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## Spring Conference 2022

The UPPAA Spring Conference is scheduled for June 4th, 2022 at the Peter White Public Library in Marquette, Michigan. Our keynote speaker will be Linda LeGarde Grover, educator and author of several books including the U.P. Notable Books winner *In the Night of Memory*. Her most recent book is *Gichigami Hearts*. An enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, she is a professor of American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota Duluth, as well as a columnist for the Duluth News Tribune.

### CONFERENCE SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Sharon Kennedy: How to Become a Columnist
- John Hagen: Advanced Writing Tools—Beyond MS Word
- Kathleen Carlton Johnson: Marketing Your Poetry
- Nikki Mitchell: Complimentary Merch Strategies for Middle Grade/Children's books
- Brandy Thomas: Proofreading and Editing
- Steve Lehto: YouTube and Video Marketing for Your Book

## Announcing the 2022 UP Reader Contributions

With a record-breaking 33 contributors to U.P. Reader #6, we are expecting the largest ever issue to hit the stands in April 2022. UPPAA President Victor Volkman says of the 6th annual volume, "I am particularly pleased with the diversity of writers and topics this time around. With the addition of this year's Dandelion Cottage award winners, I am expecting a well-rounded publication which shows off every aspect of U.P. writing talent." The U.P. Reader committee would like to thank everyone who has submitted a story for trusting them with your words.

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The jury chose the following authors and submissions for 2022:

- Phil Bellfy, “Nimishoome”
- T. Marie Bertineau, “Snow Child:”
- Don Body, “Kid”
- Sharron Brunner, “The Pasty Smuggling Ring”
- Larry Buege, “Troubled Waters”
- Tricia Carr (Pat Malashenko), “I’m So Sorry Margaret” and “Silent Witness”
- Deborah K. Frontiera, “The Stubborn Snowblower”
- Elizabeth Fust, “Finders and Keepers”
- John Hagen, “The Most Remarkable Thing”
- Donald (Mack) Hassler, “Three Poems Linking Emerson, Besonen, Custer”
- Richard Hill, “Iriquois Island” and “Maxwell”
- Douglas Hoover, “Extinct” and “The Document”
- Sharon Kennedy, “Lemmon Cookies” and “A Day at Marlene’s Beauty Parlor”
- Chris and Rick Kent, “Christmas Eve at Dead Wolf Bar”
- Kathleen Carlton Johnson, “Coffee in the Morning” and “Hunting Season”
- Tamara Lauder, “Novel” and “Saying Goodbye”
- Ellen Lord, “Sorrow’s Lament” and “Interlude”
- Raymond Luczak, “Solivigant” and “Woodpecker”
- Robert McEvilla, “Doe Season”
- Becky Ross Michael, “Dinner for Two”
- Nicole Mitchell, “Astrid the Lighthouse Keeper”
- Cyndi Perkins, “Seeds Well Planted” and “Superiority Complex”
- Christine Saari, “Abandoned Dreams” and “The Beaver”
- t. kilgore splake, “Poet’s Dream Odyssey” and “Cliff’s Magic”
- Bill Sproule and John Haeussler, “Joe Linder”
- David Swindell, “Animals Sing Their Songs to You”
- Ninie Gaspariani Syarakin, “Copper Country Crochet” and “The First Time”
- Brandy Thomas, “Autumn Jewelbox” and “The Ospreys”
- Tyler Tichelaar, “Lucy and Maud”
- Edd Tury, “Up in Michigan”
- Victor Volkman, “The Freshman”
- Cheyenne Welsh, “Rain Falls from the Sky as the Stars Bleed Away Their Dreams”
- Donna Winters, “Problems We Can Solve”

## Online Student Story-Writing Workshop

On behalf of UPPAA, Deborah K. Frontiera conducted a two-day Zoom workshop in the evenings (Tuesday, Jan 4, and Tuesday, Jan. 11) for students across the UP who were interested in writing stories for the Dandelion Cottage Short Story Contest. Eight students from Baraga, Chippewa, Marquette, and Alger Counties registered. The first week, the students learned story structure and received ideas for plot and character development. Then they had time to complete a draft before the second session, which focused on revision. Students read portions of their stories and Deborah and other students commented on their works to guide revision.

Deborah stated that there were some very interesting plots and techniques being used by creative young people. Hopefully, Larry and the other judges will have a challenging time choosing the winners, who will be published in the 2022 UP Reader.

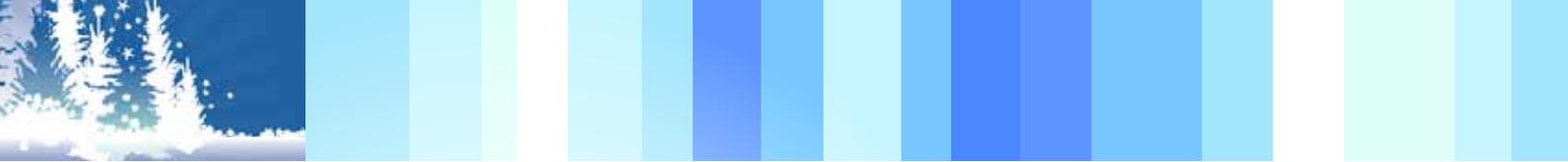
# UPPAA Announces 3rd Annual U.P. Notable Books List

MARQUETTE, MI (January 4th, 2022)— the Upper Peninsula Publishers & Authors Association (UPPAA) announces the 3rd Annual U.P. Notable Books List this week. UPPAA board member Mikel Classen (Sault Ste. Marie) initiated the effort as a response to the lack of representation of U.P. writers in other Michigan state literary circles. Classen said, “Traditionally, recognition of Michigan books has been dominated by the university presses downstate and we would like to take this opportunity to highlight literature that focuses closer to home for us.”

Evelyn Gathu, Director of the Crystal Falls District Community Library, will continue the library’s alliance with UPPAA to co-sponsor the U.P. Notable Book Club. The club is available to any U.P. resident and features monthly Zoom meetups with national bestselling U.P. Notable authors including Karen Dionne (*The Wicked Sister*). Members borrow the books from their local libraries or purchase at local stores prior to discussions. Presentations include author readings, a conversation on the making of the book, and a live Q&A with the audience.

To build this third annual list, UPPAA consulted with Upper Michigan booksellers, book reviewers, writers, and publishers to winnow down the notable books to a bare ten titles. You can find reviews of many of these books on the UP Book Review. It must be emphasized that the list is unranked, each title deserves equal merit as a U.P. Notable Book. These ten books have been deemed essential reading for every U.P. lover, and we highly recommend you ask your local librarian or booksellers for them today!

1. *Firekeeper’s Daughter* – Angeline Boulley (Henry Holt & Co., 2021)
2. *Great Lakes Monsters and Mysteries* – Brad Blair & Tim Ellis (Visionary Living, 2021)
3. *Tin Camp Road* – Ellen Airgood (Riverhead Books, 2021)
4. *The Wicked Sister* – Karen Dionne (G.P. Putnam, 2021)
5. *The Sideroad Kids: Tales from Chippewa County* – Sharon Kennedy (Modern History Press, 2021)
6. *U.P. Colony: The Story of Resource Exploitation in Upper Michigan* – Phil Belfy (Ziibi Press, 2021)
7. *Woodburnings: Highlights from the First Five Years* – Joanna Walitalo (Modern History Press, 2021)
8. *The Home Wind* – Terri Martin (Gnarly Woods Pub, 2021)
9. *Once Upon a Twin: Poems* – Raymond Luczak (Gallaudet University Press, 2021)
10. *Legend of Kitch-iti-kiipi* – Carole Hare (self-published, 2021)



## New Feature for 2022 – U.P. Notable Classics

The U.P. Notable Books Committee is proud to announce a new initiative called U.P. Notable Classics that highlights significant U.P. themed literature that has remained essential for at least 10 years. It is the committee’s hope that these books can bring enjoyment to a new generation of readers.



- *Danny and the Boys: Being Some Legends of Hungry Hollow* – Robert Traver (a.k.a. John Voelker) (World Pub, 1951)
- *You Wouldn’t Like It Here: A Guide to the Real Upper Peninsula of Michigan* – Lon & Lynn Emerick (Avery, 2007)

The U.P. Notable Books List will appear in the upcoming 6th volume of U.P. Reader, UPPAA’s own annual literary anthology featuring short stories, poetry and

essays by its members. This successful publication helps spread the word about the organization, raise money for educational programming, and encourage people in the Upper Peninsula and beyond to read U.P. writers. Complimentary copies of the U.P. Reader are available to all U.P. educators and media for the asking. The on-sale date is scheduled for April 15th. Consult your local bookseller for availability or purchase at Amazon. For more information, visit [www.UPReader.org](http://www.UPReader.org).

## Upcoming Schedule for U.P. Notable Books Club

More dates will soon be announced for the 2nd half of 2022 but we have an awesome lineup of speakers still to come in the first half. You can stay up to date and join the book club simply by emailing Evelyn Gathu at [egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us](mailto:egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us),

or by phone (906) 875-3344. We recommend you borrow a copy of these books from your local library or purchase from your local bookseller in advance to get the most out of these events.

Meeting Date	Time	Topic	Speaker	Pub Date
Thursday, February 10, 2022	6:00 Central/7:00 Eastern	<i>World War II Conscientious Objectors: Germfask, Michigan the Alcatraz Camp</i>	Jane Kopecky	2020
Thursday, March 10, 2022	6:00 Central/7:00 Eastern	<i>Eden Waits: A Novel Based on the True Story of Michigan’s Utopian Community, Hiawatha Colony</i>	Maryka Biaggio	Milford House, 2019
Thursday, April 14, 2022	6:00 Central/7:00 Eastern	<i>Points North: Discover Hidden Campgrounds, Natural Wonders, and Waterways of the Upper Peninsula</i>	Mikel B. Classen	Modern History Press, 2018
Thursday, May 12, 2022	6:00 Central/7:00 Eastern	<i>The Women of the Copper Country</i>	Mary Doria Russel	Atria Books, 2020

# UPPAA Launches Notable Book Club Podcast for Broader Outreach to Fans of U.P. Literature

Writers and publishers in Michigan's Upper Peninsula have found a new place to connect with their audience – a podcast channel accessible from every major podcast aggregator service, including iTunes and Audible.com

The Upper Peninsula Publishers & Authors Association (UPPAA) launched its first podcast channel, "The U.P. Notable Books Club" on the November 18th to serve as the digital audio platform for showcasing the works and words of the winners of the U.P. Notable Books Award. This award is curated by UPPAA's Notable Books Committee as chaired by Mikel Classen (Sault Ste. Marie) which releases its "ten best U.P. books" list each year in early January. The podcast channel is freely available to all residents of the U.P.

Why on Earth would you want to listen to a podcast? Well, it makes the time fly by while you are shoveling your driveway, driving the Seney Stretch, working out at the gym, or if you're lucky... on your job! You can listen on your iPhone, iPad, Android phone, or any Windows, Mac, or Chromebook with a low-speed internet or cellphone connection.

## THE U.P. NOTABLE BOOKS CLUB CHANNEL TEAM

The name behind the new podcast channel is Brandy Thomas, of Thomas Editing (Marquette), a professionally trained audio/video editor. "Brandy was invaluable in converting our shows from the Zoom recordings on our YouTube channel to an enjoyable and accessible podcast format," says Victor R. Volkman, President of UPPAA and Senior Editor at Modern History Press of Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Brandy Thomas of Thomas Editing (Marquette) depicted at right

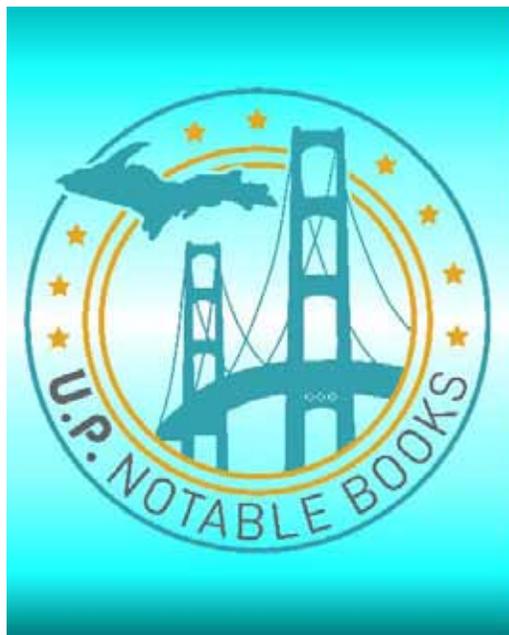
The show host is Evelyn Gathu, Director of the Crystal Falls District Public Library. It was her initiative that led to the U.P. Notable Books Club, so she played a critical role in launching the podcast. Victor Volkman manages public relations and author outreach. He credits the authors across the country:

We are all grateful for authors around the USA who have responded positively to invitations to appear at the U.P. Notable Book Club.

The U.P. Notable Books Club podcast is available on all major podcast search engines including those in the following list:

- Apple iTunes
- Audible.com
- Amazon Music
- Google Podcasts
- iHeartRadio
- Player.FM
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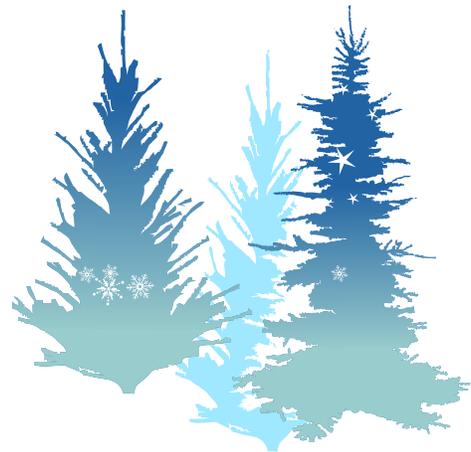
## SERIES TWO IS UNDERWAY

The U.P. Notable Books Club has posted all the available recorded episodes of the first two seasons as a free podcast. Each episode typically 60 minutes in length, consisting of a 20-to-30-minute author presentation, followed by a lively Q&A with residents across the U.P. The series currently comprises the following episodes:

- S1: E1: Phil Bellfy | *Three Fires Unity: The Anishnaabeg of the Lake Huron Borderlands*
- S1: E2: James H. McCommons | *Camera Hunter: George Shiras III and the Birth of Wildlife Photography*
- S1: E3: Michael Carrier | *Murder on Sugar Island / Jack Handler Book 1*
- S1: E4: Ann Dallman | *Cady and the Bear Necklace*
- S1: E5: Mikel Classen | *Lake Superior Tales: Stories of Humor and Adventure in Michigan's Upper Peninsula*
- S1: E6: UP Notable Books Club: Susan Purvis | *Go Find! My Journey to Find the Lost — and Myself*
- S2: E1: Susanna Ausema | *I Spy... Isle Royale*

- S2: E2: Craig Brockman | *Dead of November*
- S2: E3: William Sproule | *Houghton: The Birthplace of Professional Hockey*

The U.P. Notable Books Club podcast is free to listen to and online at [www.upnotable.com/podcast/](http://www.upnotable.com/podcast/). New episodes are released around the 3rd week of each month. Interested readers can visit the [upnotable.com](http://www.upnotable.com) page to learn how to join upcoming discussions with authors. Video recordings on YouTube are still available at <http://video.uppaa.org> for readers who prefer a visual presentation rather than just audio.



## YOUR COMPUTER IS NOT A TYPEWRITER

### Type ONE SPACE after a period.

In the “olden days” your keyboard was mono spaced. That meant in order to separate sentences, you put two spaces after a period. Today, your computer automatically adjusts space between words and letters so the end result is visually pleasing and easy to read.

### Use “PROPER” quote and ‘apostrophe’ marks not ' and ".

Inches and feet are often mistakenly used instead of quote marks and apostrophes. Discover how to set your typography program preferences so you don’t look like an amateur.

For example: Indesign: Option>open bracket = open quote. “

Option>shift>open bracket = close quote. ”

OR: Set Indesign Preferences>type>use typographer’s quotes.

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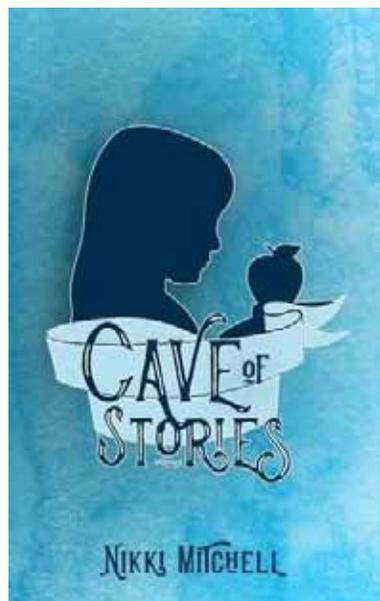
**Sue Harrison** just signed a contract with Open Road Integrated Media for a POD trade paperback edition of her first novel *Mother Earth Father Sky*. Open Road publishes the ebook editions of her six Alaska novels. Needless to say, she's delighted to have *Mother Earth Father Sky* in print again. The release date is projected as March 15, 2022.

The third book in **Nikki Mitchell's** *Eleanor Mason's Literary Adventure* series releases February 5 in paperback and ebook. It's called *Cave of Stories* and is the final book in the middle-grade trilogy.

### Synopsis:

Desperate to rid herself of the magical fairytale book given to her by her father, Eleanor Mason rushes to the library to find answers from her librarian, Mrs. O'Leary.

As Eleanor stands in the magical stockroom of books just like the one in her bag, books start flying off shelves, and Eleanor finds herself falling through an entirely different portal—a book that lands her in Dewey: *The Cave of Stories*.



When Mrs. O'Leary discovers what has happened, the book wizard tells her she has three days to find and rescue Eleanor before he blows the cave to smithereens.

Join friends old and new as they help Mrs. O'Leary save their portal-hopping friend in Eleanor's last and most exciting adventure.

**Donna Winters** recently released her first family history book, *The Rogers Family of Western New York, 1805-1995*.

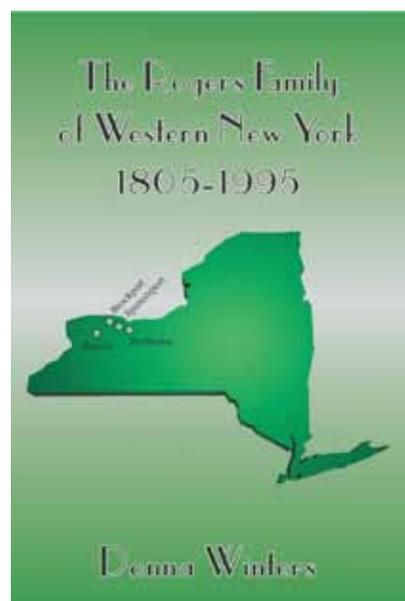
### Back cover blurb:

Every family has its stories, and those stories link every family to the culture and events of their time.

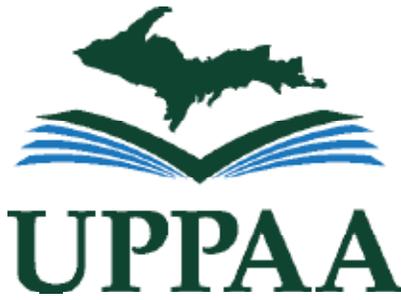
In *The Rogers Family of Western New York*, Donna Winters, longtime historical fiction author, turns to nonfiction to present an intimate portrait of four generations of her family in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. The Rogers lived “far from the madding crowd,” not getting

involved in national politics or state-wide elections, but their lives capture a time in American history when people were civically minded and believed in faith and family. The Rogers family includes women who broke the glass ceiling by going to college in the early twentieth century, men who ran their own businesses, and people who chaired committees, joined women's and men's clubs, and sought to improve their communities. This book offers a slice of life that reveals the ups and downs shared by so many of our American ancestors.

Winters shares family stories, but supports everything with copious documents and newspaper excerpts, family photographs, and a discerning ability to read between the lines to make her ancestors come alive. By doing so, she hopes others will be inspired to research and write their own family histories. As Winters says, “Every life is important and offers us something to learn from to make our own lives better today.”



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Saginaw Valley State University has awarded the 2021-2022 Stuart D. and Vernice M. Gross Award for Literature to author **T. Marie Bertineau** for her debut memoir, *“The Mason House.”* The award is part of SVSU’s community-minded commitment to recognize exceptional writing within Michigan. Bertineau will visit SVSU in the spring, when she will accept the award as well as visit classes and student groups on campus.

**Becky Ross Michael** recently signed a permission agreement with XanEdu Publishing for two of her fairy tale poems, “Talk about a Beanstalk” and “Instead of Red,” to appear in a print and ebook anthology to be used by a Florida school district. Her poems currently appear at Empowered Parents: <https://empoweredparents.co/fairy-tale-poems/>.

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