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2022 UPPAA Conference

The 2022 UPPAA Spring Conference was a success and enjoyed by presenters and attendees. Here are some pictures to commemorate the event.

“

It's better not to know authors personally, because the real person never corresponds to the image you form of him from reading his books.

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~ ITALO CALVINO



Linda LeGarde

Keynote Speaker, Linda LeGarde

Nikki Mitchell – Complimentary Merch Strategies for your Middle Grade/Children’s Books

Kathleen Carlton Johnson – Marketing Your Poetry

Larry Buege updated the group on the Dandelion Cottage competition for young writers.



Nikki Mitchell

Long-time member Tyler Tichelaar gave a tribute to founding members Lyn and the late Lon Emerick.

Brandy Thomas of Thomas Editing – Proof-reading and Editing

Sharon Kennedy – How to Become a Columnist



Kathleen Carlton Johnson

John Hagen – Advanced Writing Tools—Beyond MS Word

Steve Lehto – YouTube and Video Marketing for Your Book

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Larry Buege



Sharon Kennedy



Steve Lehto



Tyler Tichelaar



John Hagen



Brandy Thomas

Pioneer Days Feature Several UPPAA Authors

The Negaunee Public Library will hold a book-signing session for several Michigan authors during Pioneer Days on July 6.

Authors include Mikel Classen (fiction, history), Ann Dallman (children's fiction), Deborah K. Frontiera (U.P. nonfiction, children's books), Mark Hassler (poetry), Allan Koski (U.P. history), Nikki Mitchell (children's fiction and how-to books), and Gretchen Preston (children's fiction).

These authors will have their books for sale at this event. They are happy to meet fans and give autographs, too!



Fall Picnic

The UPPAA Fall Picnic will be held from noon to 3:00 on September 10th at the Senior Pavilion in Presque Isle Park. Bring the whole family to socialize and network with fellow writers.

100th Review of U.P. Book Review to be Published

We are coming up on a big milestone at U.P. Book Review; the 100th book review will be published on September 1, 2022. You can read all the reviews at <https://www.upbookreview.com/>. Be sure to click on the "Subscribe" button so you get notified of new reviews as they come out.

U.P. Book Review is one of the newer UPPAA projects. The first review was published in March 2019 with a rather modest schedule of one review per month. We have gradually increased the frequency of book reviews along with growing our team of dedicated volunteer book reviewers. As such, we are now publishing 4 reviews per month in the second half of 2022.

The number of submissions coming in has steadily increased over the first three years

of operation. We have begun to attract the attention of academic presses such as University of Minnesota Press although we are happy to receive self-published works as well.

If you have published a book with a copyright date of 2020, 2021, or 2022, you can send us two printed copies to:

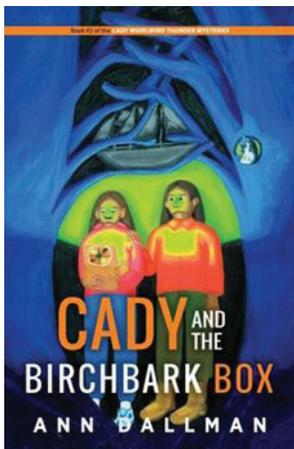
U.P. Book Review
5145 Pontiac Trail
Ann Arbor, MI 48105

All books sent within this range of dates are automatically forwarded to the judges of the U.P. Notable Book List for possible consideration. The U.P. Notable Book List is released each year on the 2nd Tuesday in January.

New Releases from Modern History Press

Modern History Press is excited to announce two new book releases.

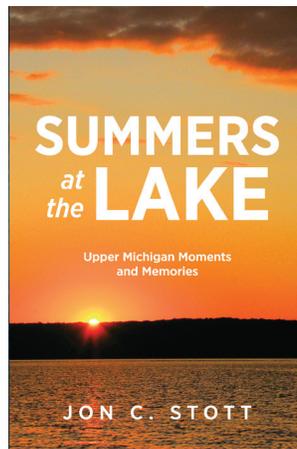
In *Cady and the Birchbark Box*, by Ann Dallman, Cady Whirlwind Thunder solves the mystery behind a weathered journal found inside an old birchbark box. Why was the box buried behind a deserted garage? This is the question her friend and "crush," John Ray Chicaug, asks Cady after the two of them find it. And what meaning do the notes in the book have? Cady's grandma and her ever-present companion, a noisy blue jay, encourage her as she puts together the pieces and ultimately restores



the reputation of a deceased elder. Cady does all this while navigating through another school year, earning a place on the school's soccer team and continuing to calm her temper and adjust to life with a new stepmother and baby brother.

From author Jon C. Stott and illustrator Deb Le Blanc comes *Summers at the Lake: Upper Michigan Moments and Memories*. Paddling a canoe into

sunrise on the longest day of the year... watching a child take her first kayak ride with her father... gazing at a bald eagle, riding air currents high above the lake...chuckling as a hummingbird defends his feeder



against intruders... dodging campfire smoke while burning marshmallows and telling scary stories to wide-eyed kids. These are some of the moments and memories depicted in *Summers at the Lake*. The essays--often humorous; sometimes tinged with a sweet melancholy--celebrate the people and events marking the progress of the seasons--from the budding of the first green leaves of May

to their falling, gold and scarlet, in September. These prose poems capture the joy of simple, lake-side living and quiet reflection.

Announcing the U.P. Notable Book Club!

Read Books—Zoom with Authors—Get Educated and Entranced with/by Michigan’s Beautiful Upper Peninsula

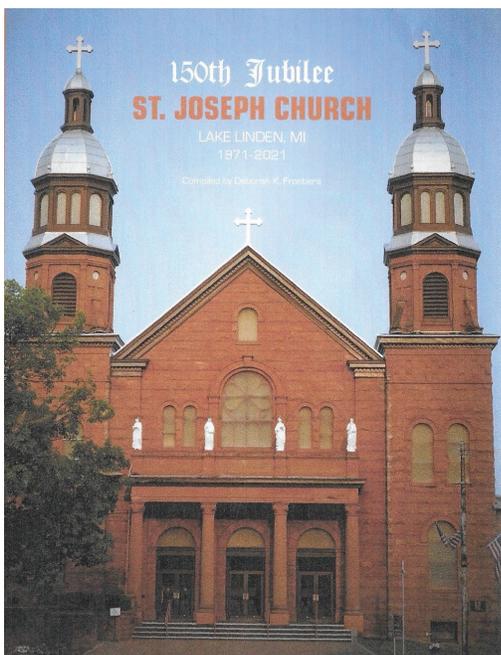
Do you love to read? Do you love the raw, untamed, beautiful U.P.? Do you feel like winter is closing in and you want to spend time with interesting people? Then here is just the thing for you—Join the U.P. Notable Books Book Club!

Here is how. There are ten books on the 3rd Annual U.P. Notable Books List. Eight of the authors have agreed to do a Zoom talk with readers like yourself about their book. Buy these nine books, or check them out from your local library. (If you are buying your books, please consider supporting your local, independent booksellers). Then meet with the author and other readers monthly to discuss the book.

HOW TO JOIN: Please contact Evelyn Gathu in advance by email: egathu@crystalfallslibrary.org 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.

The 3rd Wave schedule is below, all Zoom meetings start 7:00pm Eastern / 6:00pm Central.

Date	U.P. Book Review	Author	Publishing Information
Thursday, July 14, 2022	Woodburning: Highlights of the First Five Years	Joanna Walitalo	Modern History Press, 2021
Thursday, Aug 11, 2022	U.P. Colony: The Story of Resource Exploitation in Upper Michigan	Phil Belfy	Modern History Press, 2021
Thursday, Sept 8, 2022	Once Upon a Twin: Poems	Raymond Luczak	Gallaudet University Press, 2021
Thursday, Oct 13, 2022	The Home Wind	Terri Martin	
Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022	The Wicked Sister	Karen Dionne	G.P. Putnam, 2020
Thursday, Dec 8, 2022	The Legend of Kitchi-iti-kipi	Mary Doria Russel	
Thursday, Jan. 12, 2023	The Sideroad Kids: Tales from Chippewa County	Sharon M. Kennedy	Modern History Press, 2021



Member News

Deborah K. Frontiera, as a volunteer, has compiled a history of St. Joseph Church in Lake Linden for the 150th anniversary of the parish. The book tells the story of the church (the original building as well as the present building completed in 1912) and its people from 1871 through the present. Once the costs of publication have been covered, all proceeds go to the church building fund for upcoming—expensive—renovation projects. Minimum donation is \$30. If you are interested in a copy, and in helping preserve one of the Copper Country's most beautiful and unique churches, contact Debbie Frontiera at deborahkfrontiera@gmail.com.

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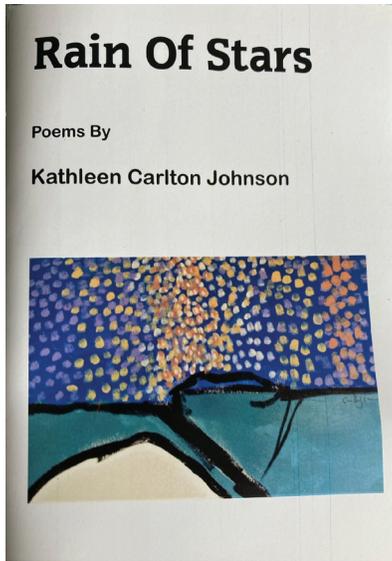
Anyone who picks up their copy of U.P. Reader from author **Cyndi Perkins** gets a complimentary jar of the Keweenaw-crafted Abundant Unguent balm she writes about in the anthology. “I’ve been sharing my balms (and the recipe) for years as gifts to friends and family and have always wanted professionally designed and printed labels,” Perkins said. “This



was the perfect opportunity to make that happen.”

Perkins is interested in how other UPPAA authors are promoting the Reader. “Such a unique publication surely inspires unique marketing tactics,” she said. “I’m always grateful to learn from my fellow writers.”

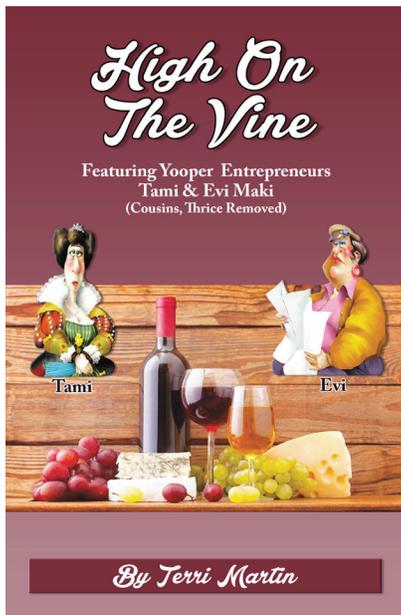
UPPAA 2022 Conference presenter **Kathleen Carlton Johnson** recently published her poetry booklet *Rain of Stars*. She has been asked to read her poetry at the Great Lakes



Poetry Festival in Marquette in June, the Emberlight Festival in Ironwood at the end of August, and Western Michigan University’s Medical Humanities Conference in September.

This spring, **Terri Martin** launched her new book *High on the Vine: Featuring Yooper Entrepreneurs Tami & Evi Maki*. This is Martin’s second anthology of humorous short stories

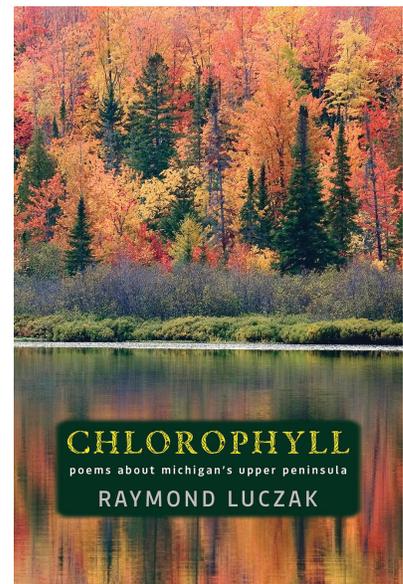
highlighting characters developed for her monthly column in *UP Magazine*. The stories are loosely connected tales featuring cousins thrice removed Tami & Evi, who often contemplate how their lives would be vastly different (certainly better) if only they did not bear the burden of marriage to husbands, Toivo and Eino, whose marital transgressions stretch to all eternity. Tami and Evi engage in a hostile takeover of their spouses’ hunting camp, which they utilize to launch various



business ventures, including a “rustic” vacation rental, a chicken ranch, and a wintery operated by The Benevolent Brotherhood of Sylvan Monks.

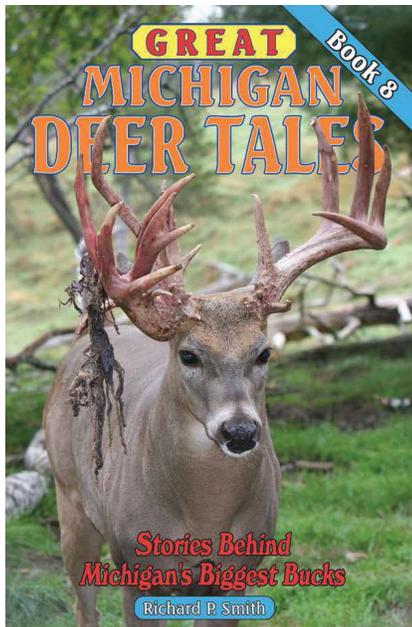
Martin also has two middle grade children’s books, including U.P. Notable Book, *The Home Wind*. She plans to have a full-length mystery out this coming fall and another collection of short stories in spring of 2023.

Raymond Luczak, a proud Yooper native living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has been very busy with no less than four new titles coming out in the year 2022: *Lunafty: Poems* (Gnashing Teeth Publishing), *Chlorophyll: Poems about Michigan’s Upper Peninsula* (Modern History Press), *A Quiet Foghorn: More Notes from a Deaf Gay Life* (Gallaudet University Press), and *Widower, 48, Seeks Husband: A Novel* (Rattling Good Yarns Press). He will be releasing new book trailers over the next few months, so please be on the lookout for his work on [YouTube.com/deafwoof!](https://www.youtube.com/deafwoof)



J. L. Hagen's poem "Northwest of the Skillagalee" has been selected for "Thrills and Chills," a themed collection published annually by the Florida Writers Association. This year's contest resulted in 116 members submitting 153 entries. Hagen's poem was one of sixty works selected for publication. It was also singled out by the contest judge as one of her top ten picks.

The poem is a phantasmagoric imagining of "Ile Aux Galets," or Pebble Island, a fishing ground in northern Lake Michigan. Locally, the island has sometimes been known by commercial fishermen as "Skillygalee" or other similar variations.



A new volume of Great Michigan Deer Tales by **Richard P. Smith** will be published later this year by his wife Lucy LaFaive under Smith Publications. This will be the 8th book in a series containing true stories about the biggest bucks bagged by Michigan deer hunters. This series of books have been very popular, and they've sold approximately 15,000 copies of the first book in the series and more than 5,000 of some of the others. This will be the 30th book Richard has written, most of which he and Lucy published and marketed themselves.

TIP #13: EDITING

13. REVISE YOUR STORY

Editing your own story is not a one-time deal. Each time you read your story, you will likely end up rewriting parts, which will require another read-through, which might lead to more rewrites — so on and so forth. To ensure you don't get caught in an endless cycle of editing, don't edit everything at once. Go through your novel looking for a specific issue and only fix those. If you spot other things in the meantime, make a note of them to come back and fix later, but stay laser-focused on the task at hand.

<https://blog.reedsy.com/how-to-write-a-novel/>

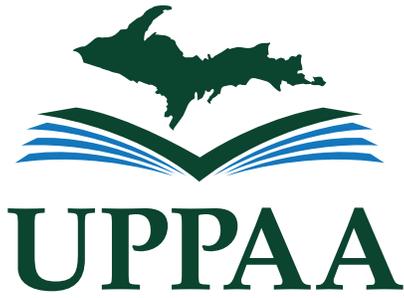


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