

summer reading

Five books from local authors to take to the beach this summer

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1 **The Typist** by Caroline Taylor

Caroline Taylor's newest novel focuses on the story of Judah Lundquist, a Midwest-bred typist working for an insurance agency in Washington, D.C. After a one-night stand with a neighbor, Judah must become a seductress and a thief, betraying a trusted friend with a hidden past of his own, to salvage her own tattered reputation.

2 **Women in Sunlight** by Frances Mayes

The writer of "Under the Tuscan Sun" returns with a novel about four American strangers who meet in an Italian village and quickly become dear friends. Protagonist Kit Raine, an author working on a biography about a close but complex friend, is drawn into Tuscan life by the other three women, and the quartet finds adventure that will change their lives forever.

3 **Promise** by Minrose Gwin

In the aftermath of a devastating tornado in Tupelo, Miss. during the Great Depression, two women – a black great-

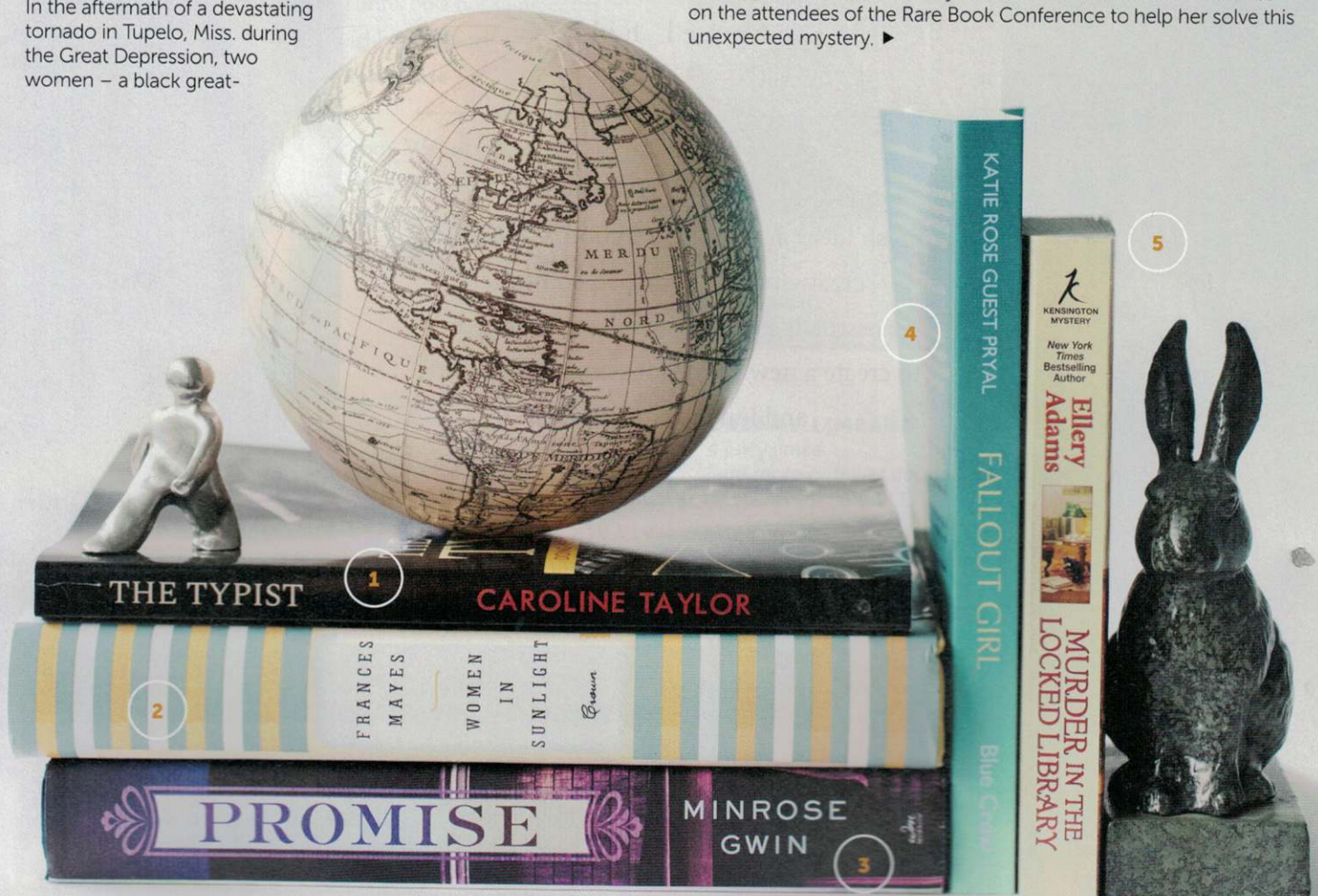
grandmother and a white teen – fight for survival. The story draws on historical events and examines the damage on the women's lives caused by 1930s society in addition to the storm.

4 **Fallout Girl** by Katie Rose Guest Pryal

After the death of her mother, Miranda George wants to disappear and start over. She leaves North Carolina and takes refuge in the home of a college friend in L.A. Soon, she goes on the run again, desperate to keep her family from finding her and hoping to leave her past behind her for good.

5 **Murder in the Locked Library** by Ellery Adams

The fourth in the Book Retreat series, this mystery finds Jane Steward once again working as an amateur sleuth. During the building of a spa at the resort she manages, a collection of unusual bones and the ragged remnants of a very old book are unearthed. Jane relies on the attendees of the Rare Book Conference to help her solve this unexpected mystery. ▶



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