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And, by the way, everything is writable about if you have the outgoing guts to do it, and the imagination to improvise. The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt.

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~SYLVIA PLATH



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UPPAA 3rd Annual Picnic Event

The weather held out against the predicted rain for the UPPAA fall picnic on Sep. 10 at Presque Isle Park. A good number of members and family members showed up, and found the right spot. (Apologies to those who got the wrong directions and missed us.) It was a fun and casual affair that allowed members to sit and visit with others, socialize with those we knew, and meet new members we hadn't had a chance to get to know before. It was great having plenty of drinks, paper plates, napkins and forks, courtesy of UPPAA, and everybody had their favorite food since we all brought our own. We rarely have the chance to simply visit with members, so this was a real treat. Thank you to Brandy Thomas for contributing some fun pictures of the event.



Brandy Thomas and Ninie Syarikin walk around the community gardens.



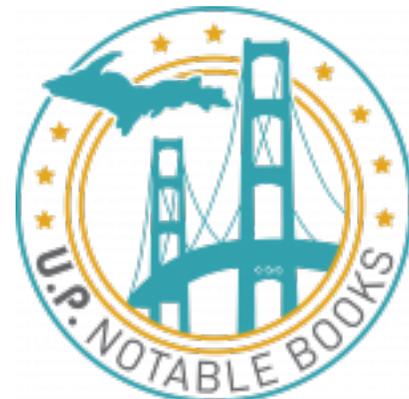
Fun for the whole family: Dale, Sylvia, and Brandy Thomas

Read Books—Zoom with Authors

Get Educated and Entranced 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!

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 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 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.

October 13th..... *Great Lakes Monsters and Mysteries*, by Brad Blair & Tim Ellis

November 10th..... *The Wicked Sister*, by Karen Dionne

December 8th *Legend of Kitchi-iti-kipi*, by Carole Hare

January 12th..... *The Sideroad Kids: Tales from Chippewa County*, by Sharon Kennedy

February 9th *The Home Wind*, by Terri Martin

Multi-Author Book Signing in L'Anse

A multi-author book signing will take place at the L'Anse Library on Saturday, Dec. 3rd from 1-3 p.m. This will be a greatly scaled down version of the event held last April. We're looking for 4-6 authors, and it will basically be a meet-the-author event, with a suggestion that folks consider buying our fantastic assortment of books for Christmas gifts. Being a

winter event, and only a couple of hours long, we figure authors who are relatively close by would be the most interested, but all are invited to apply.

Please e-mail Terri at the address below if interested and provide her with titles and brief info on the books you have to sell.

Terri Martin: terri4045@gmail.com

Upcoming UP Book Reviews

The following page turners have recently been or will soon be reviewed at UP Book Review. Visit <https://upbookreview.com> and click on Subscribe so you never miss a review.

- ***Chlorophyll: poems about Michigan's Upper Peninsula*** by Raymond Luczak (09/01/2022)
- ***One Winter Up North*** by John Owen (09/10/2022)
- ***We Kept Our Towns Going: The Gossard Girls of Michigan's Upper Peninsula*** by Phyllis Michael Wong (09/17/2022)
- ***Shipwrecked and Rescued — Cars and Crew: The City of Bangor*** by Larry Jorgensen (09/20/2022)
- ***Lake Effect: Life is Short. Drink the good Scotch first!*** by D.J. Williams (09/30/2022)
- ***Know Your Ships 2022*** by Roger LeLievre (10/10/2022)
- ***To China with Love*** by Michael Carrier (10/15/2022)
- ***150th Jubilee/ St Joseph Church/ Lake Linden, MI*** compiled by Deborah K. Frontiera. (10/20/2022)
- ***Troll Magic: Hidden Folk from the Mountains and Forests of Norway*** by Theodor Kittelsen, translated by Tiina Nunnally (11/01/2022)
- ***Camp Baraga Ghosts*** by t. kilgore splake (11/10/2022)
- ***Not Your Mary Sue*** by Rebecca Frost (11/15/2022)
- ***A Yooper Tale: Death*** by Wendigo by Robert Hugh Williams (11/20/2022)
- ***Olav Audunsson Crossroads*** by Sigrid Undset, translated by Tiina Nunnally (12/01/2022)
- ***The Ski Jumpers: A Novel*** by Peter Geye (12/10/2022)

Many thanks to the UP Book Review team who have done an outstanding job this year!

Didn't see your book here? Submit two paperback copies of books published in 2020, 2021, or 2022 to:

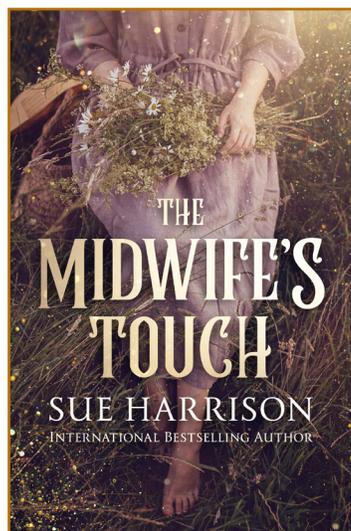
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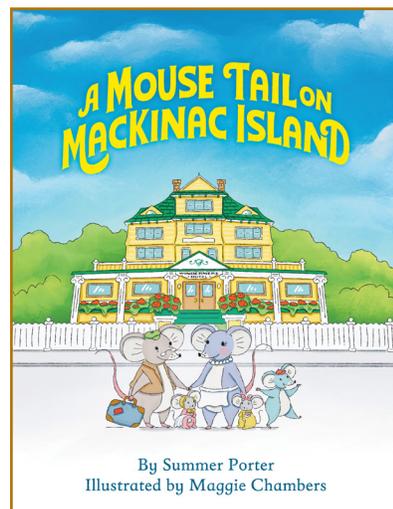
Debbie Frontiera had a busy summer with book sales at festivals and farm markets. She's been especially pleased with the sales of her new book, *150th Jubilee St. Joseph Church 1871-2021*. Parish member's purchases completely paid for the cost of production and she has been able to raise over \$2000 for the parish building fund from sales to people outside the church itself – across the UP and even some downstate. Those “outsider” sales were especially sweet since she was worried the narrow scope of this book would affect sales. She's looking forward to a rest this winter.

The first book in **Sue Harrison's** new series, *The Wish Thief Trilogy*, releases February 7, 2023 from Open Road Integrated Media/Shanty Cove Books. Founded on Ozark superstitions, folk medicines, Cherokee traditions, wilderness survival, 19th century obstetrical practices, and the elite lifestyles that characterized New York City's Gilded Age, *The Midwife's Touch* is quintessential Sue Harrison—meticulous research as the perfect foil for the rich inner lives of her odd and beautiful characters.

Synopsis: The Missouri Ozarks, 1852-1873: Named for a broken china plate, China Creed grows up in a poverty-stricken family torn apart by her curse—she has inherited the ability to grant wishes. China and her widowed mother do all they can to keep her “gift” a secret, but its unpredictability makes it difficult to hide. When her mother apprentices China to a Cherokee midwife, China earns a respected place in their small Ozark



community. However, accusations of witchcraft force her to flee from her small town. A romantic relationship draws her into the exotic world of New York City's Gilded Age where, betrayed by people she loves, China must rely on her backcountry survival skills and her gift of wishes to escape those who would enslave her.



Summer Porter (author) and Maggie Chambers (illustrator) published *A Mouse Tail on Mackinac Island* through Modern History Press in May. Tag along and enter a world of whimsy when a family of mice finds their way to Mackinac Island, the “Jewel of the Great Lakes,” to start a new life.

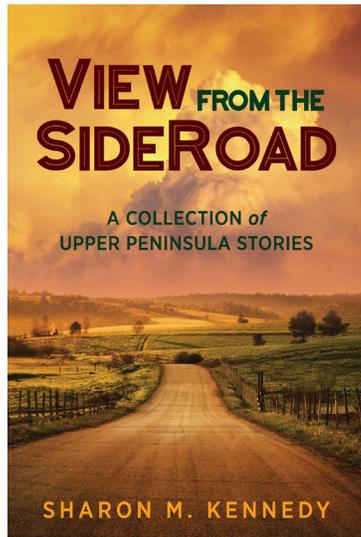
Synopsis: Join the family—Father Mouse, a lover of cheese; Mother Mouse, a singer of lullabies; Max Mouse, a collector of stamps and Millie and Maizy Mouse, sweet little babies—as they search for the perfect home. What adventures will they have? Where will they live? What dangers will they encounter? With vibrant illustrations and a charming story, *A Mouse Tail on Mackinac Island* will capture both your heart and imagination.

Included in those who enjoyed this book is Mackinac Island's mayor, Margaret Doud: "This charming children's book captures the essence of Mackinac Island. A classic 'tail' for people of all ages that will spark a sense of wonder for years to come."

Learn more at www.MouseTailOnMackinac.com

Brand new from **Sharon Kennedy** comes *View from the SideRoad: A Collection of Upper Peninsula Stories*. Jim Dwyer of the Mackinac Journal calls it, “A hidden gem in the wilds of Michigan's Eastern Upper Peninsula, this book is a fine collection of humorous, satirical, and poignant stories.”

Synopsis: Join us for a trip through Michigan's rural Upper Peninsula in this collection of fictional short stories. Let the characters surprise you with their resilience, humor, and unpredictability. Whether

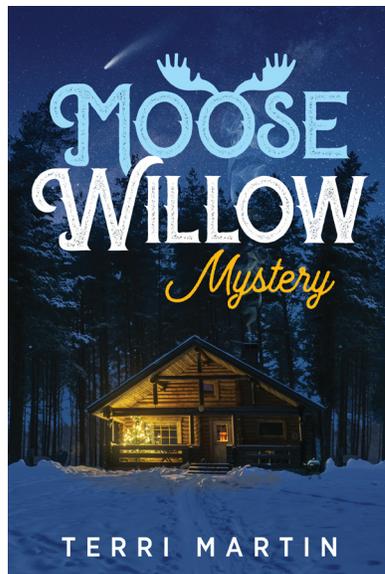


it's a sailor who shuns water, an old maid who wants to shoot her cats, or a man who keeps his lover in the junk drawer, the stories range from witty to wry to weepy. As readers of her newspaper column and previous collections will attest, Sharon never disappoints. Her stories will keep you turning the pages and thirsting for more.

Learn more at www.AuthorSharonKennedy.com

Terri Martin recently published a cozy mystery, *Moose Willow Mystery: A Yooper Romance*. Of the book, reviewer Carolyn Wilhelm says, "Take a mini-vacation and read this delightful mystery! Laugh away the problems of the world (and cry a few times) along with the remarkable, talented characters in Moose Willow Mystery. A refreshing whodunit with plenty of mystery to keep the reader unable to put the book down."

Synopsis: A suspicious death in a game processing meat locker is just the beginning of bizarre events happening in the Upper Michigan village of Moose Willow. It all starts when a mysterious woman appears at the Methodist church during choir practice. Janese Trout and her best friend, State Trooper Bertie Vaara, team up to connect the woman to a growing number of disturbing occurrences around town including the disappearance of Janese's eccentric lover, George LeFleur, and an undeniable increase in Bigfoot

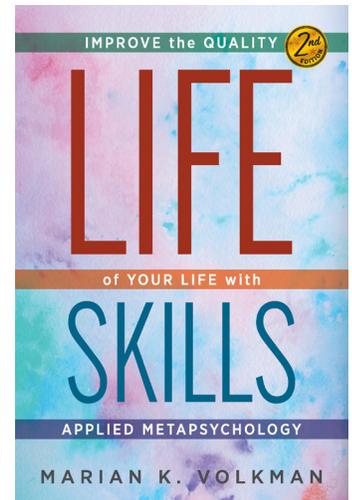


sightings. Meanwhile, Janese faces a multitude of personal challenges as she grapples with a sagging career at the Copper County Community College, an elusive pregnancy test, and a controlling mother who inserts herself into every hiding place of Janese's life.

Learn more at www.TerriLynnMartin.com

Marian K. Volkman expands on the lessons she shared in the second edition of her self-help/personal growth book *Life Skills: Improve the Quality of Your Life with Metapsychology*.

This new edition contains more exercises, context, and explanations in each section that will help readers reach deeper reflections and realizations, according to Gina Michaud, Certified Traumatic Incident Reduction Facilitator.



Synopsis: Metapsychology, as developed by Frank A. Gerbode, MD, is a subject rich in philosophy and practical application. Much of Applied Metapsychology makes use of one-on-one session work to achieve the individual's personal goals—from relieving past pain to living more fully to expanding consciousness. Life Skills expands on this and the reader will:

- Learn handy brief remedies to assist another person after a shock, injury or other distress
- Learn simple methods for expanding your awareness on a daily basis
- Gain a deeper understanding of relationships and how to strengthen and nurture any relationship
- Learn the components of successful communication, what causes communication to break down, and how to repair breakdowns

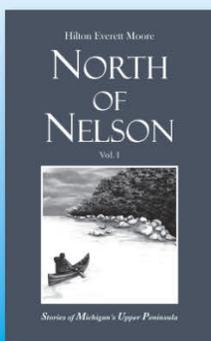
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- Gain vital keys to understanding those behaviors of other people that have previously been inexplicable to you
- Learn an effective tool for making important life decisions
- Explore human potential

Learn more at www.MarianVolkman.com

The mythical village of Nelson frames the life and plights of the various actors as they plunge headlong physically, psychologically, and metaphorically, into the treacherous waters of the Sturgeon River Country.



The literary treasure of Upper Peninsula (UP), Michigan, is adding a new book of short fiction, *North of Nelson: Volume 1*, by local author **Hilton Everett Moore**, his first collection of short stories set in the wilderness of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. The book includes six stories, all set in the mythical village of Nelson, where people live and perish in this often harsh and rugged land.

Despite the regional inspiration of these stories, readers not familiar with the UP will be able to thoroughly enjoy these stories. The themes in these stories are universal and extend beyond mere geography. “You can find the same themes present in any rural area. South, West, anywhere people are deeply connected to the rural lifestyle and value remoteness and the vanishing wilderness,” says Moore. “It was my first attempt to viscerally explore my own rural childhood in Northern Michigan. My father was a poor preacher in Northern Lower Michigan where I was exposed to both the paucity and grace of the people who surrounded my father’s congregation and the village where we resided.”

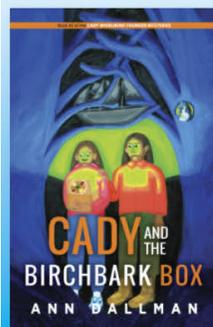
Moore has completed the next book in the series – *North of Nelson: Volume II*, which he hopes will be published and available to the public by the end of 2022.

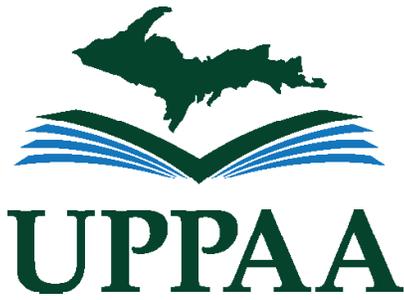
Modern History Press is proud to announce that its title *Cady and the Birchbark Box* by **Ann Dallman** has won the 2022 State History Award in the Children & Youth category. The HSM presents the State History Awards every year to individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the appreciation, collection, preservation and/or promotion of state and local history.

Cady and the Birchbark Box is the second book in the Cady series of books. Like the first book, *Cady and the Bear Necklace*, it was inspired by a birchbark basket given to the author by a friend. Cady, the protagonist in the series, is a compilation of the many students who passed through Dallman’s classroom during the 15 years she taught on the Hannahville Indian Reservation in Wilson, MI. Dallman says, “My students asked me to write a book for them and about them. The Cady books are the realization of that.”

For the Modern History Press, the Cady series serves two main goals of the press: focusing more locally on issues in its home state of Michigan, and telling the stories of minorities in contemporary society, including Native American women. The series also serves to present stories with lots of positive role models, which is a priority of the press.

Winner of the Historical Society of Michigan's book award for Children & Youth (2022)





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