storm. The slant of one night
Can silence a mother at her child’s bed,
Can starve all the songs in the vault of her
Throat.

—from “Meadow | A Reckoning”

MOLLY SPENCER is a poetry editor at *The Rumpus* and a lecturer at the University of Michigan’s Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy. Her work has appeared in *Georgia Review, New England Review*, and *Ploughshares*.

The eponymous house of *If the House* is at once literal and figurative. There’s the impulse toward an idea of domesticity that begins here with finding a house within which to shape a life, or try to. Memory, too, is a house here—and in these poems, to make of memory a home becomes an act just as brave and honest—and all the lovelier for both—as the poems themselves.”

—Carl Phillips, contest judge
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Ganbatte

SARAH KORTEMEIER

Sharp reflections on identity shifts and code-switching

“"The poems of Ganbatte use language to give us what photography can’t, always: a sense of the interior, of the sensibility of place and of what has happened there—story and history, Hansel and Gretel and the Holocaust and Hiroshima. Here ‘language / has two mouths. / One for speech / one for sound.’ Speech has the power to transform, if not erase, and the sentence becomes a powerful map that refuses to stop asking: Where are we, how did we get here?”—Carl Phillips, contest judge

Ganbatte is a Japanese word that means "do your best." In this vivid debut collection, Sarah Kortemeier wrestles with striving to meet this goal. Shifting between continents, languages, and remembered violences, she explores what it means to experience history as a tourist. She also asks how the grandchildren of those who fought in World War II move forward with the burdens of the past. Refusing to offer easy answers, Ganbatte reveals life overseas in flashes and jagged bursts of memory, minute collages observing moments of humor, loneliness, friendship, and grief from the mundane (how to distinguish parsley from cilantro in a Japanese grocery store) to the existentially overwhelming (how do we, as a species, cope with global trauma?). These formally diverse poems advocate for openness and curiosity as habits of mind when confronting personal and collective struggle.

Journeys penetrate. Afterward, song
and the stench of burning from things
we thought were private.
—excerpt from "ὁδός [hodos]"

SARAH KORTEMEIER is library director of the University of Arizona Poetry Center. Her work has appeared in Alaska Quarterly Review, Feminist Wire, and Ploughshares.

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Inspired by tales of a mythic Round River, a circular stream where “what goes around comes around,” John Hildebrand sets off to rediscover his home state. Wisconsin is in the midst of an identity crisis, torn by new political divisions and the old gulf between city and countryside. Cobbling rivers together, from the burly Mississippi to the slender wilds of Tyler Forks, Hildebrand navigates the beautiful but complicated territory of home. In once prosperous small towns, he discovers unsung heroes—lockmasters, river rats, hotelkeepers, mechanics, environmentalists, tribal leaders, and perennial mayors—struggling to keep their communities afloat.

While history doesn’t flow in a circle, it doesn’t always move in a straight line either. Hildebrand charts the improbable oxbows along its course. Long Way Round shows us the open road as a river with possibility around the next bend.

JOHN HILDEBRAND is the author of numerous books, including the award-winning Mapping the Farm: The Chronicle of a Family and, more recently, The Heart of Things: A Midwestern Almanac. His essays have appeared in Harper’s, Audubon, and Sports Illustrated. He teaches at the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire.

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Years ago, Steve Hannah’s chance detour through the Midwest cut short a planned cross-country trip. He found himself in Wisconsin, a distinctly different place from the East Coast, where he was born and raised. Charming, beautiful and full of welcoming people, America’s Dairyland would soon become his home.

Dairylandia recounts Steve Hannah’s burgeoning love for his adopted state through the writings of his long-lived column, “State of Mind.” He profiles the lives of the seemingly ordinary, yet quite (and quietly) extraordinary folks he met and befriended on his travels. From Norwegian farmers to rattlesnake hunters to a woman who kept her favorite dead bird in the freezer, Hannah was charmed and fascinated by practically everyone he met. These captivating vignettes are by turns humorous, tragic, and remarkable—and remind us of our shared humanity.

STEVE HANNAH is a former managing editor of the Milwaukee Journal and was a longtime CEO of The Onion.

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Ed Garvey (1940–2017) was one of the most influential and colorful progressive politicians in Wisconsin’s history. Growing up in what was a conservative rural town, he got his first taste of liberal activism at the University of Wisconsin in the 1960s, became the first executive director of the National Football League Players’ Union, led two spirited campaigns against Bob Kasten and Tommy Thompson, and eventually cofounded the Fighting Bob Fest.

Shortly before he died, Garvey expressed his views on everything in a series of detailed, no-holds-barred interviews with journalist Rob Zaleski. In his trademark witty, blunt, and often abrasive style, he offered his impressions of the political climate, worries about the environment, and Act 10 protests on Capitol Square. Garvey’s candor during these conversations provides deeper insight into the personal highs and lows he experienced over his rich life. Diehard followers will fondly remember his energetic campaigns, but they may be surprised to learn of his long-simmering disappointment after those losses. Ever timely and meaningful, Garvey’s words offer a path for how the Democratic Party, both within Wisconsin and nationally, can regain its soul.

ROB ZALESKI is a freelance writer and award-winning columnist. He spent twenty-six years writing for The Capital Times in Madison.

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Letters from soldiers to their families often provide prominent narratives of the Civil War. But what about the messages from the women who maintained homes and farmsteads alone, all while providing significant emotional support to their loved ones at the front? The letters and diaries of these eight women echo the ever-growing horrors of the conflict and reveal the stories of the Wisconsin home front. Twenty-one-year-old Emily Quiner sought a way to join the war effort that would feed her heart and mind. Annie Cox wrote to her pro-slavery fiancé to staunchly defend her abolitionist principles. Sisters Susan Brown and Ann Waldo faced the unexpected devastation that each battle brought to families.

In Such Anxious Hours, Jo Ann Daly Carr places this material in historical context, detailing what was happening simultaneously in the nation, state, and local communities. Civil War history enthusiasts will appreciate these enlightening perspectives that demonstrate the variety of experiences in the Midwest during the bloody conflict.

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Tadeusz Lewandowski

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Born in Wisconsin, Philip Bergin Gordon—whose Ojibwe name Tibishkogijik is said to mean Looking into the Sky—became one of the first Native Americans to be ordained as a Catholic priest in the United States. Gordon’s devotion to Catholicism was matched only by his dedication to the protection of his people. A notable Native rights activist, his bold efforts to expose poverty and corruption on reservations and his reputation for agitation earned him the nickname “Wisconsin’s Fighting Priest.”

Drawing on previously unexplored materials, Tadeusz Lewandowski paints a portrait of a contentious life. *Ojibwe, Activist, Priest* examines Gordon’s efforts to abolish the Bureau of Indian Affairs, his membership in the Society of American Indians, and his dismissal from his Ojibwe parish and exile to a tiny community where he’d be less likely to stir up controversy. Lewandowski illuminates a significant chapter in the struggle for Native American rights through the views and experiences of a key Native progressive.

Tadeusz Lewandowski is an associate professor and head of the Department of American Literature and Culture at the University of Opole in Poland. He is the author of *Dwight Macdonald on Culture: The Happy Warrior of the Mind, Reconsidered* and *Red Bird, Red Power: The Life and Legacy of Zitkala-Ša*.

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An artist and her remarkable quilts

“Rumi O’Brien’s quilts are a creative infusion of narrative, place, and heritage. Artists and scholars will be fascinated by her work.”
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The gnarled branches of a beautiful old plum tree reach toward the sky. A mushroom hunter searches for morels among rolling hills. A small boat is tossed among the tumultuous waves of an angry sea. Striding Lines, an homage to Wisconsin artist and quilter Rumi O’Brien, presents these striking images of her work and many more, accompanied by descriptions that share the stories of each piece in the artist’s own words. Each quilt represents a moment, often autobiographical, crafted with whimsy, revealing an inspired talent.

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BOBBIE MALONE is a historian, author, and editor, and former director of the Office of School Services at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Her most recent biography is Lois Lenski: Storycatcher.

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On a wintry Thursday night in San Francisco, Susana Chávez-Silverman catches her first glimpse of a handsome stranger through the window as he passes the infamous Balboa Cafe. She knows immediately he is the man of her dreams. Their eyes meet, he turns, and he enters the bar . . .

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ROBERT HOFLER is the lead theater critic at TheWrap and the author of The Man Who Invented Rock Hudson, Party Animals, and Sexplosion: How a Generation of Pop Rebels Broke All the Taboos. He lives in New York City.

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Mai Elizabeth Zetterling (1925–94) is among the most exceptional postwar female filmmakers. Born in Sweden, she lived in England and France for most of her life, making her directorial debut in 1964 with the Swedish art film Loving Couples after a fraught transition from working in front of the camera as a successful actress.

Critics have compared her work to that of Ingmar Bergman, Luis Buñuel, and Federico Fellini, but Zetterling had a distinct style—alternately radical and reactionary—that straddled the gendered divide between high art and mass culture. Tackling themes of sexuality, isolation, and creativity, her documentaries, short and feature films, and television works are visually striking. Her oeuvre provoked controversy and scandal through her sensational representations of reproduction and motherhood.

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During the late Soviet period, the art collective known as the Mitki emerged in Leningrad. Producing satirical poetry and prose, pop music, cinema, and conceptual performance art, this group fashioned a playful, emphatically countercultural identity with affinities to European avant-garde and American hippie movements. More broadly, as Alexandar Mihailovic shows, the Mitki pioneered a form of political protest art that has since become a centerpiece of activism in post-Soviet Russia, most visible today in groups such as Pussy Riot. He draws on extensive interviews with members of the collective and chronicles the journey of its original members from debauched alcoholism to sobriety.”—Emily Johnson, author of How St. Petersburg Learned to Study Itself

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