

Velosophie, a sort of “book club on a bike,” has been part of the Grand Illinois Bike Tour since 2005 and is unique to multi-day bike rides. Originally planned by and discussions led by staff from *Illinois Humanities*, volunteers now choose the theme, reading materials, our nightly gathering spot, and lead the discussions. Still the basic format is unchanged with a heavy dose of mostly fiction, great literature, philosophy, history, classics, poetry, essays and the occasional non-fiction offering. Travel in general and bike riding specific literature can be included, but are more the exception than the rule.

We plan to meet at 4:30pm each night at the meal site before dinner to discuss our readings. It is always helpful when discussing books, movies or readings to come prepared, but this does not trump enthusiasm for the topic or personal interest, so everyone is invited to participate.

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Enjoy your readings and training rides and we'll see you June 9.

Here is the reading list for Velosophie 2019 – Grand Illinois Bike Tour (June 9 through June 14)  
Tuscola-Mattoon-Effingham-Effingham-Charleston-Charleston-Tuscola

Theme: Pilgrimage

Readings:

(1) The Amish Way: Patient Faith in a Perilous World, 222 pg. non-fiction book by Donald B. Kraybill

(2) The Way, 2hr 3min movie, written and directed by Emilio Estevez and starring his father Martin Sheen. (And/Or the book on which it was loosely based: Off the Road, 272 pg. non-fiction book by Jack Hitt).

(3) The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel, 384 pg. book by Rachel Joyce.

(4) The Alchemist, 208 pg. book by Paulo Coelho

(5) Pilgrim prayers and poetry:

The Pilgrim by John Bunyan

The Pilgrim by Sophie Jewett

The Passionate Man's Pilgrimage by Sir Walter Raleigh

I am the Wind You are the Fire by Rumi