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Name of Podcast: Read. Return. Repeat. A ReadICT Podcast.

Episode Title and Number: The Books are Back in Town (Season 2, Episode 1)

Episode Summary:

In this premiere episode of season 2, co-hosts Sara Dixon and Daniel Pewewardy interview debut author Kate Khavari, Wichita native and author of the upcoming historical mystery novel, *A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons*, due out on June 7, 2022. They discuss the differences between self-publishing and working with a large publisher, how she juggles writing while being a stay-at-home mom, her advice for aspiring writers, and more.

Guest Bio:

Kate Khavari is the author of fiction ranging from historical mysteries to high fantasy epics. She has her parents to thank for her fascination for historical mysteries, as she spent the majority of her childhood memorizing Sherlock Holmes's and Poirot's greatest quips. A former teacher, Kate has a deep appreciation for research and creativity, not to mention the multitasking ability she now relies on as an author and stay at home mother to her toddler son. She lives in the Dallas-Fort Worth area of Texas with her husband, son, and a lovely garden that contains absolutely no poisonous plants.

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Books Recommended in this Episode:

The Maid by Nita Prose

Who is Maud Dixon? by Alexandra Andrews

Rules of Civility by Amor Towles

Resources & Links:

[A Botanist's Guide to Parties and Poisons](#) by Kate Khavari (release date: June 7, 2022).

[Beanstack](#)

[Kindle Vella](#)

[Crooked Lane Books](#)

[Wichita History Walk](#)

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