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Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs



Cam Tait: Disabled? Hell No! I'm a Sit-Down Comic!

Cam Tait with Jim Taylor

9781550176971

Paperback | \$24.95

256 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Long-time journalist Cam Tait has seen some interesting times on the sports beat—rolling alongside Rick Hansen in the Man in Motion tour, playing in fundraising golf tournaments, and tipping back some cold ones with Wayne Gretzky, to name a few. His personal life hasn't lacked excitement either—memorable moments include parasailing, winning a stand-up (or in his case, sit-down) comedy contest, and helping his grandson take his first steps. But he couldn't have done it without the help of his friends. Tait was born with cerebral palsy, unable to sit up, speak or move his arms and legs. But thanks to a revolutionary form of physical therapy that required a 24/7 commitment from his parents and a team of 116 volunteers, he learned to get around in a wheelchair, move his hands and talk. These turned out to be useful skills for a career of prime interviews, crazy deadlines and pranks.

Tait teams up with friend and fellow journalist Jim Taylor, telling his own story with characteristic directness and humour. With a newspaperman's inveterate sense of timing, Tait moves seamlessly from one-liners and tales of debauched hijinks to candid accounts of his depression, career struggles and loss of loved ones. He speaks with eloquence about the importance of giving disabled people the chance to pursue their ambitions, and the value of all the support he's received in achieving his own dreams. In both his career and personal life, he's experienced the power of humour to break down barriers and bring people together—and have a hell of a good time doing it.

Author Bio

Cam Tait worked as a reporter for the Edmonton Journal for over thirty years, interviewing Wayne Gretzky, Stevie Wonder, James Brady and others. He now writes for the Edmonton Sun. He has two honorary degrees and much insight on the subject of which drinking straws go best with which adult beverages. He lives in Edmonton with his wife Joan. This is his first book.

Jim Taylor has produced some 7,500 sports columns, three times as many radio shows and fifteen books. His passion has earned him membership in the CFL and BC Sports Halls of Fame and a lifetime achievement award from Sports Media Canada. He is the co-author of *Goin' Deep: The Life and Times of a CFL Quarterback* with Matt Dunigan and *"Hello, Sweetheart? Gimmie Rewrite!"*: My Life in the Wonderful World of Sports. He lives in Shawnigan Lake, BC.

Author Hometown: Edmonton, AB, Canada

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs

The Death of Small Creatures

Trisha Cull

9780889713079

Paperback | \$22.95

240 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: April 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Nightwood Editions

Content

In her lyrical memoir *The Death of Small Creatures*, Trisha Cull lays bare her struggles with bulimia, bipolar disorder and substance abuse. Interspersing snatches of conversations, letters, blog entries and clinical notes with intimate poetic narrative, Cull evokes an accessible experience of mental illness.

In *The Death of Small Creatures*, Cull strives to cope with her hopelessness. She finds comfort in the company of her two pet rabbits until one of them dies as a result of her lethargy. She numbs herself with alcohol. She validates her self-worth by seeking the love of men—any and all men—and three relationships significantly impact her life: her marriage to Leigh, a much older man; her unrequited love for Dr. P, her therapist; and her healthier relationship with Richard, an American she meets through her blog. She tries drugs—Neo Citran, Ativan, Wellbutrin, crack, crystal meth—and after two hospitalizations, she undergoes electroconvulsive therapy.

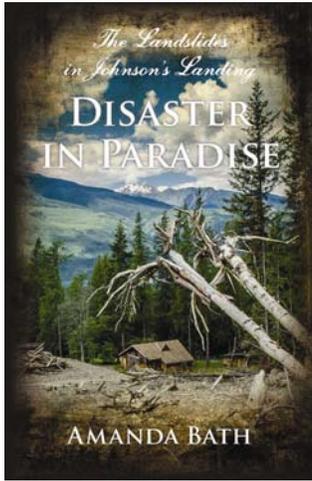
Haunting and expressive, this immersive memoir explores love in all its facets—needy, obsessive, healthy, self-directed—and plunges the reader headlong into the intense and immediate experience of mental illness.

Author Bio

Trisha Cull is a graduate of the University of British Columbia's MFA Creative Writing program. Her work has been published in *Room of One's Own*, *Descant*, *subTerrain*, *Geist*, *The New Quarterly*, *The Dalhousie Review* and *PRISM*. She was the winner of Lichen's "Tracking a Serial Poet" contest in 2006, *PRISM*'s Communications Award for Literary Non-fiction in 2007, and the 2006 Bliss Carman Poetry Award for her poem, "Loose," which was also the winner of the 2007 Prairie Fire Writing Contest. Cull lives in Victoria, BC.

Author Hometown: Victoria, BC, Canada

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs



Disaster in Paradise: Landslide at Johnson's Landing

Mandy Bath

9781550176957

Paperback | \$22.95

240 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

On the morning of July 12, 2012, Mandy Bath left her picturesque home and garden in Johnson's Landing, BC, for a day trip to nearby Kaslo. She had no forewarning of what the placid summer day would bring. But just over an hour later, a massive landslide tore into the community, destroying her home and killing four people: Valentine Webber, aged 60, and his daughters, 22-year-old Diana and 17-year-old Rachel, along with 64-year-old Petra Frehse. Returning the next day to search for her cat, Mandy narrowly avoided being buried beneath a second slide.

Disaster in Paradise tells a story of survival, grief and recovery, as Mandy and the other residents of Johnson's Landing gradually rebuild their community in the wake of the tragedy. Mandy eloquently details her own experience of trauma and healing, and weaves in the stories of other residents and volunteers in the rescue and recovery missions as the community bands together to collectively mourn their loss. The story is grounded by the author's intimate knowledge of the Johnson's Landing community, but also reflects the greater themes of loss, perseverance and bravery that arise in natural disasters everywhere.

Author Bio

Mandy Bath was born and raised in England, and she lived in London before moving to the tiny community of Johnson's Landing in 1993. She holds a Ph.D. in Catalan Literature, and worked in human rights research for Amnesty International for a decade. Since her home in Johnson's Landing was destroyed by the 2012 landslide, she now lives in Kaslo, BC, with her husband Christopher Klassen. This is her first book.

Author Hometown: Kaslo, BC, Canada

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs

Ma Doula

Stephanie Sorensen

9780878398218

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Ma Doula is a book of stories about births, from Amish home births by lamplight to big-city births in high-tech hospitals. These stories are about families, medical personnel, midwives and doulas and, of course, moms, dads, and babies (who already have their own opinions). The different cultural and religious traditions that sometimes clash with medical training, mean every birth is its own story. Helping moms to give birth among generational and multi-cultural opinions, while respecting religious traditions, and the complications that can occur in any birth, the stories in Ma Doula give several new meanings to the miracle of birth.

Author Bio

Stephanie Sorensen, a licensed midwife for decades, is now a doula as she writes about her experiences working with hundreds of mothers-to-be from many countries, cultures, and religions. The mother of five and a proud grandmother, Stephanie and her husband live in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs



One of Everything

Donna Carol Voss

9780990622604

Paperback | \$16.00

262 pages | 5.25 x 8

Publication Date: May 2015

Vantages Books

Content

Is It Possible to OD on Life? The recipe for happily-ever-after? Start with one middle-class white girl in 1976. Add in her longing for love and acceptance, another middle-class white girl, a huge dollop of gossip, and excruciating peer and family pressure. Stir in youthful travel abroad, a Berkeley education, and a foray into paganism, drugs, marriage, and divorce. Whip until frothy with interracial and bisexual affairs, relationship violence, and exploration of multicultural mores. Season with salsa dancing. Temper with a segue into Mormonism. Decorate with a Temple wedding and garnish with motherhood to three adopted siblings. And what you have is a memoir capable of sating anyone's need for a great read. From shame to self-acceptance, from sexual ambiguity to definitive choice, from skepticism to belief, Donna Carol Voss's journey from childhood through marriage and motherhood is both unique and universal, a story that will resonate long after the last page is read.

Author Bio

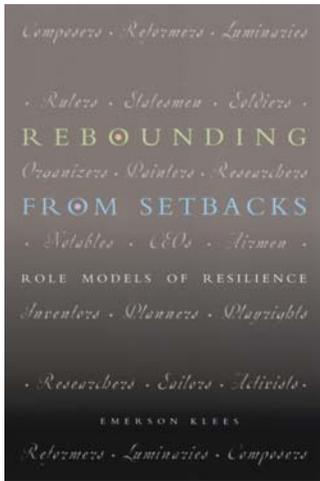
Donna Carol Voss's life experience has been eclectic; it includes just about everything but mainlining heroin and going to jail, and she missed jail by only a hair. She is a Berkeley grad, a stay-at-home mom, a former pagan, and a devout Mormon. A study in extremes, she is a fifty-something homemaker who loves rap music, outrageously expensive shoes, and people who own their flaws and call her on hers. She is uncomfortable negotiating the price of anything but relishes intense emotional interactions, especially if they are about politics and religion. Raised in the shadow of luxury, her favorite vacation is camping. She is an eternal optimist who is endlessly fascinated by the dark side of good people. Anxious to be liked by all, she has written a memoir that is sure to provoke everyone about something. Words are Donna's first love, whether used with laser-like precision or nuanced artistry.

Author Hometown: Kaysville, UT

Marketing Plan

- Website www.donnacarolvoss.com
- Blogging and Social Networking
- Online Review Solicitation and Book Awareness Campaign
- Terrestrial, Satellite and Internet Radio Interviews
- Pre and Post Publication Review Submission
- Blog/Article Placement Campaign
- National Bookseller Awareness & Product Placement Campaign
- National TV Producer Awareness Campaign

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs



Rebounding From Setbacks: Profiles of Resilience

Emerson Klees

9781891046230

Paperback | \$18.95

224 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: January 2015

Cameo Press

Content

Thirty-five biographical sketches in seven categories on the subject of resilience, rebounding from setbacks.

Author Bio

Emerson Klees is the author of 26 books, 13 in the Human Values Series and 13 regional books about the Finger Lakes Region of New York. Klees holds a B.S.E.E. from Penn State, MBA from New York University, and MA in English Literature from SUNY College at Brockport. He is also a member of the New Society of the Genesee historical association.

Author Hometown: Rochester, NY

Marketing Plan

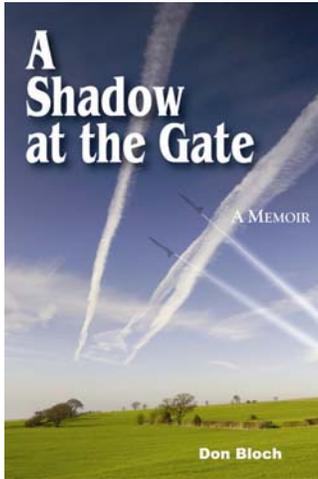
- News releases to 8 newspapers in New York State and 6 national newspapers
- Newsletters to five organizations with catalogs announcing new books
- Book signings and presentations in the region
- Tour Cities: Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, Auburn, Corning, Geneva, Syracuse, Elmira

Previous Books

2014: Finger Lakes Wineries, A Pictorial History, 9781891046223

2009: Persons, Places, and Things Of the Finger Lakes,
9781891046094

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs



A Shadow at the Gate

Don Bloch

9780878397853

Paperback | \$16.95

320 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

This is a book of adventure and travel. It is also a memoir, reflecting the author's love for the people and the land, but do not expect a sentimental reflection of years gone by. These stories connect us all as human beings. Bloch expresses his deep wonder as a child, frustration with his studies at the seminary, and his deep longing for freedom. Freedom he receives during his rollicking free life as a hobo, and he flies through graphic descriptions of piloting jet airplanes. Finally Bloch reaches an honest insight into what it's like to be a special agent/pilot for the Drug Enforcement Administration. Here is the first part of his story.

Author Bio

The twelfth of eighteen children, Don Bloch was born near Albany, Minnesota, in 1942, and raised on a dairy farm. He studied to be a priest, became a hobo, served as a pilot instructor for the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War, and finally made a career with the Drug Enforcement Administration. He is a retired special agent/pilot for the DEA. Don and his wife live out in the Avon Hills of central Stearns County in Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Richmond, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs

Tomatoes Free for the Asking: Stories of a Minnesota Boyhood

Kent O. Stever

9780878397952

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

“. . . a knack for finding little stories from the past that illuminate the spirit of the time and for mining sources for details that enrich his tales.

– Chris Rogers, Winona Post

“Tomatoes Free for the Asking” is a quaint term remembered from the 1800s, yet heard in the 1950s of my youth. It was a simple expression written on a piece of cardboard set alongside a pile of tomatoes near someone’s garden—or on the front porch. It was an invitation to take as you wish, with an expectation of acknowledgement—a simple courtesy to honor the offer. Little tidbits of courtesy such as this remind me of days when kids shared a tin cup at the water pump, when we helped a neighbor out with a car stuck in a snow bank or in moments of just being alone with the stars and our thoughts. Throughout the days we learned lessons of freedom and responsibility that carried us into an uncertain future. The lessons sustained and guided us as we practiced them with new generations. Some of those are contained herein, in stories that made up part of life for me in a small Minnesota town on the Mississippi River.

Author Bio

Kent Stever "draws complete pictures of the scenes of our childhood." He is a skilled observer, lifetime educator, and parent--and sincere friend of young people. He enjoys "a stroll back in time to a simpler place," relishing the memories and joys of neighbors, friends, and community members who mutually supported one another. Dr. Stever is pleased to have his twilight years lakeside in Lakeville, Minnesota, to reflect, research and share stories of meaning. He invites your comments at kostever35@gmail.com.

Author Hometown: Lakeville, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Kinder, Gentler Ways, 9780878397143

2013: Growing Up On the Mississippi, 9780878396979

Biography, Autobiography, Memoirs

Vancouver Blue: A Life Against Crime

Wayne Cope

9781550176995

Paperback | \$22.95

224 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Wayne Cope has TV to blame for starting him on his long career as an officer of the Vancouver Police Department. He grew up watching gunslingers like James Arness and Richard Boone, inspiring him to join up even before he finished college—and his real-life working career has turned out to be more exciting than he could have hoped. In his years on the force from 1975 to 2006, Cope has seen practically everything on the ever-changing streets of Vancouver—he’s worked as a jailer and a traffic cop, talked people down from bridges, worked on dog squads, gone undercover in pursuit of serious criminals and worked the historical unsolved homicide unit. And behind each assignment, there’s a story, a joke or a revealing insight into the realities of police work.

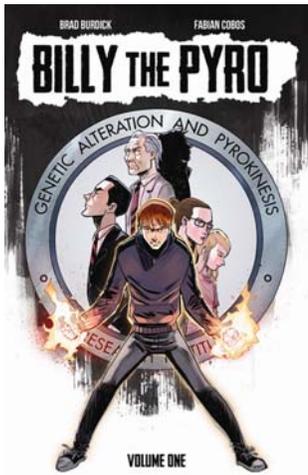
In *Vancouver Blue*, Cope shares pearls of wisdom and anecdotes inspired by his years on the force, describing some of the most outlandish costumes for undercover drug purchases, many different ways to total a brand-new motorbike, and the precise ratio of competent officers to idiots in any given squad. He also sheds light on the behind-the-scenes life of VPD officers and their off-duty antics. Cope also provides detailed accounts of some of his most fascinating cases, like the sensational Centrefold Murder and the infamous killing of the Stanley Park flamingoes. For those looking for even more insight into the mind of a detective, Cope has created a cipher with a theme inspired by the book, offering a reward of five Canadian Silver Maple Leaf coins to the first person to break the code.

Author Bio

Wayne Cope served in the Vancouver Police Department for over thirty years, retiring in 2006. He currently lives in Tsawwassen, BC. This is his first book.

Author Hometown: Tsawwassen, BC, Canada

Comics and Graphic Novels



Billy the Pyro

Brad Burdick

Fabian Cobos (Illustrator)

9781934985427

Paperback | \$14.99

120 pages | 6.625 x 10.25

Publication Date: March 2015

Alterna Comics Inc.

Content

After being genetically altered by a government research institution, Billy must learn to cope with his new-found ability to produce and control fire. As he struggles to put his past behind him and learn who he truly is, Billy uses his power to fight and protect the victims of past experiments gone wrong.

Author Bio

Brad Burdick has been writing and creating comics since 2003. Billy the Pyro is his first professionally published title.

Marketing Plan

- We market extensively on our website (75,000 hits a month) as well as on our Twitter (23,000 followers) and Facebook (1200 likes on our Fan Page) pages.
- Creators (authors and artists) on our books advertise on their own on various websites, forums, social media, and local media.
- Through all the creators at Alterna, we have a network that reaches roughly 80,000 people. • Advertising on various websites through banner and link exchanges.
- Creators of the book do various book tours at comic shops, independent book stores, national book stores, comic conventions, craft shows, and various trade shows.
- We send review copies (both physical and digital) to any and all interested parties. This includes bloggers, review sites, fan sites, retailers, and independent reviewers.
- We send press releases to the 900+ subscribers on our newsletter. Many of these subscribers are past customers, retailers, and fans. Our press releases include picture previews of our books, credits, information, summaries, ordering information, and distribution avenues so retailers and customers know where to order the books.

Tour Cities: Our creators do book tours in the following major cities: New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, San Diego, Chicago, Columbus, Nashville, Dallas, Toronto, and Pittsburgh.

Comics and Graphic Novels



The Last West: Volume Two

Evan Young, Lou Iovino, Novo Malgapo

9781934985434

Paperback | \$14.99

132 pages | 6.625 x 10.25

Publication Date: April 2015

Alterna Comics Inc.

Content

All secrets are finally revealed in the dramatic conclusion to this surprise breakout series. Bobby Whittenheimer knows the world is dying. He's been watching it crumble his entire scientific career. But now that he can set right what was broken amidst the desert sands sixty years ago, is he willing to pay the ultimate price to save us all?

Author Bio

Evan Young has written "The Forgotten" and "The Carrier". Lou Iovino is a newcomer to comics, but worked as a writing professional for many years and has taught writing and literature at Rutgers University for more than a decade.

Marketing Plan

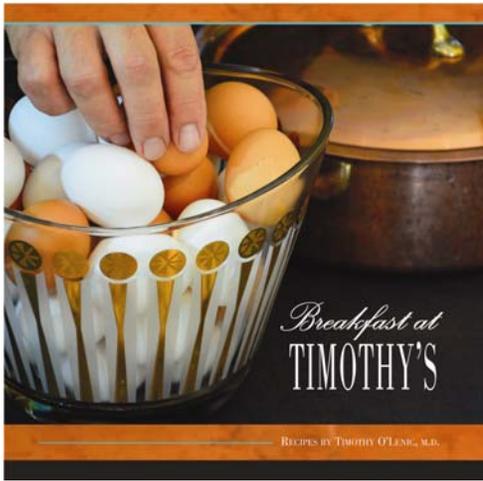
- We market extensively on our website (75,000 hits a month) as well as on our Twitter (23,000 followers) and Facebook (1200 likes on our Fan Page) pages.
- Creators (authors and artists) on our books advertise on their own on various websites, forums, social media, and local media.
- Through all the creators at Alterna, we have a network that reaches roughly 80,000 people.
- Advertising on various websites through banner and link exchanges.
- Creators of the book do various book tours at comic shops, independent book stores, national book stores, comic conventions, craft shows, and various trade shows.
- We send review copies (both physical and digital) to any and all interested parties. This includes bloggers, review sites, fan sites, retailers, and independent reviewers.
- We send press releases to the 900+ subscribers on our newsletter. Many of these subscribers are past customers, retailers, and fans. Our press releases include picture previews of our books, credits, information, summaries, ordering information, and distribution avenues so retailers and customers know where to order the books.

Tour Cities: Our creators do book tours in the following major cities: New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, San Diego, Chicago, Columbus, Nashville, Dallas, Toronto, and Pittsburgh.

Previous Books

2014: The Last West: Volume One, 9781934985366

Cookbooks, Cookery, Cooking



Breakfast at Timothy's

Tim O'Lenic

9780989788540

Hardcover | \$29.95

164 pages | 8.5 x 9.25

Publication Date: May 2015

Lorimer Press

Content

What people think about Breakfast:

“Brunch, for me, is an extended breakfast that should be enjoyed whenever you have time properly to engage in cooking and eating...”

—Yotam Ottolenghi, Author of *Plenty* (delight your guests with a Breakfast Quesadilla and Jeff Boardman's Totally Bloody Mary)

“Not eating breakfast is the worst thing you can do...”

—Bruce Barton, Author of *The Man Nobody Knows* Bestselling Guide to Personal Success (what could be easier than Yvette's Scrambled Eggs with Herbs on page 5)

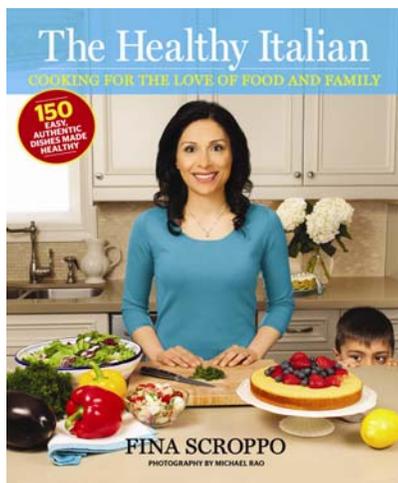
“I always cringe when people tell me they don't eat breakfast, as though that's a good thing. Eek! You have to start the day off with something in your stomach to get your metabolism active.”

—Alison Sweeney, Actress, Host of Television's *The Biggest Loser* (early morning work out? check out the preworkout smoothie on page 112)

Author Bio

Tim O'Lenic has been working in a kitchen since age 14 when he was hired as a porter at a private club. Since then, he has trained under and cooked with executive chefs from around the world. Today, he is a board certified anesthesiologist and critical care physician. His career choice has not diminished his passion for fine food. His approach to cooking is eclectic, yet straight forward which makes it easy for you to jump right in and get busy in your kitchen! As a doctor, he has a keen interest in helping others live as healthily as possible. It's true what they say, breakfast is the most important meal of your day, and *Breakfast at Timothy's* makes it as fun and tasty as possible!

Cookbooks, Cookery, Cooking



The Healthy Italian: Cooking for the Love of Food and Family

Fina Scropo

9780992007508

Paperback | \$29.99

300 pages | 8 x 9.5

Publication Date: November 2013

Danvid & Company, Inc.

Content

"If you thought the words 'healthy' and 'Italian food' could never be spoken in the same (garlic) breath, you're SO in for a treat! Fina's scrumptious, colorful and good-for-you creations are a feast for your eyes and taste buds. Chow...bella!"
— JANET PODLESKI, bestselling co-author of The Looneyspoons Collection and Eat, Shrink & Be Merry!

"The Healthy Italian cookbook ties in two of my favorite things – delicious-tasting food and good health! I highly recommend this book!"
— DR. JOEY SHULMAN, bestselling author and media nutritional expert

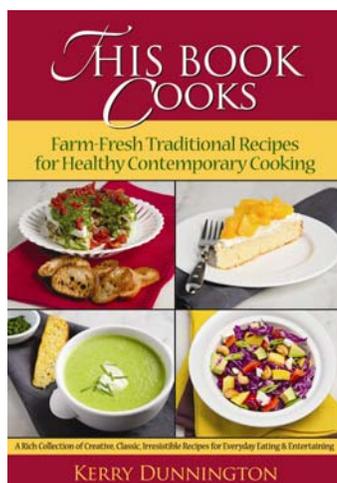
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— BONNY REICHERT, chef, food writer and Globe and Mail columnist

Author Bio

The Healthy Italian is more than just a cookbook. What makes it extra special -- besides the fact that it's packed with delicious authentic Italian recipes made healthy, pages and pages of mouth-watering photography and tons of tips to get meals on the table easier -- is that this project is a personal passion. Growing up Italian, food has always been at the epicentre of author Fina Scropo's life. Today, as a busy mom and passionate home cook, she leans on what she knows best -- Italian food. But the challenge there has been to cook Italian healthfully without compromising taste, fit it into her day and feel good about serving those meals to her family. After more than two decades working as an editor and writer, Fina is merging her vast journalism experience with her love of Italian food and cooking. She is no stranger to successful bestselling books. Fina has also been a book editor for many book titles, including the blockbusters The Looney spoons Collection and Eat, Shrink & Be Merry! by Janet and Greta Podleski, as well as The Wealthy Barber Returns by David Chilton. With The Healthy Italian, it has never been easier to enjoy a nutritious, mouth-watering meal with family. Fina has paid particular attention to convenience in every recipe but, more importantly, she focuses on great taste -- her family wouldn't have it any other way! After all, it's about cooking for the love of food and family.

Author Hometown: Maple, Ontario

Cookbooks, Cookery, Cooking



This Book Cooks: Farm Fresh Traditional Recipes for Healthy Contemporary Cooking

Kerry Dunnington

9780990418511

Paperback | \$19.95

276 pages | 7 x 10

Publication Date: June 2015

Kerry Dunnington

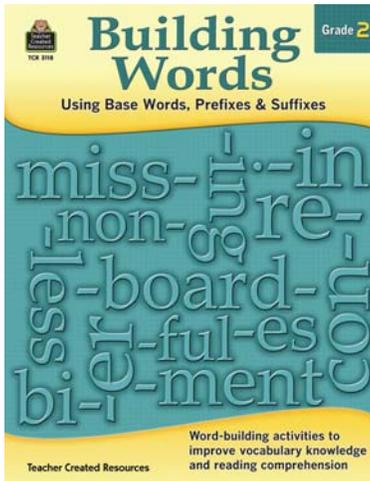
Content

In *This Book Cooks*, readers will discover creative, classic and irresistible recipes for everyday eating and entertaining. Recipes include useful and inspiring introductory material further enhanced by stories drawn from the author's life experiences in cooking, dining and serving. A comprehensive index and a stylish, user-friendly format makes *This Book Cooks* completely accessible, easy to navigate, and an inspiring cover-to-cover culinary read. Divided into nine chapters, from appetizers to desserts, (including a chapter devoted to recipes for dog treats) *This Book Cooks* offers a rich collection of nearly 200 classic, award-winning, easy-to-follow recipes readers will keep coming back to again and again.

Kerry's passion for creative recipes and consuming foods in their growing season carries on in *This Book Cooks*. With a nod toward the farm-fresh approach that recalls her own childhood memories of food, Kerry stresses the importance of implementing family food traditions and recognizing that our culinary choices have a major impact on the environment. The book will help influence future generations about the importance of shopping the harvest, appreciating nature's bounty, and sharing in the goodness and nourishment that the best home cooking provides.

Author Hometown: Baltimore, MD

Education and Teaching



Building Words: Using Base Words, Prefixes & Suffixes: Grade 2

Teacher Created

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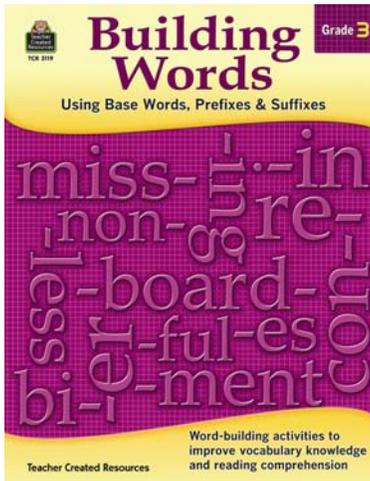
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Teacher Created Resources

Content

The ability to identify and define base words or roots, prefixes, and suffixes is essential to decoding unfamiliar words. This series provides students with opportunities to examine words and understand their meanings in order to improve vocabulary and fluency. The teacher-friendly lessons and practice activities engage students in the study of words, their meanings, and proper usage. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Building Words: Using Base Words, Prefixes & Suffixes: Grade 3

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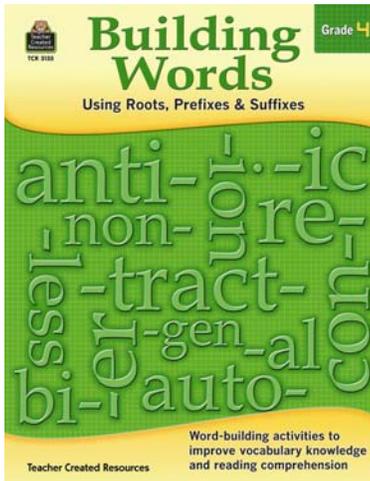
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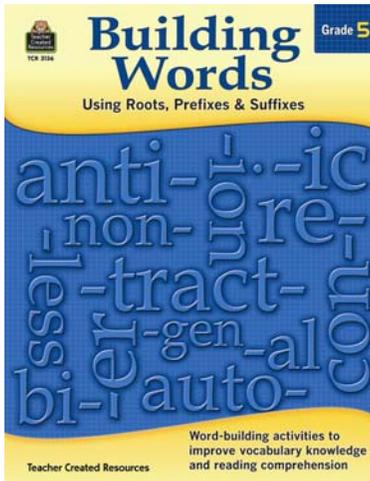
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Building Words: Using Roots, Prefixes & Suffixes: Grade 5

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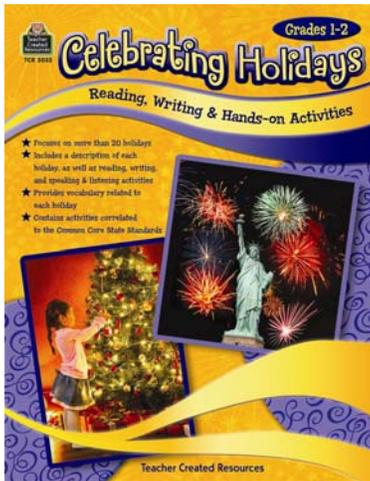
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Celebrating Holidays: Standards-based Reading, Writing & Hands-on Activities: Grade 1-2

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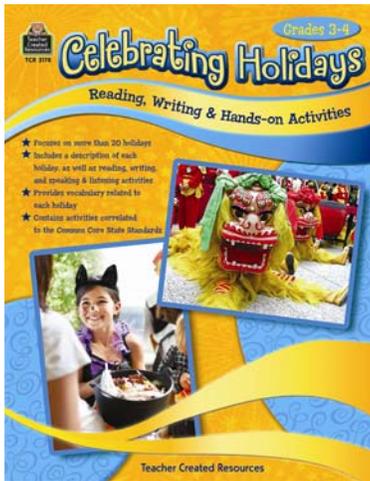
Publication Date: March 2015

Teacher Created Resources

Content

Introduce, teach, and celebrate the holidays with your students. This culturally diverse book is full of original fiction, poetry, and nonfiction, along with writing, speaking, listening, and craft activities. Relevant vocabulary is also included. Each of the twenty-two units covers a specific holiday. The reading passages and accompanying activities are Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Celebrating Holidays: Standards-based Reading, Writing & Hands-on Activities: Grade 3-4

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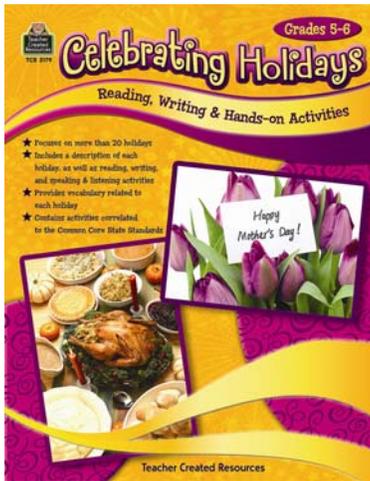
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Education and Teaching



Celebrating Holidays: Standards-based Reading, Writing & Hands-on Activities: Grade 5-6

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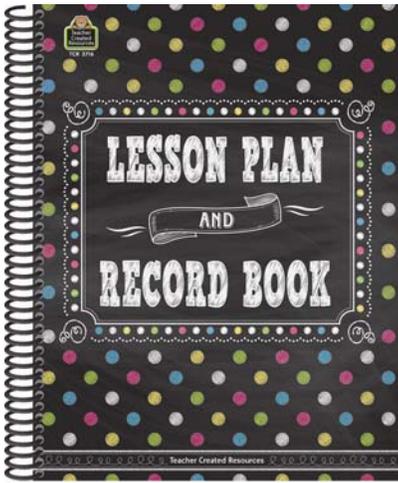
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Education and Teaching



Chalkboard Brights Lesson Plan and Record Book

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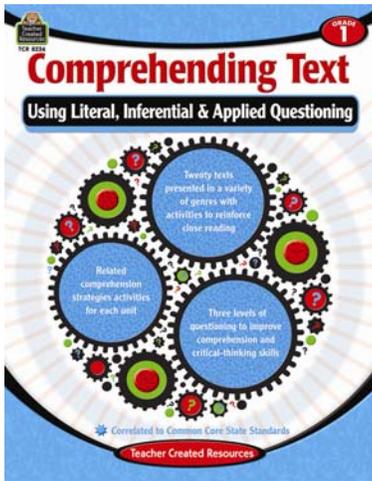
Publication Date: January 2015

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Content

“Chalk up” your organization to the convenience of this all-in-one book. There is plenty of space for lesson plans, attendance records and grades for 40 weeks of school. It also includes a student roster, a birthday chart, monthly planning calendars, and a grading chart. Spiral-bound.

Education and Teaching



Comprehending Text Using Literal, Inferential & Applied Questioning: Grade 1

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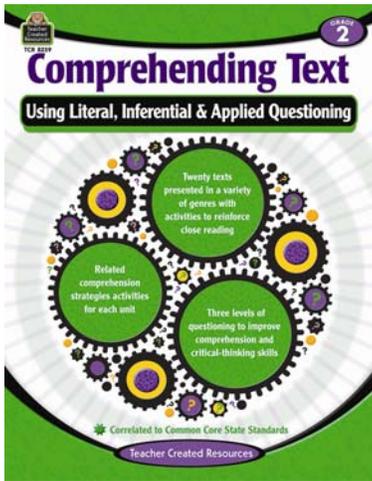
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Teacher Created Resources

Content

Use a variety of different text from multiple genres to support close reading and comprehension in the classroom. Each passage is followed by literal, inferential, and applied questions to determine the reader's comprehension of the material. The activities are designed to teach students to examine meaning thoroughly and analytically. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Comprehending Text Using Literal, Inferential & Applied Questioning: Grade 2

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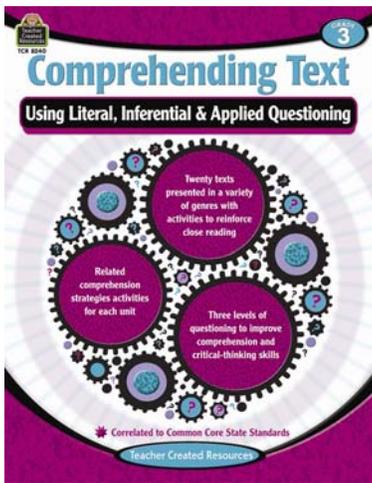
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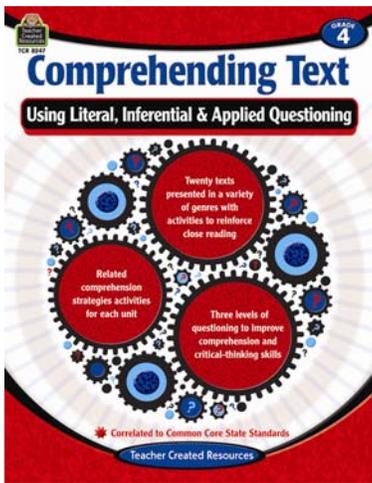
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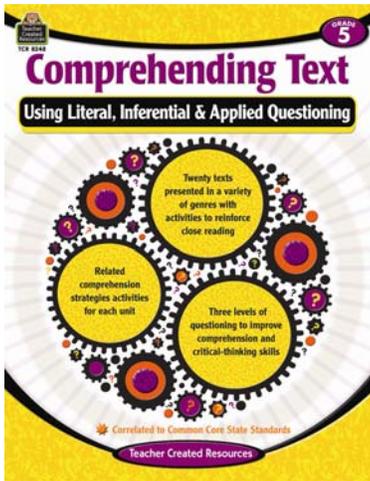
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Education and Teaching



Comprehending Text Using Literal, Inferential & Applied Questioning: Grade 5

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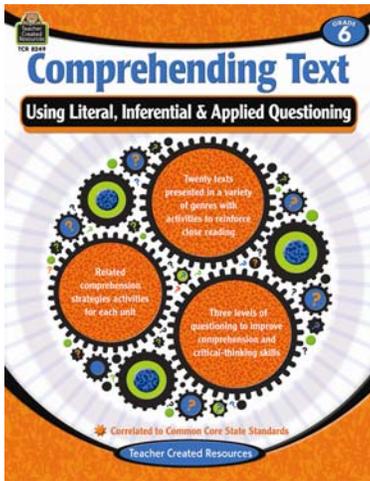
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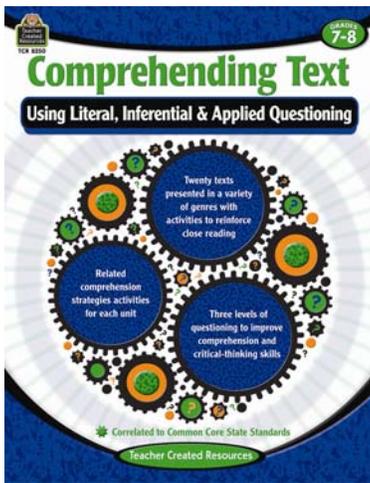
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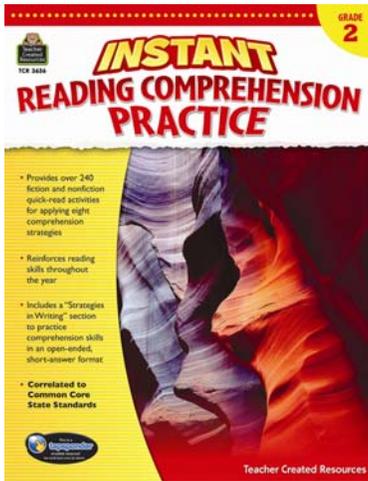
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Education and Teaching



Instant Reading Comprehension Practice: Grade 2

Teacher Created

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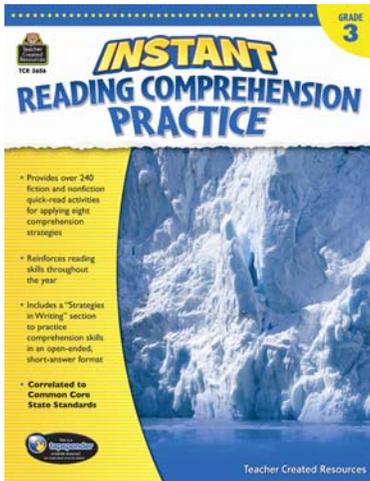
Content

Develop students' comprehension skills with meaningful reading and writing exercises designed to challenge and guide students toward the mastery of targeted strategies. Each book includes eight Comprehension Activities sub-sections, each focusing on a specific comprehension skill:

- finding main ideas
- noting details
- using context clues
- identifying facts and opinions
- finding cause and effect
- sequencing
- making inferences
- predicting outcomes

The Strategies in Writing section provides students with the opportunity to identify and practice the same comprehension skills but in an open-ended, short-answer format. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Instant Reading Comprehension Practice: Grade 3

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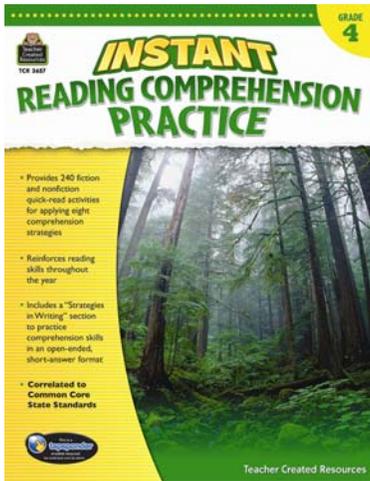
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Education and Teaching



Instant Reading Comprehension Practice: Grade 4

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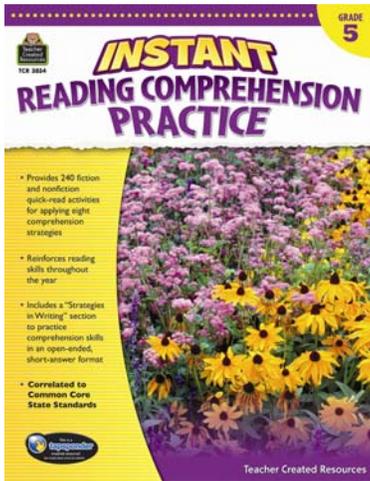
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Education and Teaching



Instant Reading Comprehension Practice: Grade 5

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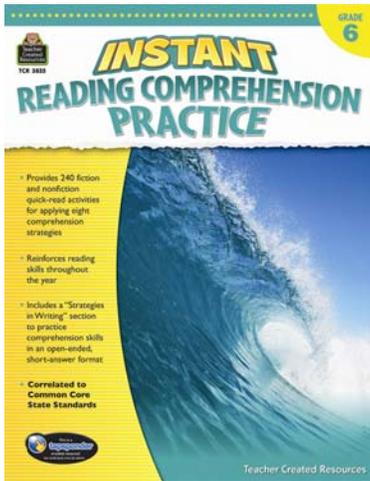
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- predicting outcomes

The Strategies in Writing section provides students with the opportunity to identify and practice the same comprehension skills but in an open-ended, short-answer format. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Instant Reading Comprehension Practice: Grade 6

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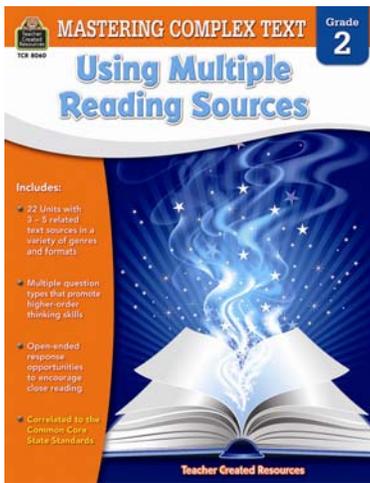
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Education and Teaching



Mastering Complex Text Using Multiple Reading Sources: Grade 2

Teacher Created

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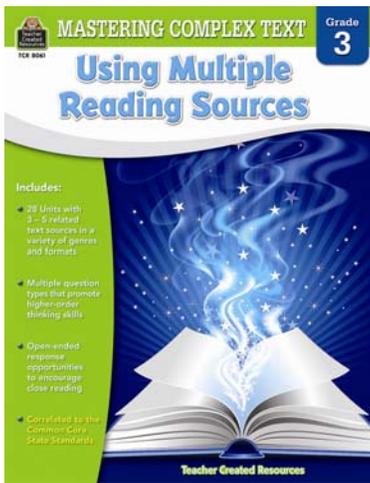
Teacher Created Resources

Content

Equip students with the skills they need to synthesize information from a variety of different text types. Each unit provides multiple text sources. Students are prompted to explore the reading materials and complete the accompanying activities. The activities are designed to teach students to:

- Draw information from multiple sources
- Use higher-order thinking skills to answer questions
- Locate information that fits a specific criteria
- Integrate information from several texts in order to write knowledgeably about a subject

Education and Teaching



Mastering Complex Text Using Multiple Reading Sources: Grade 3

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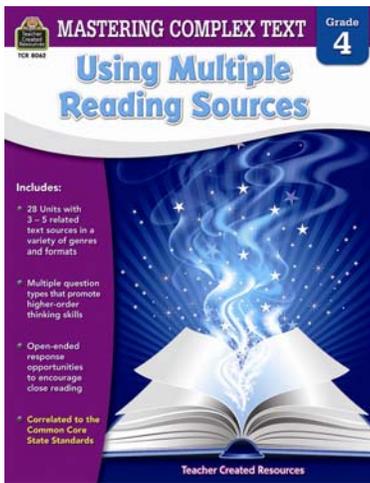
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Education and Teaching



Mastering Complex Text Using Multiple Reading Sources: Grade 4

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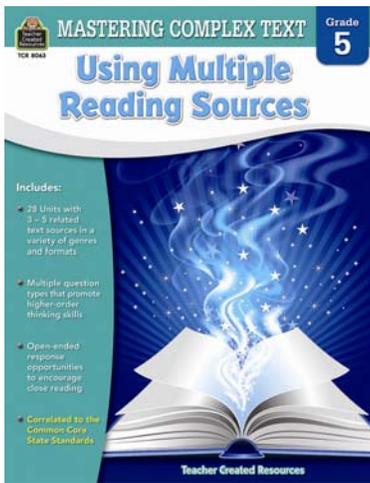
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Education and Teaching



Mastering Complex Text Using Multiple Reading Sources: Grade 5

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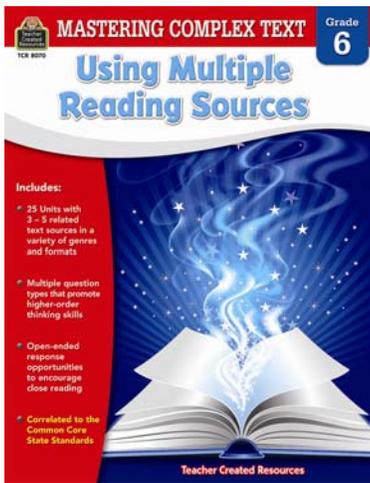
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Education and Teaching



Mastering Complex Text Using Multiple Reading Sources: Grade 6

Teacher Created

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Paperback | \$14.99

112 pages | 8.5 x 11

Publication Date: March 2015

Teacher Created Resources

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Education and Teaching

Nonfiction & Fiction Paired Texts: Grade 2

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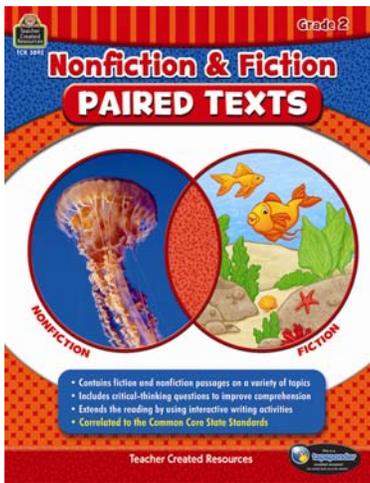
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Paperback | \$15.99

144 pages | 8.5 x 11

Publication Date: January 2015

Teacher Created Resources



Content

Promote student engagement and improve comprehension skills by teaching students to make connections between fiction and nonfiction texts. This resource provides high-interest passages, multiple-choice questions, and short-answer activities designed to meet the rigor of today's standards. Each assessment motivates students to look for textual evidence when answering questions. All units include writing activities linked to higher-order thinking and questioning skills. The writing ideas are designed to incorporate the skills necessary for excellent writing as well as help assess a student's ability to respond to a written prompt. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching

Nonfiction & Fiction Paired Texts: Grade 3

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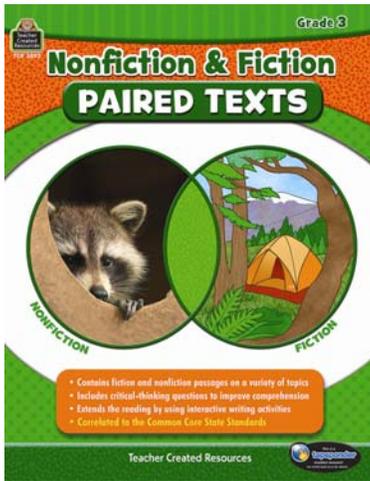
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Education and Teaching

Nonfiction & Fiction Paired Texts: Grade 4

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Nonfiction & Fiction Paired Texts: Grade 5

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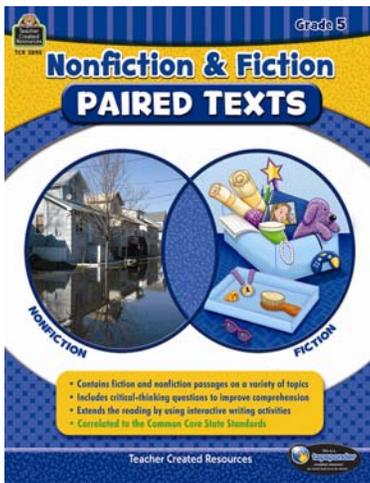
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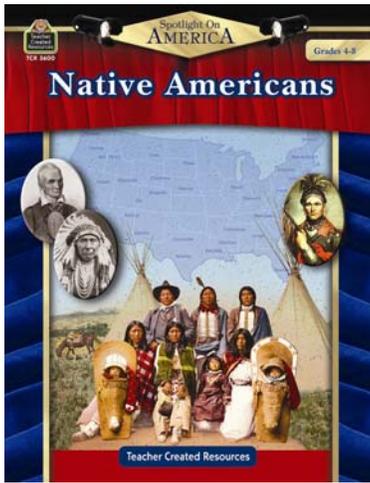
Teacher Created Resources



Content

Promote student engagement and improve comprehension skills by teaching students to make connections between fiction and nonfiction texts. This resource provides high-interest passages, multiple-choice questions, and short-answer activities designed to meet the rigor of today's standards. Each assessment motivates students to look for textual evidence when answering questions. All units include writing activities linked to higher-order thinking and questioning skills. The writing ideas are designed to incorporate the skills necessary for excellent writing as well as help assess a student's ability to respond to a written prompt. Correlated to the Common Core State Standards.

Education and Teaching



Spotlight on America: Native Americans: Grade 4-8

Teacher Created

9781420636000

Paperback | \$13.99

96 pages | 8.5 x 11

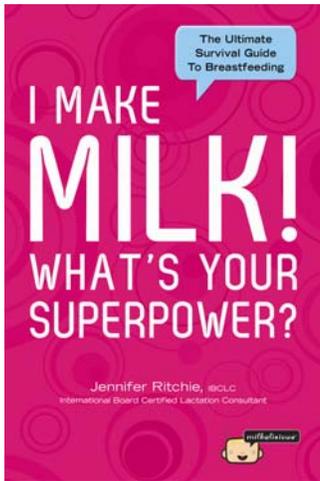
Publication Date: January 2015

Teacher Created Resources

Content

Encourage students to take an in-depth view of the people and events of specific eras of American history. Nonfiction reading comprehension is emphasized along with research, writing, critical thinking, working with maps, and more. Most titles include a Readers' Theater.

Family and Relationships



I Make Milk, What's Your Superpower?

Jennifer Ritchie

9781619272323

Paperback | \$17.99

125 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: November 2012

Milkalicious, Inc.

Content

In the informational age where people can Google anything, the biggest challenge for new parents is finding answers. Less than half of the websites that contain breastfeeding information are accurate, and women are more aware of the benefits than ever before. Even the US Government would save a minimum of \$15 billion dollars a year if women breastfed for 6 months. Why aren't they? Because it is a lot more difficult than you think. Yes, it is something that should come naturally, but with more and more interventions with labor, milk is delayed, nipples are sore, and there is only so much a woman can take. This book is your Lactation Consultant in a cute little package. Regardless if you are having problems now, or if you are simply gaining knowledge of potential breastfeeding pitfalls, this is the book for you.

Author Bio

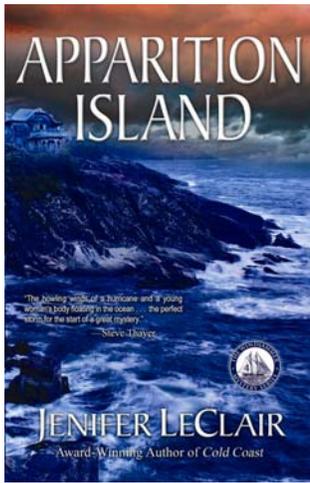
Founded in 2008 by Jennifer Ritchie, an Internationally Board Certified Lactation Consultant, Milkalicious is a business created by her personal cause to provide a more realistic approach to educating and supporting new mothers about breastfeeding. The Milkalicious brand supports, educates and empowers breastfeeding mothers through prevention and confidence. Since 2008, Jennifer has helped over 5,000 women successfully breastfeed.

Author Hometown: Los Angeles, California

Marketing Plan

- Jennifer currently provides content for parenting and pregnancy magazines, blogs, and websites
- Working on creating a breastfeeding segment for daytime TV
- Book signings/speaking engagements
- Tour cities include: Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Seattle

Fiction



Apparition Island

Jenifer LeClair

9780990846109

Paperback | \$15.00

328 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

Conquill Press

Content

A chilling tale of murder unfolds during a fierce September hurricane on the Maine coast in this haunting story of two deaths mysteriously bound together by the long reach of time. As Hurricane Ivan bears down on the coast, the crew of the Maine Wind retrieves the body of a young woman from the sea. Who is she and how did she die? The search for the woman's identity thrusts Homicide Detective Brie Beaumont into an investigation on Apparition Island in the aftermath of the violent storm. A verdict of undetermined death begs the question: Was this an accidental drowning; did Claire Whitehall commit suicide, or was she murdered? As a baffling investigation unfolds, Brie is drawn back into a decades old cold case—one that has cast its shadow into the present, where she could become its next victim.

Author Bio

Jenifer LeClair is the author of three previous Windjammer Mysteries, *Rigged for Murder*, *Danger Sector*, and *Cold Coast*, featuring Homicide Detective Brie Beaumont. In her award-winning series LeClair vividly captures Maine's islands and coastal regions where she has sailed aboard the historic Maine windjammers, traveled, and done research since 1995. *Rigged for Murder* won a 2009 Independent Publishers Award for Best Regional Fiction for the U.S. North East and the 2009 Rebecca's Reads Award for Best Mystery/Thriller. *Danger Sector* was a finalist for Best Mystery/Thriller in the 2012 Midwest Book Awards and also won a 2012 Independent Publisher Award for Best Regional Fiction for the U.S. North East. *Cold Coast* won the Reader Views Choice Award: 2014 Best Mystery/Thriller of the Year and 2014 Midwest Book Award Finalist: Best Mystery/Thriller.

Author Hometown: St. Paul, Minnesota

Marketing Plan

- Advanced Reader Copies, Contests, Book Giveaways, Amazon E-book Promotions
- Local and National Book Reviews
- Press Kits and News Releases
- Book Tour/Signings at Barnes & Noble and Indy Book Stores: Midwest and New England
- Radio and TV; Newspaper articles; Video Trailer
- Tradeshows, Book Fairs and Festivals, Maritime Events, Art Festivals
- Book Clubs & Speaking engagements
- Author's Website and Facebook

Previous Books

2013: *Cold Coast*, 9780980001761

2011: *Danger Sector*, 9780980001709

Fiction

Bring Home the Murder

Theresa Jarvela

9780878398096

Paperback | \$14.95

160 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Minnesota baby-boomer Meggie Moore sets off on another housesitting adventure to a hobby farm in the country. But her dream job turns into a nightmare when she discovers the farm to be haunted.

Author Bio

Theresa M. Jarvela, author of "Tales of a Tenacious Housesitter" cozy mystery series and freelance writer, lives in Brainerd, Minnesota, with her husband, Jack, a golden lab and a tomcat. Visit her website at www.theresamjarvela.com.

Author Hometown: Brainerd, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: Home for the Murder, 9780878396603

2012: Home Sweet Murder, 9780878395873

Fiction

The Case of the Yellow Diamond

Carl Brookins

9780878398164

Paperback | \$14.95

176 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

A dead man on the floor of his office in Minneapolis won't lead P.I. Sean Sean to journey to Yap Island to protect his new client. Bombs in lawyers' cars only jostle him. This short investigator knows the value of research and asking questions in the right places. World War II, Asian diamonds and concrete in Des Moines combine to almost destroy a Minnesota family. In the end, Sean detects flaws in the plans and brings down a criminal enterprise.

Author Bio

Before he became a mystery writer and reviewer, Brookins was a freelance photographer, a Public Television program director, a Cable TV administrator, and a counselor and faculty member at Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul, Minnesota. He is a member of Mystery Writers of America, Sisters in Crime, and Private Eye Writers of America. He can frequently be found touring bookstores and libraries with his companions-in-crime, The Minnesota Crime Wave. He is married with two grown daughters and lives with his wife, Jean, a retired publisher and editor in Roseville, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Roseville, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: The Case of the Purloined Painting, 9780878397082

Fiction

The Cuyuna Caper

Shannon Manary

9780878397242

Paperback | \$14.95

256 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

A sheriff of a tiny Iron Range town investigates a gruesome murder and discovers much more than he expected.

Author Bio

Shannon Manary has lived in Minnesota all his life. He was born in Princeton but currently resides near Crosby with his dog Rocky. He spent decades in the logistics industry and started his own company, named Up North Art, to pursue nature photography, artwork, and music. *The Cuyuna Caper* is his second novel.

Author Hometown: Crosby, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: Spirit Lake, 9780878396771

Fiction

Fishing for a Killer

Glenn Ickler

9780878397938

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

As dawn breaks over Madrigal's Lodge on Gull Lake in northern Minnesota, a motorboat is seen running slowly in circles in the bay. Told that the boat has no occupants, St. Paul Daily Dispatch reporter Warren "Mitch" Mitchel and photographer Alan Jeffrey rush to the dock, along with dozens of others on hand for the annual Governor's Fishing Opener. The boat had been rented out by Alex Gordon, the governor's press secretary and an avid early-morning fisherman. Gordon's body is soon found by a dive team, and it appears that he accidentally fell overboard and drowned in the icy water. After a day of turmoil, Governor Anders A. Anderson does his best to put the celebratory weekend back on schedule. While the media await the results of an autopsy, Mitch and Al spend an afternoon fishing and go ashore on a wooded island to answer a call of nature. There they discover a mound of freshly dug earth and uncover a life jacket bearing Alex Gordon's initials. The autopsy shows that Gordon had a bump on the back of his head and no water in his lungs. This report, along with the life jacket, forces the sheriff to open a homicide investigation. As the days wear on with no results, Mitch worries about being home in time for his wedding. The odds turn frighteningly against getting home at all when and Al meet Alex Gordon's killer.

Author Bio

Glenn Ickler has had a long career in newspapers as a reporter, feature writer, theater critic, columnist, and editor. He has been part of an editorial page staff that was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and he has won numerous awards for his writing. A native of Woodbury, Minnesota, he holds a degree in Speech and English from Hamline University.

Author Hometown: Hopedale, MA

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: A Killing Fair, 9780878397136

2013: Murder on the St. Croix, 9780878396726

Fiction

Ghost Words: Thirteen Gothic Tales for People Who Do Not Believe in Ghosts

Emilio DeGrazia

9780878398171

Paperback | \$14.95

160 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

The thirteen accounts in this unconventional collection of Gothic tales are calculated to challenge--and deepen--our understanding of the spiritual presences and powers we call "ghosts." If, as St. Anselm said, "I believe in order to understand," these stories take us toward Peter Abelard: "I believe only what I understand."

Author Bio

Emilio DeGrazia, author of two award winning short story collections---Enemy Country and Seventeen Grams of Soul---also has had two novels, two collections of creative prose, and a collection of poetry published. He and his wife Monica are co-editors of Twenty-Six Minnesota Writers, Thirty-Three Minnesota Poets, and The Nodin Anthology of Poetry. He just finished a second term as Poet Laureate of Winona, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Winona, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction

Gifts of the Spirit

Patricia Eilola

9780878398089

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Gifts of the Spirit follows a similar pattern as Patricia Eilola's previous books— *Fabulous Family Holomolaiset*, *A Finntown of the Heart*, and *A Finntown of the Soul*—by taking a real life and fictionalizing it. Set in northern Minnesota, *Gifts of the Spirit* recounts the story of a young woman who rises above her humble station without ever completely leaving it behind. Beginning with the influenza epidemic of 1918, the story continues into the 1920s on her family's small farm, where they live in relative calm, interspersed with moments of terror and excitement.

Author Bio

After some twenty years of teaching writing at Duluth East High School, Patricia Eilola has finally taken up the pen herself. A Finnish-American member of the Ladies of Kaleva, a grateful wife, mother of one daughter and grandmother to four, inveterate reader and sometime writer, Pat began writing *Gifts of the Spirit* and watched in amazement as it grew by leaps and bounds. "Often in the morning I had no idea where I was going, and six hours later a chapter had emerged. From where? I'm not sure, but I do know that it all came from so deep within me that it took on a life of its own. It simply became my appointed task to record that life."

Author Hometown: Proctor, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

1998: *A Finntown of the Heart*, 9780878391301

2008: *A Finntown of the Soul*, 9780878392780

Fiction

A Habit of Mind

Jim Newman

9780878398188

Paperback | \$14.95

240 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Looks, charm, stylish job shooting TV news, Doug Pepper's only goal is his next conquest at the local pick-up bar. It takes tragedy and a cross-country odyssey for Doug to break through a habit of mind—classic self-absorption—and learn to love. The lady in Doug's life also learns life's hard lessons in a shared moment of truth that bind the pair together forever.

Author Bio

Jim Newman is a writer, voice actor and painter with a decades-long career as a journalist. He's a hiker who spent much of his defining years on the mideast prairie and now frequently visits the mountainous regions of the Pacific Northwest.

Author Hometown: Portland, OR

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction

The Hungry Coast: Fables from the North Shore of Minnesota

Marlais Brand

Noah Prinsen (wood-cut artist)

9780878398195

Paperback | \$14.95

140 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

A fresh and compelling voice in regional fiction, Marlais Brand's new collection, *The Hungry Coast*, takes the reader for a hair-raising ride along a rocky stretch of the historic and fabled North Shore.

Author Bio

Marlais Brand dares to live and write in the Great Frozen North that mere mortals know as Minnesota. Brand is a recipient of the Katherine Anne Porter Fiction Prize and her writing has appeared in several editions of Scribner's Best of the Fiction Workshops. *The Hungry Coast: Fables from the North Shore of Minnesota* is Marlais Brand's very first collection of short stories.

Author Hometown: Lakeville, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction

The Island

Nancy Lee

9780878397945

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Vices are outlawed in Cloquet in 1918—except on the Island. There, loggers can have the time of their lives with drink, women of the night, and poker games. When the city is threatened by fire, the virtuous citizens of Cloquet have to overcome their prejudice in order to survive. Everything is destroyed—except the Island. As one reporter commented, “The Devil takes care of his own.”

Author Bio

While living in Cloquet, MN, Nancy had many opportunities to collect stories her elderly friends had stored away since the great fire in 1918. They invited her to coffee and shared their memories. Nancy listened as they told of the disaster that entered their lives on October 12 of that year. From these reminiscences she put together a novel incorporating the Island, the city of Cloquet, life and industry at that time, and of course the great fire that swept down upon the city, wiping it from the face of the earth.

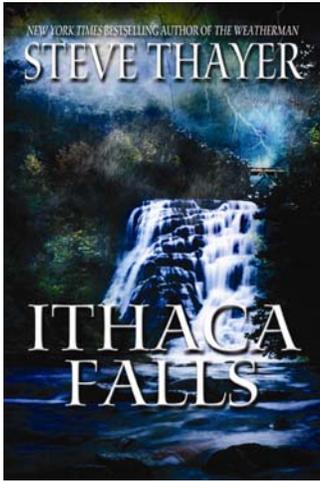
Nancy graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN, and became a teacher in English literature after a rather lengthy sabbatical to raise her six children. During her years at home, she helped with homework, packed lunches, healed the sick, and gave advice to the occasional child with a broken heart. From all this experience, Nancy wrote articles depicting her adventures as a mother for Scope Magazine, a women's periodical published by the American Lutheran Church, and traveled extensively as a speaker to women's groups of the church.

Author Hometown: Bloomington, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction



Ithaca Falls

Steve Thayer

9780990846116

Paperback | \$15.00

344 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: April 2015

Conquill Press

Content

John Alden, former Ivy League football star and now professor of criminal justice, tells a stunned gathering of academics that he is a visitor from the twenty-first century—that he washed up on their campus and in their time after tumbling over a waterfall in the year 2010. He further claims to be a retired New York City homicide detective who went over Ithaca Falls in pursuit of a serial killer. The revelation sets off weeks of trepidation and soul searching in the steep hills and dramatic gorges of Cornell University as the strange visitor tells of the things to come—financial panic, economic depression, a second world war, and most importantly, an attempt to alter the course of history by assassinating Franklin Roosevelt.

Author Bio

Steve Thayer is The New York Times bestselling author of *The Weatherman*, 1995, *Silent Snow*, 1999, and *The Wheat Field*, 2002. He is also the author of *Saint Mudd*, 1992, *Moon over Lake Elmo*, 2001, *Wolf Pass*, 2003, and *The Leper*, 2008. Steve Thayer was born and raised in St. Paul, Minnesota. He lives there still. He is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts in Pasadena, California. He spent seven years acting and writing in Los Angeles before returning home to begin his first novel, *Saint Mudd*. The gangster novel took four years to research and write. When he was unable to interest a publisher, Thayer published the novel himself. *Saint Mudd* went from self-published in 1988, to a small press in 1990, to a 1992 hardcover publication by Viking Penguin, followed by a Signet paperback in 1994. His follow-up novel, *The Weatherman*, rose to number seven on The New York Times bestseller list.

Author Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Marketing Plan

- Advanced Reader Copies
- Local and National Book Reviews
- Press Kits/News releases
- TV and radio
- Book Tour and Signings throughout the Midwest
- Tradeshows, Book Fairs, and Festivals
- Author Website
- Speaking engagements

Previous Books

1995: *The Weatherman*, 9780670849581

1999: *Silent Snow*, 9780670865727

Fiction

The Kiskadee of Death

Jan Dunlap

9780878397990

Paperback | \$14.95

256 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Illegal immigration, drug smuggling, and the advent of space tourism creates a deadly backdrop for a murder investigation when birder Bob White finds a famous Winter Texan dead in one of the Rio Grande Valley's World Birding Centers during his January escape from Minnesota's deep-freeze.

Author Bio

Jan Dunlap divides her time between birding, teaching, and writing. While she admits to being nowhere as skilled at birding as her fictional protagonist Bob White, she is an optimist and hopes one day to be able to identify all the birds showing up at her back porch feeders. Her first Bob White Birder Murder Mystery, *The Boreal Owl Murder*, won a silver medal in the 2008 Midwest Book Awards. She lives in Chaska, where she is working on her next Bob White book, and she welcomes visitors at her website www.jandunlap.com

Author Hometown: Chaska, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: *Swift Justice*, 9780878397693

2012: *A Murder of Crows*, 9780878396160

Fiction

Last Man on Campus

John Abraham-Watne

9780878397983

Paperback | \$14.95

256 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Micheal Sinclair did not want to attend Malworth University. The smallest major campus in Minnesota, located in the sleepy western town of Cold River, was never the ideal space to find himself. And once Mike discovers the secrets that lay behind the school and the town, he delves into a mystery that could change his entire life. Does he dare become the Last Man on Campus?

Author Bio

John Abraham-Watne lives near Lake Calhoun in Minneapolis with his wife, Mary, and their two cats, Marble and Scout. This is his second novel. He has done freelance journalism with the Minneapolis Examiner since 2009.

Author Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Our Senior Year, 9780878397716

Fiction

The Murder of Emily Magillicutty

Corinne A. Dwyer

9780878397709

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Phoebe Magillicutty Stuart just made detective. She's also freshly divorced and was taken to the cleaners by her ex's lawyers, so much so that she, at twenty-eight, can't afford her own apartment. Instead, she moves in with her elderly aunt, Emily Magillicutty, who spent her life in Hollywood as a screamer in scary movies. Emily has an aging ex-cop for a gardener and a frustrated, elderly French chef for a cook, making Phoebe concerned she'll be caring for the oldsters before long, even as she starts her career as a detective. And the St. Cloud PD has a serious case to solve: older women are being attacked and robbed by a man with a horrible facial scar. Senior detective Neil McKenna has a suspect, but the man has a perfect alibi for every attack—absolutely every one. Aunt Emily, the screamer, finds herself in the same room as the vicious attacker of old women. Timing is everything, but, apparently, so are lines.

Author Bio

Corinne A. Dwyer has been writing since the early 1970s. Married to a deputy, she heard lots of stories that flesh out her murder mystery, and her large family taught her the humor that eases some of the horrors law enforcers face. She lives with her youngest daughter on Dancing the Land Farm, writes, watches wildlife and helps with the goats, sheep, and chickens.

Author Hometown: Clearwater, MN

Marketing Plan

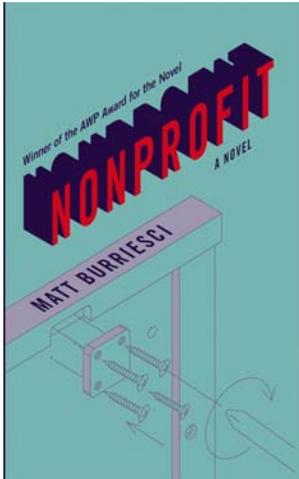
- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2009: Harris's Ark, 9780878393008

1988: Loon Legends, 9780878390465

Fiction



Nonprofit

Matt Burriesci

9781936970292

Hardcover | \$26.00

243 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: January 2015

New Issues Poetry Press

Content

☒Thrust into the bizarre labyrinth of DC society, John MacManus struggles to rescue a bankrupt nonprofit while starting a family. Wackiness ensues.

Author Bio

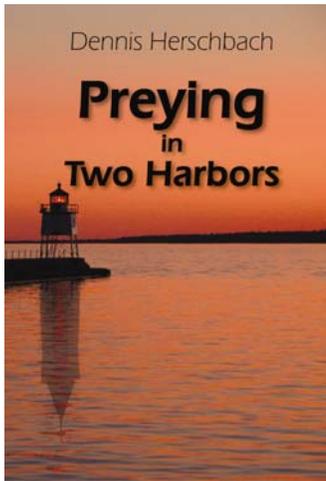
Matt Burriesci is the author of *Dead White Guys: A Father, his Daughter, and the Great Books of the Western World* (9781632280176, Viva Editions, 2015), and his stories have appeared in numerous literary magazines. He has served as Executive Director for both the Association of Writers and Writing Programs (AWP) and the PEN/Faulkner Foundation.

Author Hometown: Alexandria, VA

Marketing Plan

- Galleys targeting pre-publication reviews
- Select bookstores will receive gratis copies for employee / newsletter review
- Readings at bookstores, libraries, and literary festivals
- Tour cities include: Alexandria, VA; Washington, DC; Chicago, IL; and Minneapolis, MN
- Will be submitted for post-publication prizes
- Author will attend and read at the annual conference for the Association of Writers & Writing Programs (AWP) in Minneapolis in April 2015
- Advertisements will appear in *Poets & Writers* magazine, *Rain Taxi*, *The Writer's Chronicle*, and the 2015 AWP conference brochure

Fiction



Preying in Two Harbors

Dennis Herschbach

9780878397921

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

A young man is found beaten to death, the most sacred areas of a Catholic church are desecrated, a sabotaged railroad track leads to a deadly derailment, and a Jewish holocaust survivor is hung in effigy. All happen in too short a time span to say they are not related, and Deidre Johnson is brought out of retirement to solve the crimes. Suspect groups are identified, and a process of elimination begins, ending in a life-altering experience for her. *Preying in Two Harbors* is the fourth book of the Two Harbors mystery series written by Dennis Herschbach.

Author Bio

Dennis Herschbach is a retired school teacher who lived most of his adult life on the north shore of Lake Superior. Herschbach currently resides in Sartell, Minnesota, and enjoys a life of travel and writing.

Author Hometown: Sartell, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: *A River Through Two Harbors*, 9780878397198

2013: *Seven Graves, Two Harbors*, 9780878397020

Fiction

Raincoast Chronicles 23: Harbour Publishing 40th Anniversary Edition

Edited by Peter A. Robson

9781550177107

Paperback | \$24.95

160 pages | 8.5 x 11

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

When the first edition of *Raincoast Chronicles* was produced by a couple of novice publishers in the unlikely location of Pender Harbour in 1972, it boldly announced that it was going “to put BC character on the record.” Printed in sepia ink and decorated with the rococo flourishes characteristic of that extravagant era, the unclassifiable journal-cum-serial-book about life on the BC coast struck a nerve and in time became something very close to what it set out to be—a touchstone of British Columbia identity. Soon the term “Raincoast,” which had been coined by the editors, was appearing on boats, puppet theatres, interior decorating firms and at least one other publishing enterprise.

Raincoast Chronicles also created another publishing enterprise—Harbour Publishing. Many of the stories that started out as articles in the *Chronicles* grew into books and so the White family was more or less forced to get into book publishing to deal with them. That undertaking went on to publish some six hundred books (and counting!) about every possible aspect of BC and, in 2014, celebrated its fortieth anniversary in the biz. To honour that occasion this special double issue of *Raincoast Chronicles* takes a tour down memory lane, selecting a trove of the most outstanding stories in all those Harbour books and republishing them in one volume.

Here are some of Canada’s most exciting and iconic writers—Al Purdy, Anne Cameron, Edith Iglauer, Patrick Lane and Grant Lawrence, to start a long list. Here also are stories of disasters at sea, scarcely believable bush plane feats, eerie events at coastal ghost towns and a First Nations elder who has seen so many sasquatches he finds them sort of boring. Full of great drawings and photos, this jumbo anniversary edition of *Raincoast Chronicles* is a feast of great Pacific Northwest storytelling.

Author Bio

Peter A. Robson has authored hundreds of articles and has served as editor for several magazines, including *Pacific Yachting*, *Cottage* and *Cottage Life West*. He has also authored or co-authored books about commercial fishing, forestry, towboating and salmon farming. He is a regular at Harbour Publishing's Friday martini hour and lives in Garden Bay, BC.

Author Hometown: Garden Bay, BC, Canada

Fiction

Scruples and Drams: A Novel of Minnesota's Main Street Women

Cynthia Stupnik

9780878397969

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

With its arch-like trees covering the town, Clearwater provided a safe haven for Jennie Phillips, an apprenticing druggist in her father's store in the late nineteenth century. While on a routine trip to deliver a prescription out in the country, she is alarmed when she encounters what some consider to be the ghost of murdered Irish girl roaming the Tamarack Swamp. She becomes obsessed with the unsolved case. At the same time, she struggles with her responsibility to uphold her father's ethical practices when she learns what some women are using their over-the-counter patent medicines for. Yet when she learns that rape and burglary can take place even in her village, Jennie realizes Clearwater is not as idyllic as she once thought, and for many women, the art of living isn't as exact as dispensing.

Author Bio

A retired English instructor, Cynthia Anne Frank Stupnik holds a B.A. in English/Education and a M.A. in English. She has authored *Steppes to Neu-Odessa: Germans from Russia Who Settled in Odessa Township, Dakota Territory, 1872-1876*, a historical biography of Yankton, County, South Dakota, a memoir, *Postcards from the Old Man and Other Correspondence from Clearwater, Minnesota*, and *Passages*, a faith-based book of poetry. She has also written and published many poems, creative essays, and short stories, and been the recipient of a number of literary awards.

Author Hometown: Rice, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction



Silver's Bones

Midge Bubany

9780878397877

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Seventeen-year-old Silver Rae Dawson vanished while babysitting for her neighbors. Fifteen years later a landscaping crew, hired by Adriana Valero, Deputy Investigator Cal Sheehan's ex-girlfriend, uncovers her shallow grave. With little new evidence and suspects who seem to have solid alibis, it isn't going to be easy for a fairly inexperienced investigator to solve a homicide gone cold. But what Cal lacks in experience he makes up in determination as he relentlessly pursues the truth and uncovers shocking secrets and brilliantly conceived lies.

Author Bio

Midge Bubany, a retired teacher, has educated herself on police procedures using several resources, including attending the Orono Citizens Police Academy, an eight-week course offered by the Orono Police Department--which also allowed her the privilege of participating in ride-alongs. Midge lives with her husband in Long Lake, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Long Lake, MN

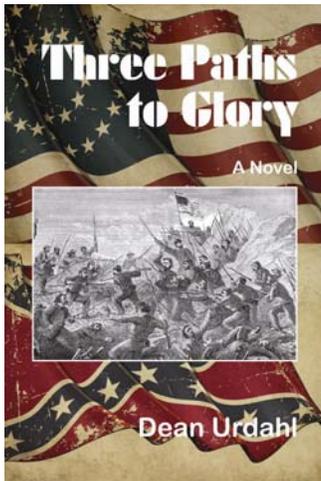
Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: The Equalizer, 9780878397372

Fiction



Three Paths to Glory

Dean Urdahl

9780878398034

Paperback | \$14.95

320 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Three Paths to Glory is the story of three regiments in the American Civil War: the 2nd and 5th Minnesota and the 1st Tennessee. It follows each of the regiments through the war through the eyes of men serving in them. Clinton Cilley, of the 2nd Minnesota will be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, Jimmy Dunn of the 5th fights bravely in the Indian wars and at the Battle of Nashville. Sam Davis of the 1st Tennessee is remembered as the "Boy Hero of the Confederacy" for his gallant and noble deeds. We follow their exploits through their respective regiments. While historical fiction, this book is extensively researched and the events and people are accurately portrayed. The grime, grit and valor of service in this deciding point of American history is part of the story.

Author Bio

Dean Urdahl taught American history for thirty-five years at New London-Spicer Schools, Minnesota, and was first elected to the Minnesota House of Representatives in 2002. He served as Minnesota's commissioner to the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, and was instrumental in forming the Minnesota Civil War Sesquicentennial Commission. Urdahl was appointed in 2010 to chair the Minnesota House Legacy Funding Committee. Dean resides with his wife and editor, Karen, on a hobby farm near Litchfield, Minnesota. Other published works by Urdahl include Uprising, Retribution, Pursuit, Conspiracy, The Collar and the Gun, and Lives Lived Large.

Author Hometown: Litchfield, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2012: Conspiracy, 9780878396061

2011: Pursuit, 9780878394210

Fiction

Trying

Megan Kiffmeyer

9780878398133

Paperback | \$14.95

176 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Becca Kelly always dreamed of falling in love, getting married, and having a family. As her ten-year anniversary approached, she wondered if she would ever get to experience the joys of being a mother. When tensions at home grew and family issues arose, Becca was forced with some tough choices. Will she be able to save her marriage or be forced to watch her world fall apart?

Author Bio

Megan (Truenow) Kiffmeyer is a 2004 graduate of St. Cloud Technical High School, where she was a writer and editor for the high school paper. After graduating, she attended St. Cloud Technical College and received an AAS degree in Credit and Finance. Megan married her husband, Brian, in 2007. They have two boys. Megan is an active supporter of her local fire department, and is the wife of a firefighter. She currently resides in Kimball, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Kimball, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Moving On, 9780878397334

Fiction

Unattached

Kristen Lee Johnson

9780878398003

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Keeping children safe isn't just a job for Terrance County Social Worker Leah Danco. After she's taken care of the children of the county, she heads home to help keep her drug-dealing brother out of jail, her paranoid mother out of the psychiatric ward, and herself away from the constant draw of the whiskey bottle. There is simply no energy left to think about letting a man in her life. Leah's resistance doesn't stop Detective Pete Kemper from trying. The life of every party, Kemp has charmed confessions out of more offenders than they can count. While investigating child abuse cases, Leah and Kemp aren't afraid to blow off some steam together behind closed doors. But when Kemp wants more, Leah is afraid of breaking her rule that she must remain alone and unattached at all costs. When two children are horrifically abused in what look like unrelated cases, Kemp and Leah are forced to work together to find justice. Explosive revelations follow that push Leah closer to the booze she has avoided for years and further away from friends, family, and especially Kemp. With everything else in her life falling apart, Leah turns back to what matters most: finding justice and some semblance of peace for those who were hurt. The further she investigates, the more her own life is at risk—and the more she learns that her life is full of people who won't let her take those risks alone.

Author Bio

Kristin Lee Johnson has been a child protection social worker for nearly twenty years and draws from that experience to write her novels. Born and raised in Brookings, South Dakota, she currently lives in Red Wing, Minnesota, with her husband and four children.

Author Hometown: Red Wing, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2012: Unprotected, 9780878395897

Fiction

Who Done Houdini: A New Adventure of Sherlock Holmes

Raymond John

9780878398072

Paperback | \$14.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Harry Houdini died, the official story goes, following a punch to the abdomen from a publicity-seeking student in Montreal. But at least two people don't believe it. Timothy Wiggins, one-time chief Baker Street Irregular for Sherlock Holmes and now head crime beat reporter for the Detroit Free Press, and Sherlock Holmes himself. Was it murder? Even more shocking, could Sir Arthur Conan Doyle have been complicit? Find out for yourself in *Who Done Houdini*, a new mystery by crime writer Raymond John, author of *The Cellini Masterpiece*.

Author Bio

Historian and mystery writer Raymond John is a septuagenarian who refuses to act his age. He is the author of *The Cellini Masterpiece* and *Mix, Match & Murder*, published by North Star Press of St. Cloud. His latest manic effort is the result of a lifelong love of Harry Houdini and the sublime sleuther, Sherlock Holmes. The idea of combining them in a not-too-implausible mystery finally became overwhelming, resulting in an enjoyable read.

Author Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Fiction

The Witches of the Halloween Capital

Roxy Orcutt

9780878398010

Paperback | \$14.95

160 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

From the witch trials of seventeenth-century Germany to the modern day Halloween Capital of the World, the Grau family of witches have been survivors. Now, the latest generation of Grau Witches, two sisters kept apart most of their lives, must come together to defeat a force that's been chasing them for eons.

Author Bio

Roxy Orcutt is a self-professed Professional Halloween Lover. She grew up obsessing over ghosts, ghouls, haunted houses, witches and all things spooky. Roxy runs the year-round website The Halloween Honey. She lives in Anoka, Minnesota, The Halloween Capital of the World, with her family, which includes, of course, a black cat.

Author Hometown: Anoka, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: History and Hauntings of the Halloween Capital,
9780878397747

History



De Zwaan: The True Story of America's Authentic Dutch Windmill

Alisa Crawford

9780988977259

Paperback | \$26.95

168 pages | 8.5 x 10

Publication Date: May 2015

In-Depth Editions

Content

America's only authentic operational Dutch windmill, De Zwaan serves as Holland, Michigan's iconic connection to the community's roots. For more than a half-century, "The Swan" (the translation of De Zwaan) has drawn visitors from all over the world.

Alisa Crawford, De Zwaan's miller shares a fascinating look at the story of this historic structure as well as other American- and Dutch-built windmills. Through years of research and interviews with people connected to De Zwaan, she reveals the true origins of its construction, the damage it sustained in World War II, its journey to America, its resurrection as a working mill, its rise as a premier Midwestern attraction.

Delivering the only complete story of this working mill and an extraordinary collection of images spanning its life in the Netherlands and America, this book is a collector edition to commemorate De Zwaan's career and the City of Holland's commitment to this significant monument of living history.

Author Bio

The only Dutch certified miller in the Americas, Alisa Crawford serves as DeZwaan's miller for the City of Holland. She holds a master's degree in history museum studies and is a member of the Ambachtelijk Korenmolenaars Gilde, the professional grain millers guild of The Netherlands. She often lectures on the history of DeZwaan, as well as traditional food preparation.

History



The Future Remembered: The 1962 Seattle World's Fair And Its Legacy

Paula Becker; Alan J. Stein

9780615469409

Paperback | \$39.95

300 pages | 7 x 9

Publication Date: October 2011

Seattle Center Foundation

Content

This beautifully bound, 300-page image rich commemorative book explores the 1962 Seattle World's Fair and its legacy. Written by local experts Paula Becker and Alan J. Stein of HistoryLink.org and commissioned for the 50th Anniversary of the Fair.

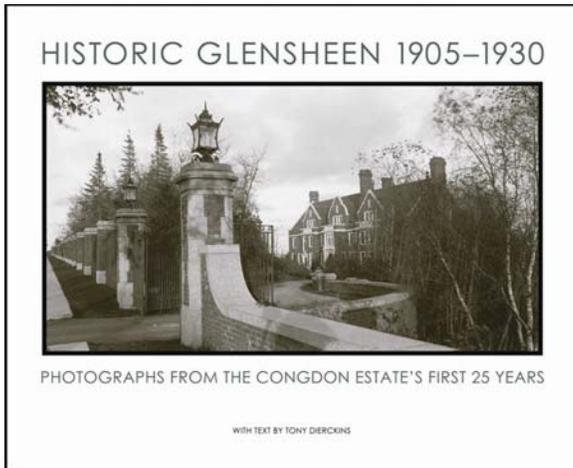
Author Bio

Paula Becker is a staff historian for HistoryLink.org, where her essays document the dance marathon craze of the 1920s and 1930s, war-effort knitting on the home front during World Wars I and II, and the career of The Egg and I author Betty MacDonald. She co-wrote (with Alan Stein) the book *Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Washington's First World's Fair*.

Alan J Stein is a HistoryLink.org staff historian, and is the award-winning author of four previous HistoryLink books, *Safe Passage: the Birth of Washington State Ferries*; *Bellevue Timeline: the Story of Washington's Leading Edge City from Homesteads to High Rises*; *The Olympic: the Story of Seattle's Landmark Hotel*; and (with Paula Becker) *Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition: Washington's First World's Fair*. HistoryLink.org, a free online encyclopedia of Washington state history, was the nation's first community history encyclopedia designed expressly for the Internet.

Author Hometown: Seattle, WA

History



Historic Glensheen 1905-1930: Photographs of the Congdon Estate's First 25 years

Tony Dierckins

9781887317429

Paperback | \$16.95

112 pages | 8 x 6.5

Publication Date: June 2015

X-Communication

Content

Inside these pages you will find 115 photos—most never before seen by the public—of Glensheen, the historic 22-acre Congdon estate along the Lake Superior shore in Duluth, Minnesota. Many were captured in 1909, when the Congdon's moved in, and show Glensheen just as Chester Congdon first envisioned it.

Author Bio

Tony Dierckins has written or co-written over two dozen books, from the ridiculous Duct Tape books and calendars to the informative *Crossing the Canal: An Illustrated History of Duluth's Aerial Bridge*, a 2009 finalist for the Minnesota Book Award. He is the 2012 recipient of the Duluth Depot Foundation's "Historic Preservation and Interpretation Award," part of their annual Arts & Culture Awards. His most recent book, *Lost Duluth*, was a finalist for the 2013 Minnesota Book Award.

Marketing Plan

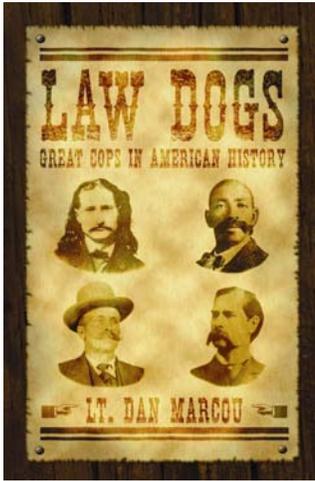
Book Tour Cities: Duluth, St. Paul, Minneapolis

Previous Books

2012: *Lost Duluth*, 9781887317382

2008: *Crossing the Canal*, 9781887317337

History



Law Dogs: Great Cops in American History

Lt. Dan Marcou

9781933272528

Hardcover | \$16.95

300 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Thunder Bay Press

Content

Law Dogs presents more than thirty real-life stories about law officers who have distinguished themselves by going above and beyond the call of duty. From Texas Rangers to US Deputy Marshalls, FBI agents to local law enforcement officers, Retired Police Officer Lt. Dan Marcou has meticulously researched each heroic figure to separate fact from fiction delivering an action-packed history of law enforcement dating from the American Old West to Gangster Era policing, to the present day.

Author Bio

Lt. Dan Marcou is a highly decorated police officer who spent 33 years in the profession. He was the 2004 ASP SWAT Officer of the Year and is a nationally recognized police trainer. He regularly contributes articles to PoliceOne.com and is the author of four novels of realistic police fiction.

Author Hometown: Holmen, WI

Marketing Plan

- Author signings, interviews and presentations
- Author featured in The History Channel, Fox, and Nat Geo "Real West" series coming to Television
- Marketing through PoliceOne.com and other media outlets
- Publisher website & social media

Previous Books

2007: The Callings, 9781933272115

2008: S.W.A.T., 9781933272122

History

Minnesota's Lost Towns: Central Edition

Rhonda Fochs

9780878398041

Paperback | \$19.95

240 pages | 8.5 x 11

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

The long-awaited second book in the Minnesota's Lost Towns series is now available. Travel along as we visit and learn about more than 125 central Minnesota locations. The book covers twenty-seven of Minnesota's central corridor counties, from east to west. Read how the towns were created, how they developed and lived, and why they died. Discover the people and places of Minnesota's past. Filled with tales and photos, the book is a fun and educational read for anyone who loves history or a good story.

Author Bio

After several years of working in the public and private sector, doing everything from assembling Tonka Toy trucks (when they were made in America), working in a LP record distribution warehouse, serving in a variety of public governmental roles, managing a construction office, to becoming a social studies teacher at the age of forty-two, Rhonda is recently retired. Her passion for history, especially local and regional history, has resulted in the Minnesota's Lost Towns series which chronicles Minnesota used-to-be towns and communities. As she and her family (including the dog) travel the state, north, east, south and west, she is now working on the next books in the series. She is also presently working on a book detailing other regional points of interest. You can learn more about Rhonda and her books at www.rhondafochs.weebly.com or at www.facebook.com/MinnesotasLostTowns.

Author Hometown: Motley, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Minnesota's Lost Towns: Northern Edition, 9780878397639

History

Minnesota's Lost Towns: Northern Edition, Volume II

Rhonda Fochs

9780878398058

Paperback | \$19.95

240 pages | 8.5 x 11

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Most Minnesotans have a lost town. Everywhere Rhonda travelled throughout the state, people shared their used-to-be communities with her. Each new discovery led to more stories and tales of northern Minnesota's lost towns. Join us as we journey to northern Minnesota's past once again. Covering all new towns and communities, the book is filled with photos and tales that once again prove history is in our own backyards. Historians, tourists, genealogists and anyone who loves a good story is sure to enjoy this second round of Northern Minnesota lost towns.

Author Bio

After several years of working in the public and private sector, doing everything from assembling Tonka Toy trucks (when they were made in America), working in a LP record distribution warehouse, serving in a variety of public governmental roles, managing a construction office, to becoming a social studies teacher at the age of forty-two, Rhonda is recently retired. Her passion for history, especially local and regional history, has resulted in the Minnesota's Lost Towns series which chronicles Minnesota used-to-be towns and communities. As she and her family (including the dog) travel the state, north, east, south and west, she is now working on the next books in the series. She is also presently working on a book detailing other regional points of interest. You can learn more about Rhonda and her books at www.rhondafochs.weebly.com or at www.facebook.com/MinnesotasLostTowns.

Author Hometown: Motley, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Minnesota's Lost Towns: Northern Edition, 9780878397639

History

Quarry Quest: The History of Stearns County Quarry Park and Nature Preserve

Mark K. Sakry

9780878397532

Paperback | \$19.95

112 pages | 10 x 7

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Quarry Quest is a look at the history of Stearns County Quarry Park and Nature Preserve from the perspective of one of the Stearns County commissioners that made the park possible. The book is filled with photos of the park, historic documents and articles from the St. Cloud Times. The book is intended to be a “coffee table” publication which one can enjoy simply looking at the many photos, but will contain enough historic narrative to attract the more serious reader. The newspaper articles included in the book will be large enough to read and will add a great deal to the publication.

Author Bio

Mark Sakry has served as Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Minnesota and KIDSTOP Program since 1993. Mark and his wife Diane have two children and two grandchildren. In addition to his work at the Club, Mark served in an elected capacity as a Stearns County Commissioner for twenty-two years, from 1989 to 2010, and prior to that as a District 742 School Board Member for three years. During his time as a County Commissioner, Sakry took a leading role in establishing Stearns County Quarry Park and Nature Preserve. He is known in Central Minnesota for community networking, collaborative programs and has served on many local boards and committees.

Author Hometown: Waite Park, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

History

The Royal Fjord: Memories of Jervis Inlet

Ray Phillips

9781550177084

Paperback | \$22.95

224 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

The most accessible and popular of British Columbia's great scenic fjords, Jervis Inlet punches 60 kilometres into the Coast Mountains a day's cruising north of Vancouver. It deserves to be called the "Royal Fjord" on two counts: the long zigzagging watercourse is comprised of four segments all with "royal" names—Prince of Wales Reach, Princess Royal Reach, Queen's Reach and Princess Louisa Inlet; and second, the inlet possesses a scenic majesty that has made it one of the prime boating destinations on the Inside Passage. Author Earle Stanley Gardner was so moved by the beauty of Jervis Inlet that he penned "There is no scenery in the world that can beat it. Not that I've seen the rest of the world. I don't need to."

Almost deserted now except for Young Life's Malibu Club youth summer camp, Jervis Inlet was once the home of large Sechelt Nation villages and later, of innumerable homesteads, logging camps and fishing communities, and even the occasional hangout of golden-age Hollywood stars. That colourful past comes to life again in this new book by Ray Phillips, who grew up in the area and descended from local pioneers.

Featuring original photos and the rough-hewn memories of some of those early inhabitants, along with personal accounts by the author and his father, *The Royal Fjord* makes fascinating reading and fills an important gap in the written history of the BC coast.

Author Bio

Ray Phillips is a former logger, school boat operator and fisherman. His mother was a member of the Klein family--the namesake of the community of Kleindale on the Sunshine Coast and the subject of his first book, *The Little Green Valley: The Kleindale Story* (Harbour Publishing, 2011), which received the BC Genealogical Society Family Book History Award for 2012. He lives in Pender Harbour, BC, with his wife Doris.

Author Hometown: Pender Harbour, BC, Canada

Previous Books

2010: *The Little Green Valley*, 9781550174830

Humor

Paint the Town Black

Arthur Black

9781550177015

Paperback | \$22.95

240 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Arthur Black's best lines are like a shot of whisky—sharp, invigorating and with a good kick. Following the success of his many previous titles, the multiple-award-winning humorist once again delivers “black-to-black” laughs with his latest collection, *Paint the Town Black*.

With his usual off-kilter perspective, Black tackles many of the pressing topics of the day, including some positive PR for the swastika, the sometimes fatal effects of poor penmanship and the burning question of whether one-time Thunder Bay mayor Walter “Jolly Wally” Assef really did pat the queen's bum. The answer: “Somebody must have tipped Prince Philip off about the mayor's meandering mitts because Phil watched Wally like a hawk. Wally's hands never got near the royal end zone.”

Many edifying historical facts are cunningly hidden among the laughs. For instance, how many Canadians remember Gerda Munsinger, the probable Soviet spy who got deported for sleeping her way through half of Diefenbaker's cabinet? And then there's Senator Incitatus, whose office was made of marble and who literally ate gold for lunch. Don't worry, this isn't one of Harper's recent appointees—Incitatus was a racehorse appointed to the Roman senate by his owner, Emperor Caligula. So settle into your favourite chair, pour yourself a shot of something strong and get ready to *Paint the Town Black*.

Author Bio

Arthur Black is one of Canada's best-known humorists, and one of only two living writers to have won the Stephen Leacock Memorial Medal for Humour three times. A former host of the CBC radio program, *Basic Black*, and the author of a syndicated newspaper column, Black is now permanently transplanted to Salt Spring Island, BC.

Author Hometown: Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada

Previous Books

2012: *Looking Blackward*, 9781550175905

2010: *A Chip Off the Old Black*, 9781550175103

Juvenile

The Adventures of Joe-Joe Nut and Biscuit Bill Case #4: The Parade of Heros

Renee Hand

Jake Karwoski (Illustrator)

9780878396696

Paperback | \$12.95

144 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Greek History abounds in this fourth adventure in the Joe-Joe Nut and Biscuit Bill award-winning mystery series. Joe-Joe and Biscuit are visiting Acorn Valley's Greek Festival when mysterious things begin happening. Greek hero balloons for the parade are stolen, as are other Greek related items throughout the town. With the parade being a day away, will Joe-Joe and Biscuit be able to make the connection between the items and solve the case before all events are cancelled? Educational fun is added to the back of the book that will enhance learning as readers dive into the world of a Greek mystery.

Author Bio

Renee Hand has over twenty-five years of writing experience with a dozen of published works and many accolades. She's a maverick in writing interactive mysteries taking the reader on a journey that is woven with just the right amount of mystery, history, and educational value. She provides the reader with a story that will change their lives and hearts forever.

Author Hometown: Byron, MI

Marketing Plan

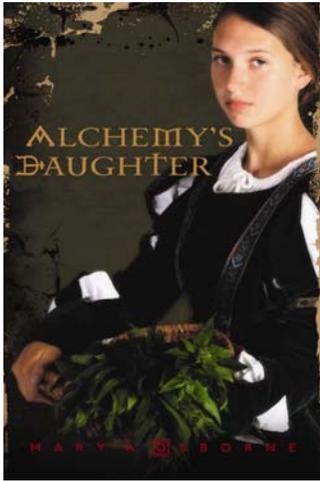
- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: The Crypto-Capers in the Mystery of the Circus for Hire,
9780878396115

2012: The Adventures of Joe-Joe Nut & Biscuit Bill Case #3: The
Secret of the Missing Arch, 9780878396108

Juvenile



Alchemy's Daughter

Mary A. Osborne

Rachael McHan (Illustrator)

9781936181179

Paperback | \$16.95

288 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: May 2015

Lake Street Press

Content

Santina Pietra is seventeen and in medieval San Gimignano, daughters of merchants are expected to marry. But Santina cares only for Calandrino, a brilliant young scholar who is preoccupied with his ancient alchemical texts. Soon Santina meets Trotula, the village midwife, who might or might not be a "strega," a witch. Trotula challenges her to forget Calandrino and become the woman she is meant to be. Some say she is a victim of the midwife's spell, but Santina is determined to follow in Trotula's footsteps even as calamities strike. The setting is 14th century Italy, yet in Santina contemporary readers will discover a strong-minded young woman whose search for meaning echoes their own.

Author Bio

Mary A. Osborne is the award-winning author of *Alchemy's Daughter* and *Nonna's Book of Mysteries*. An honors graduate of Rush University and Knox College, where she was mentored in the Creative Writing Program, Ms. Osborne has degrees in chemistry and nursing. Her freelance work has appeared in publications such as Hektoen International, NewCity, and Examiner.com. Ms. Osborne's novels were inspired by a trip to Florence, Italy, where she envisioned her young heroines slipping through the narrow, cobbled streets and ancient piazzas. Blending history, alchemy, adventure and romance, the author spins enchanting tales that appeal to adults as well as teens. Her first book, *Nonna's Book of Mysteries*, was a ForeWord Reviews 2010 Book of the Year winner and American Library Association Bloomer nominee. Her second book, *Alchemy's Daughter*, was awarded gold in the Literary Classics Youth Media Competition. Learn more about the author at www.MaryAOsborne.com. Learn more about alchemy at the author's alchemy website, www.MysticFiction.com

Author Hometown: Chicago, IL

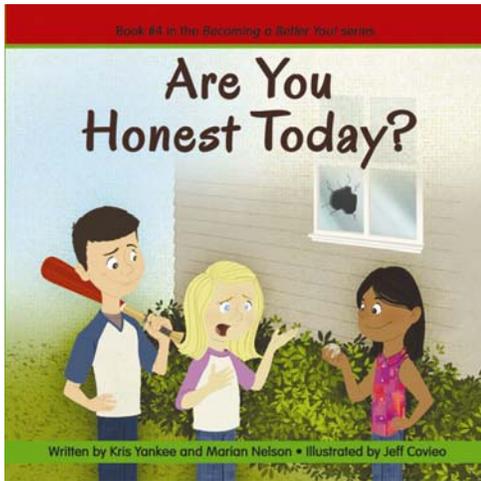
Marketing Plan

- Solicitation of reviews from local and national print media
- Solicitation of features and interviews from local and national print media and radio stations
- Six city book tour: Chicago, Milwaukee, Traverse City, Austin, San Francisco, Cleveland, and Hyannis, MA
- Book Events, Book Clubs, Book Contest
- Radio and TV outreach through the Radio-TV Interview report
- Bookstore and library outreach through IBPA Member Marketing Programs
- Select retail and trade advertising

Previous Books

2010: *Nonna's Book of Mysteries*, 9781936181162

Juvenile



Are You Honest Today?

Kris Yankee; Marian Nelson

9781938326271

Paperback | \$9.95

32 pages | 9 x 9

Publication Date: February 2015

Nelson Publishing & Marketing

Ferne Press

Content

What do you do if you find someone's wallet? Return it or take the money? An honest person would do the right thing. People who are honest are truthful toward others and themselves. Telling the truth is an important skill that should be developed in children but is applicable to all ages. This is the fourth book in the Becoming a Better You! series, which strives to highlight character traits that help readers reach their potential and make a positive impact in the world.

Author Bio

Kris Yankee is the co-founder of High 5 for Character, as well as an editor, writer, and mom. The values presented by High 5 for Character and this new series are those that she and her husband hope to instill in their two children. She is an award-winning author of several titles. Visit krisyankee.com or find Kris on Facebook and Twitter.

Author Hometown: Plymouth, MI

Marketing Plan

- Book Tour: Atlanta, Missouri, Wisconsin, Ohio, Vancouver, Michigan

Previous Books

2014: Are You Empathetic Today?, 9781938326264

2014: Are You Respectful Today?, 9781938326257

Juvenile

Autumn of Elves

Joanne Vruno

9780878397976

Paperback | \$14.95

192 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Panic fills everyone when Aly's ten year old sister, Emily, sees a troll. The shock of Emily also having magical powers gives way to the sisters sharing a world of intrigue. Aly becomes Emily's instructor and protector while they interact with many new creatures that fascinate, while others terrify the two sisters.

Author Bio

Joanne Vruno grew up in Maplewood, Minnesota, just houses away from Battle Creek Regional Park, where she spent most of her childhood days hiking, and exploring. Her love for nature and the wooded parkland bordering Battle Creek created the magic of the Elves series, just as her love for the lakes created her first novel, Loon Child.

Author Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Summer of Elves, 9780878397266

2012: Loon Child, 9780878395934

Juvenile



The Bicycle Fence: Recycling Creatively with L.T.

Tom Noll

Brandon Fall (Illustrator)

9781939377500

Hardcover | \$17.99

32 pages | 11.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: January 2014

Alberto Ucles

Content

Little Tommy is not so little any more. He has outgrown his shoes, clothes and bicycle all in one summer! L.T. (as he is now called) longs for a brand new bike, but when his father builds him one from recycled junkyard parts, L.T. is embarrassed to ride it to school. Can he come up with a creative idea that not only gives him a good-as-new bike, but also provides a new fence for his yard... and helps save the planet in the process? This delightful first book in Tom Noll's "Trash to Treasure" series, based on events from the author's own childhood, will inspire young readers to reinvent, re purpose, recreate, reuse and recycle in ways that are both practical and fun.

Author Bio

Tom is an artist, landscape designer, avid nature lover, recycler and advocate for going green; is a first time writer who lives in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Tom is originally from Somerset, Ohio. For the 15 years he lived in Manassas, Virginia, he was known for his imaginative white bicycle fence at his home, where he decorated them for major holidays.

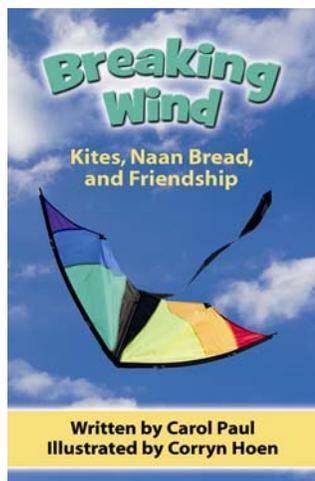
Brandon has always loved illustration and spent countless hours of his childhood getting lost in his drawings. He is now fortunate to make a living continuing to do what he loves from his home in California. Brandon's illustration and design work has appeared in a number of publications and has won awards. When he's not illustrating, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children in the beautiful outdoors.

Author Hometown: Washington D.C.

Marketing Plan

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- Developing primary school lesson plans & teacher guides.
- LT Book Donation Program

Juvenile



Breaking Wind: Kites, Naan Bread, and Friendship

Carol Paul

9781938326387

Paperback | \$8.95

120 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: January 2015

Nelson Publishing & Marketing

Ferne Press

Content

Brandon never thought that crashing his kite in the next-door neighbor's backyard would mean anything other than a broken kite. But boy, was he wrong! After Brandon meets the new neighbors, his world turns upside down as he tries to understand their different customs and their delicious naan bread. With a big kite competition looming, can the families' likenesses rather than differences help Brandon win?

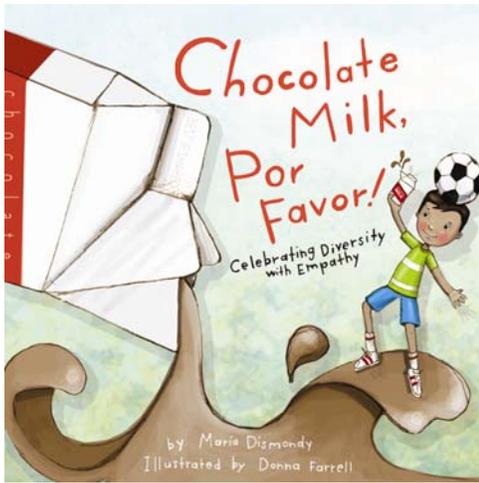
Author Bio

Carol Paul has been recognized as a leader in literacy in Michigan. She is a lifelong learner and has obtained several degrees. She has taught at a variety of levels from elementary to college. Carol lives in Flat Rock, Michigan with her family. She enjoys reading, writing, and is an avid literacy activist and presenter.

Marketing Plan

Book Tour: Michigan, Missouri, Georgia, Vancouver Wisconsin, Toronto

Juvenile



Chocolate Milk, Por Favor: Celebrating Diversity with Empathy

Maria Dismondy

Donna Farrell (Illustrator)

9780984855834

Paperback | \$10.95

32 pages | 9 x 9

Publication Date: April 2015

Maria Dismondy Inc

Content

Johnny is a big fan of school but that all changes when the new kid, Gabe arrives. Gabe doesn't speak any English, and that doesn't stop Johnny from going out of his way to be unkind. But what will Johnny do when Gabe starts to make new friends? Will he join in the fun of making a new friend or turn the other way? Johnny realizes a powerful message in this story where student differences are celebrated. Read to find out how chocolate milk plays a major role in the discovery of the real universal language.

Author Bio

Maria Dismondy is an award-winning author, specializing in books about challenges children face such as bullying. A topic close to her heart, Maria's own childhood experience inspired her first book, *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*. Five books later, Maria's dedication to empowering children with courage and confidence has reached new heights, touching the hearts and hands of children the world over. Grounded in her belief that all children deserve a voice, Maria's latest book, *Chocolate Milk, Por Favor*, drives home the important message of celebrating diversity, inclusion and empathy. As a sought-after speaker, Maria spreads her message by presenting at schools and conferences across the country. She holds degrees in education and child development. Maria lives in southeastern Michigan with her husband, Dave, and their three book-loving children.

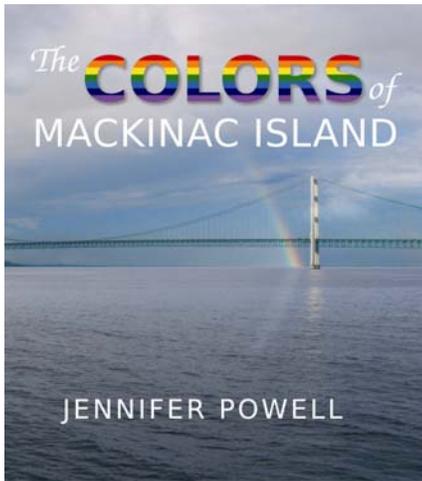
Author Hometown: Novi, MI

Previous Books

2008: *Spaghetti in a Hot Dog Bun*, 9780615473932

2013: *Spoonful of Sweetness*, 9780984855827

Juvenile



The Colors of Mackinac Island

Jennifer Powell

Jennifer Powell (Photographer)

9781933272498

Hardcover | \$10.95

32 pages | 7 x 8

Publication Date: February 2015

Thunder Bay Press

Content

The Colors of Mackinac Island takes readers on a photographic tour of Mackinac Island showing all the colors of the rainbow and more. See what colors you can find at the Round Island Lighthouse, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Bridge, Arch Rock, and Main Street. You'll also see horses, butterflies, bicycles, carriages, and fudge -- of course! The Colors of Mackinac Island is a great way to teach young readers the colors of the rainbow while sharing memories of the Island.

Author Bio

Jennifer Margaret Powell has a lifelong love of art, education, and the outdoors. She has worked, lived, and experienced Mackinac Island and the Straits of Mackinac most of her adult life. Jennifer has a BA in education from Michigan State University and an MA from Eastern Michigan University. This is her second Mackinac Island book. Jennifer lives in Mackinac County with her husband, two sons, and never enough pets. Her favorite color is blue.

Author Hometown: St Ignace, MI

Marketing Plan

- Author book signings
- Author presentations at schools
- Marketing to schools
- Michigan travel magazines
- Marketing through newspapers and radio
- Publisher website and social media

Previous Books

2013: What I Saw on Mackinac, 9781933272368

Juvenile

Detective Extraordinaire: A T.K. & Associates Mystery

Bill Kennedy

9780878398140

Paperback | \$12.95

176 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: June 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Maybe solving other animal's problems would help Tramp find his family. Maybe that was why he worked so hard at solving mysteries in his Minneapolis Kenwood neighborhood. His search for the truth introduces him to a mysterious man named Moriarity and a very smart crow named Corvus in this newest installment of the T.K. & Associates Mysteries.

Author Bio

Bill Kennedy started writing stories as a child. He received his MFA in creative writing for children and young adults at Hamline University in St. Paul. He now focuses his writing on intermediate-grade novels that feature Tramp, the world's best dog detective. Bill lives in North Dakota.

Author Hometown: Jamestown, ND

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: Tramp: A T.K. & Associates Mystery, 9780878397587

Juvenile

The Dragonfly Club

Mari Ringness

9780878397785

Paperback | \$12.95

224 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Grace is a shy, lonely fourth-grader. She watches the other girls from a distance and secretly wishes she were a part of their lives. Struggling with never knowing what to say or do when she is around the other neighborhood girls, Grace feels the sting of loneliness with each attempt she makes. Tillie has moved into her third foster home in nine months. Life has been hard, but Tillie refuses to let her circumstances bring her down. She sees meeting new friends wherever she goes as an adventure and challenge. When Grace and Tillie meet in a most haphazard way, they soon become friends and change each other's lives forever. One offers friendship, fun and adventures while the other demonstrates unconditional love and what it means to give unselfishly from the heart.

Author Bio

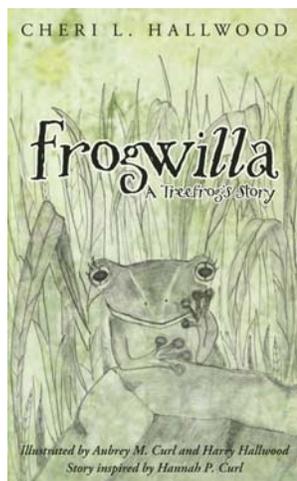
Mari Ringness is the author of *The Dragonfly Club* and *An Inconvenient Life*. She is also a freelance author writing for local magazines and newspapers in Minnesota. She is a high school counselor who has the ability to see life through children's eyes. Visit her website at www.mariringness.com

Author Hometown: Pine City, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Juvenile



Frogwilla: A Treefrog Story

Cheri Hallwood

9780977442270

Hardcover | \$15.95

128 pages | 5.25 x 8

Publication Date: February 2015

Forever Young Publishers

Content

When a midsummer storm floods the banks of a great pond, a young treefrog named Frogwilla finds herself separated from her mama and papa. With the help of a dragonfly called Sunshine and a turtle called Tucker, she embarks on a journey that teaches the true meaning of courage.

Author Bio

Cheri L. Hallwood had dreamed of writing for young children, since her children were toddlers. Now as the grandmother of 6 granddaughters, she takes great pleasure in bringing her dream to life. She credits her grandchildren for inspiring her to share her style of lyrical rhyme with others.

Author Hometown: Niles, MI

Marketing Plan

- Publisher Website
- Social Media
- Book Signings
- School Visits

Previous Books

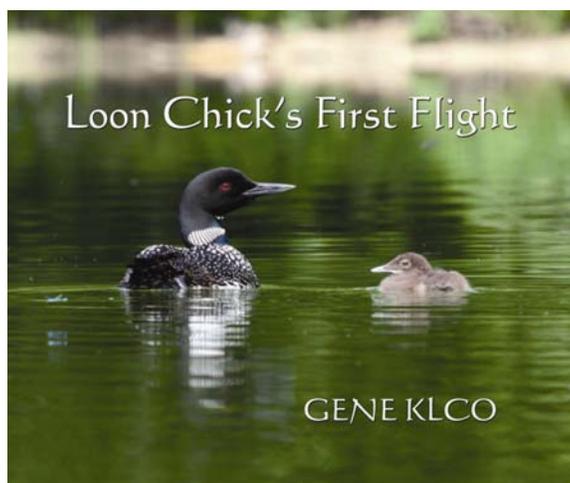
2006: Winter's First Snowflake, 9780977442201

2010: One Wish for Winifred Witch, 9780977442225

Previous Edition

10/15/14: 9780977442263 (paperback)

Juvenile



Loon Chick's First Flight

Gene Klco

Gene Klco (Photographer)

9781933272511

Hardcover | \$17.95

32 pages | 11 x 8.5

Publication Date: February 2015

Thunder Bay Press

Content

Through exquisite photography and a captivating story, join a loon family as they raise their loon chick through its first summer.

Author Bio

Gene Klco (pronounced Kelso) is a retired GM design manager. He has been taking photos since his college days in the late '60s. His excitement for loon photography began on July 4, 2007, when he was able to let the wind float his kayak into three loons on the lake. He took some interesting pictures as he didn't spook them with a lot of motion. That experience hooked him on loon photography, with most of his photos taken from a kayak. Many "looning" trips to lakes in northern Michigan and thousands of photos later, Gene decided to make a book from his photos -- the story of a loon chick growing up during the summer. Since the small lake their cottage is on doesn't have an island for loons to nest on, he made an Artificial Nesting Island (ANI) for them. It took four years before a pair of loons used it in 2013. This is the story of that loon family.

Author Hometown: East Lansing, MI

Marketing Plan

- Author signings and presentations
- Publisher website and social media

Juvenile

Orca Chief

Roy Henry Vickers & Robert Budd

Roy Henry Vickers (Illustrator)

9781550176933

Hardcover | \$19.95

40 pages | 12 x 8.25

Publication Date: April 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Orca Chief is the third in a series of Northwest Coast legends by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd. Their previous collaborations, *Raven Brings the Light* (2013) and *Cloudwalker* (2014), are award-winning national bestsellers. Thousands of years ago in the village of Kitkatla, four hunters leave home in the spring to harvest seaweed and sockeye. When they arrive at their fishing grounds, exhaustion makes them lazy and they throw their anchor overboard without care for the damage it might do to marine life or the sea floor.

When *Orca Chief* discovers what the hunters have done, he sends his most powerful orca warriors to bring the men and their boat to his house. The men beg forgiveness for their ignorance and lack of respect, and *Orca Chief* compassionately sends them out with his pod to show them how to sustainably harvest the ocean's resources. Accompanied by almost exclusively new illustrations by Roy Henry Vickers, this next installment of the Northwest Coast Legends will captivate readers young and old with its vivid imagery and remarkable storytelling.

Author Bio

Roy Henry Vickers is a renowned carver, painter and printmaker whose Eagle Aerie Gallery in Tofino, BC, has become a provincial landmark. In 1998, Roy was appointed to the Order of British Columbia and in 2006, the Order of Canada. He is the co-author of the immensely popular Northwest Coast Legends series and the author of several books that showcase his art, including *Storyteller* (Harbour Publishing, 2014). He currently lives in Hazelton, BC. Robert (Lucky) Budd holds an MA in history and has digitized many high-profile oral history collections including that of the Nisga'a First Nation. As well as co-authoring the Northwest Coast Legends series, he is the author of *Voices of British Columbia* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2010), a bestseller that was shortlisted for the 2011 Bill Duthie Booksellers' Choice Award, and its sequel, *Echoes of British Columbia* (Harbour Publishing, 2014). He currently lives in Victoria, BC.

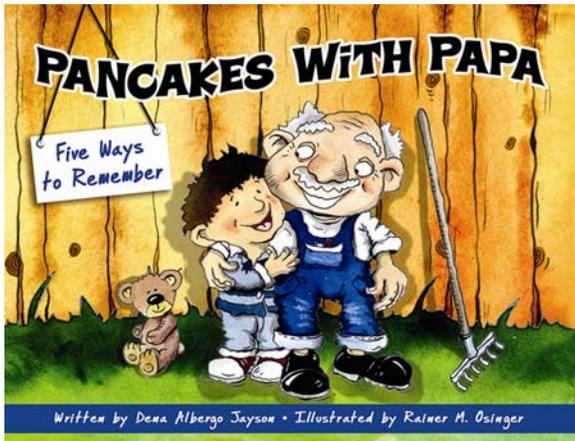
Author Hometown: Hazelton & Victoria, BC, Canada

Previous Books

2014: *Cloudwalker*, 9781550176193

2013: *Raven Brings the Light*, 9781550175936

Juvenile



Pancakes With Papa: Five Ways to Remember

Dena Albergo Jayson

9781938326400

Paperback | \$9.95

24 pages | 10.5 x 8

Publication Date: February 2015

Nelson Publishing & Marketing

Ferne Press

Content

Johnny's favorite thing to do is spend time with his papa. But Papa isn't here anymore. How is he going to remember him? Through charming illustrations and prose, *Pancakes with Papa* engages the five senses to help young Johnny remember important times with his papa.

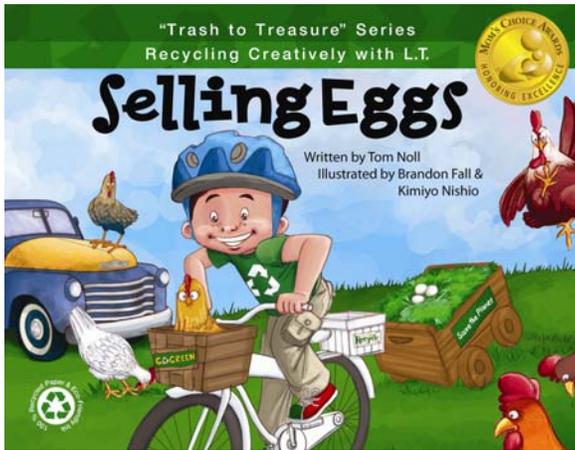
Author Bio

Dena Albergo Jayson is an elementary school principal with the Archdiocese of Detroit and has been working in preschool through eighth-grade schools for fourteen years. Prior to becoming a principal, she was a kindergarten teacher and an eighth-grade language arts teacher. She received her undergraduate degree in Elementary Education from Eastern Michigan University and her graduate degree in Education Administration from Madonna University. She resides in Livonia, Michigan, with her three children, Nico, Rylee, and Chloe. This is her first children's book. You can follow her blog, which has helpful advice for parents raising children, at www.pancakesforparents.blogspot.com.

Marketing Plan

Book Tour: Atlanta, Missouri, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, Vancouver

Juvenile



Selling Eggs: Recycling Creatively with L.T.

Tom Noll

Brandon Fall (Illustrator)

9781939377586

Hardcover | \$17.99

Publication Date: March 2015

Alberto Ucles

Content

L.T. is excited about the chickens his family has ordered for him to raise. He can't wait to start selling eggs for pocket money! But when twelve fuzzy yellow and extremely noisy chicks arrive, it's clear that any pocket money will have to wait. Can L.T. use his creative recycling ideas to house and care for the chicks, and when the time comes, transport their eggs to town?

This charming new tale in Tom Noll's "Trash to Treasure" series, based on events from the author's own childhood, will inspire young readers to reinvent, repurpose, recreate, reuse and recycle in ways that are both practical and fun.

Author Bio

Tom is an artist, landscape designer, avid nature lover, recycler and advocate for going green; is a first time writer who lives in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. Tom is originally from Somerset, Ohio. For the 15 years he lived in Manassas, Virginia, he was known for his imaginative white bicycle fence at his home, where he decorated them for major holidays. www.LTsRecyclingWorld.com

Brandon has always loved illustration and spent countless hours of his childhood getting lost in his drawings. He is now fortunate to make a living continuing to do what he loves from his home in California. Brandon's illustration and design work has appeared in a number of publications and has won awards. When he's not illustrating, he enjoys spending time with his wife and children in the beautiful outdoors.

Author Hometown: Washington D.C.

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- LT Book Donation Program

Previous Books

2014: *The Bicycle Fence*, 9781939377500

Juvenile

Wilder's Ghosts

Diane Bradley

9780878397860

Paperback | \$12.95

192 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Mysterious lights are appearing on Rainy Lake. When Henry, Dylan, Arla, and Rika hear that ghosts are visiting the lake, they laugh it off. But as they kayak back over the route where Arla's parents disappeared ten years before, they find themselves stranded on an island, haunted by a real ghost, who doesn't want them to leave . . . ever.

Author Bio

Diane Bradley grew up in the northern woods on a farm by Two Harbors, Minnesota. A lot of her childhood was spent fishing, horseback riding, and tromping through the woods. She received degrees from the University of Minnesota and Indiana University South Bend and retired from teaching to write children's books. Diane now lives in the woods not so far north in Michiana along with her husband and two rescue dogs, Freya and Odin. She still loves to fish and has added kayaking on Rainy Lake to her list of favorite things. Visit her at dianebradleywriter.com.

Author Hometown: Granger, IN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: *Wilder's Foe*, 9780878397600

2013: *Wilder's Edge*, 9780878396818

Juvenile

Winter of Elves

Joanne Vruno

9780878398027

Paperback | \$14.95

192 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Aly's strength as a guardian grows as she becomes closer to her band of light elves thanks to the lead elves, Agda and Beck. What becomes a challenge to both sisters is keeping Emily's new powers in control so their parents do not discover them. Thankfully, Emily masters controlling her powers right when Aly and their grandmother discover their villages are in danger.

Author Bio

Joanne Vruno grew up in Maplewood, Minnesota, just houses away from Battle Creek Regional Park, where she spent most of her childhood days hiking, and exploring. Her love for nature and the wooded parkland bordering Battle Creek created the magic of the Elves series, just as her love for the lakes created her first novel, Loon Child.

Author Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2015: Autumn of Elves, 9780878397976

2014: Summer of Elves, 9780878397266

Nature

A Field Guide to Common Fish of the Pacific Northwest

Andy Lamb, Bernard P. Hanby and Phil Edgell

9781550177121

Folded | \$7.95

37 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

The waters of the Pacific Northwest are home to some of the most unique and diverse marine creatures in the world, including rockfishes, greenlings and, of course, salmon. This full-colour brochure is packed with information on seventy-eight “must-have” common fishes of the Pacific Northwest. *A Field Guide to Common Fish of the Pacific Northwest* provides a succinct rundown on a huge variety of our fishy neighbours, and is an ideal guide for fishermen, divers and anyone interested in the marine life that fills our surrounding waters.

Author Bio

Andy Lamb is a marine naturalist who has worked for both the Vancouver Aquarium and Fisheries and Oceans Canada. He lives on Thetis Island, BC.

Bernard P. Hanby is an avid photographer, scuba diver and recipient of the 2003 Davidson Award for Conservation and Education. He lives in West Vancouver, BC.

Phil Edgell has worked as a fish culturist with Fisheries and Oceans Canada at the Robertson Creek Hatchery on Vancouver Island. He lives in Nanaimo, BC.

Author Hometown: British Columbia, Canada

Nature

A Field Guide to Foraging for Wild Greens and Flowers

Michelle Nelson

Alison Page (Photographer)

9781550176872

Folded | \$7.95

37 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

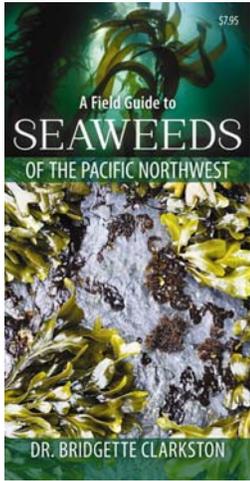
Content

A Field Guide to Foraging for Wild Greens and Flowers pinpoints easy-to-find greens and flowers that many don't realize are edible—such as dandelion, clover, chicory, sheep's sorrel and lamb's quarters—and also introduces readers to the delicious leaves of such native plants as miner's lettuce, goldenrod and fireweed. And readers can also eat their way to conservation by enjoying edible invasive plants in salads, like garlic mustard, yellow rocket and oxeye daisy. A lightweight pamphlet that will easily fit into a purse or back pocket, this laminated guide will turn every walk from the bus stop, backyard ramble or stroll around the neighbourhood into a fun foraging expedition.

Author Bio

Michelle Nelson has completed a Ph.D. in conservation biology and writes about food and conservation for magazines and newspapers. She lives on Bowen Island, BC. Alison Page is a freelance stylist and photographer who earned a master's degree photo-documenting marine snails. She lives in Vancouver, BC.

Author Hometown: British Columbia, Canada



A Field Guide to Seaweeds of the Pacific Northwest

Bridgette Clarkston

9781550177039

Folded | \$7.95

37 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Rich in nutrients, used in products from cosmetics to explosives to fertilizers, and vital to our coastal marine ecosystems, seaweeds can be found on any rocky shore or beach in the Pacific Northwest. The pocket-sized Field Guide to Seaweeds of the Pacific Northwest is packed with full-colour photos and information on a select variety of the most important and interesting seaweeds commonly encountered on the West Coast. Whether you want to identify seaweeds, better understand their role in the ocean, forage for food, collect for art or you're just plain curious as you poke around the seashore, this educational guide is your ultimate source for casual phycolgical fun.

Author Bio

Bridgette Clarkston is a seaweed biologist, science educator and avid photographer with over nine years of teaching and outreach experience. She has worked with initiatives such as Let's Talk Science and the Beaty Biodiversity Museum, as well as the Carl Wieman Science Education Initiative at the University of British Columbia. Clarkston also led a "Seaweeds of the West Coast" field course in Tofino, and has discovered several new species of red seaweed, including one she named *Euthora timburtonii*.

Nature

Glimpses of Wilderness

Kevin Proescholdt

9780878398119

Paperback | \$16.95

240 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Glimpses of Wilderness shares the author's insights into the nature and value of wilderness areas. Set in Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, each of the thirty essays describes an adventure drawn from the author's wealth of experiences in the area, and the glimpse into the character of wilderness that it provides. Though set in Minnesota's canoe country wilderness, the perceptions and insights offered in Glimpses of Wilderness also pertain to all wildernesses across the country.

Author Bio

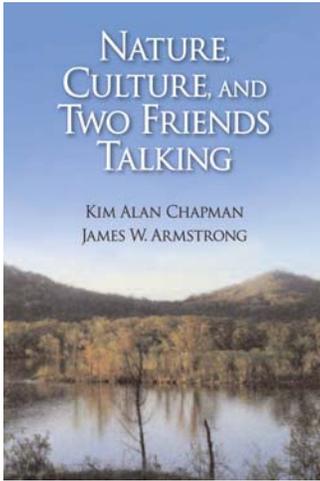
Kevin Proescholdt has worked to protect Minnesota's Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) and other wild places for nearly forty years. A former wilderness guide in the BWCAW, he has written widely about wilderness and wilderness conservation. He helped pass the 1978 BWCAW Act through Congress, the struggle about which he wrote in the 1995 book, *Troubled Waters: The Fight for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness*. Today he works as the conservation director for Wilderness Watch, a national wilderness conservation organization.

Author Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Nature



Nature, Culture, and Two Friends Talking, 1985 to 2013

Kim Alan Chapman; James W. Armstrong

9780878397327

Paperback | \$16.95

272 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

This book is in part the story of a friendship over thirty years centering on love of nature and two men's quests to understand how to save what they love. At turns literary and scholarly, these essays, poems and public presentations also document not only the evolution of their ideas and expressions of this love, but reflect American culture's own dialogue about nature and conservation. In heartfelt prose and vivid language, these two friends give back to us some thirty years of the environmental conservation in America.

Author Bio

Kim Chapman has been working in conservation biology for over thirty years; he is currently a consulting ecologist with Applied Ecological Services. He has worked on hundreds of projects in the Midwest that try to find the balance between conservation and development. He is the co-author and editor of *Valley of Grass* (North Star Press). James Armstrong has been writing about nature and culture for thirty years. He is the author of two books of poetry, *Monument in a Summer Hat* (New Issues Press) and *Blue Lash* (Milkweed Press). He teaches poetry, film, and literature of the environment in the English Department at Winona State University.

Marketing Plan

- Publisher website
- Social Media
- Author talks/book signings

Previous Books

1998: *Valley of Grass*, 9780878391271

1999: *Monument in a Summer Hat*, 9780932826787

Photography

Hello, Little One

Doug Wood

Katharina Wood (Photographer)

9780878398126

Paperback | \$14.95

48 pages | 10 x 7

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

On the day best-selling author Douglas Wood's first grandchild was born, he wanted to offer a heartfelt welcome. That welcome—wise and warm and timeless—moving from “the silver hems of the clouds” to the “treasures of the soul,” is presented here as a gift of the heart to any Little One newly arrived in the world, and to the family who loves them. These are words to be kept and returned to again and again, treasured for a lifetime, and are stunningly paired with the images of gifted photographer Katharina Wood, Douglas's own daughter-in-law.

Author Bio

Douglas Wood is the author of the classics *Old Turtle*, *Grandad's Prayers of the Earth*, and *Fawn Island*. Among his many literary honors are the Christopher Medal, International Reading Association Book of the Year, and the American Booksellers ABBY Award.

Author Hometown: Sartell, MN

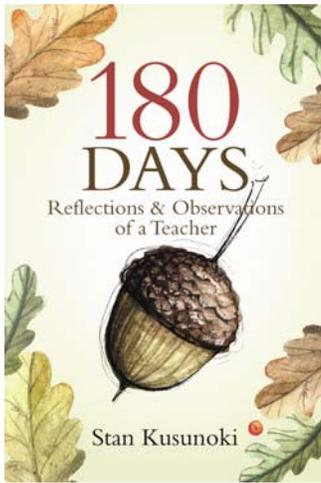
Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: *Breathe the Wind, Drink the Rain*, 9780878397099

Poetry



180 Days: Reflections and Observations of a Teacher

Stan Kusunoki

9780878397907

Paperback | \$14.95

128 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

180 Days: Reflections and Observations of a Teacher is a collection of poems from several different facets of being a teacher: first as a teacher and observer of the profession and students; as a continuing learner with students at the Young Authors Conference; as school documentarian and historian; and as a mentor, highlighting the work of his students. The book takes the reader from schools in the heart of the inner city to the suburbs—from the classroom to subbing for Special Ed.—reflecting the variety of challenges and joys that make up a teacher's day.

Author Bio

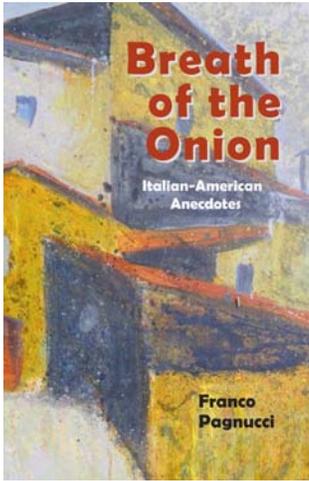
Stan Kusunoki is a High Potential teacher in Shakopee, MN. As a poet, he has taught workshops for children at The Loft, S.A.S.E., The Write Place, and through programs of the Perpich Center for Arts in Education. He was awarded a Minnesota State Arts Board "Cultural Collaborations" grant to write and perform "Berengia, the Land Bridge Project" with performance poet Jamison Mahto. His poetry has been published in *Artword Quarterly*, *Spout Press*, *Colors Magazine* and other anthologies. This is his first collection of poems.

Author Hometown: St. Paul, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Poetry



Breath of the Onion: Italian-American Anecdotes

Franco Pagnucci

9780878397914

Paperback | \$12.95

128 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Breath of the Onion: Italian-American Anecdotes is a three-part collection of forty-eight prose pieces and a few old, family recipes. A handful of Italian characters, some of whom immigrate to Illinois, are celebrated. The story begins in a twelfth century Tuscan mountain village in the 1940s. Part two covers the narrator's short visit to Italy after forty years and the changes he finds, even in that ancient and isolated mountain village. Part three is about life in the suburbs west of Chicago and about the pressures the new world imposes on an ethnic culture. Language, customs, and values are affected and modified, often with humor and a new understanding.

Author Bio

Franco Pagnucci, Emeritus Professor of English at UW-P, has published storytelling books for teachers and students and four volumes of poetry: a chapbook *Imprints of Your Tires on Damp Sand* (2012); *Ancient Move* (1998); *I Never Had a Pet* (1992); *Out Harmsen's Way* (1991); as well as two poetry anthologies: *New Roads Old Towns* (1988) and *Face the Poem* (1979). His essays have appeared in such publications as *The Christian Science Monitor* and *Commonweal*. Poems of his have been published in many periodicals and anthologies, including: *News of the Universe*, *American Voices*, and *the Best American Poetry*, 1999. He and Susan Pagnucci, a paper artist, live in the lake country of northern Wisconsin, where they work on handmade poetry books.

Author Hometown: Barnes, WI

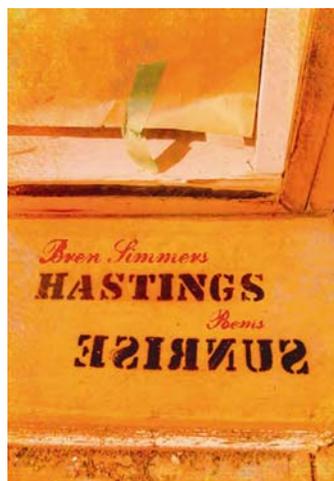
Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2014: *Tracks on Damp Sand*, 9780878397563

Poetry



Hastings-Sunrise

Bren Simmers

9780889713109

Paperback | \$18.95

96 pages | 5.5 x 8

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Nightwood Editions

Content

Hastings–Sunrise is a love letter to a fleeting place and time. Bren Simmers’s second collection captures her old East Vancouver neighbourhood in the midst of upheaval. As it is colonized by tides of matching plaid and diners serving pulled-pork pancakes, condo developments replace the small businesses and cheap rentals that once gave the area its charm.

Much like opening a set of nesting dolls, leafing through the collection exposes further layers of depth and intimacy. Within the context of cultural change, Simmers explores the meaning to be found in everyday things: the making of a home, the life built from daily routines. At the same time, she reveals the dissonance that can occur between personal and large-scale change: “Twitter feed of melting sea ice, / colony collapse / while we picnic under pink ribbons, / kiss again like we mean it.”

Throughout the collection, the poet’s eye unfailingly lights on the perfect details to evoke a scene: “On Mr. Donair’s spit, / the earth rotates. Papal smoke emits / from Polonia Sausage, semis shunt / downtown.” Visual poems forming maps of Christmas lights and autumn colours further bring the Hastings–Sunrise neighbourhood to life, illustrating the interweaving of human and natural spaces and locating “home” in between.

Like a tree clothed in multicoloured yarn or a miniature house filled with free books, Hastings–Sunrise is a gift to readers, beautiful in its simplicity.

Author Bio

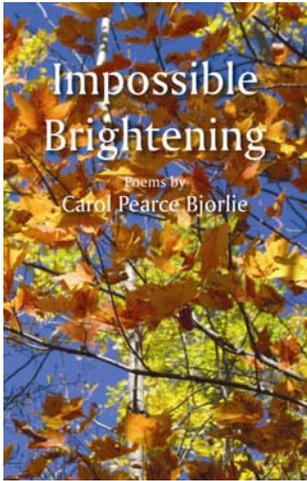
Bren Simmers is the author of one previous book of poetry, *Night Gears* (Wolsak and Wynn, 2010). She is the winner of an Arc Poetry Magazine Poem of the Year Award, was a finalist for The Malahat Review's Long Poem Prize and has been twice longlisted for the CBC Poetry Prize. Her work has been anthologized in *Alive at the Center: Contemporary Poems from the Pacific Northwest* (Ooligan, 2013). She currently lives in Squamish, BC.

Author Hometown: Squamish, BC, Canada

Previous Books

2010: *Night Gears*, 9781894987493

Poetry



Impossible Brightening

Carol Bjorlie

9780878397846

Paperback | \$12.95

80 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Impossible Brightening is a lyrical collection of clouds, prairies, mountains, winter, and music. Words adjusted themselves into haiku, sestina, rhyme, meter, and free verse. This collection of poetry by Carol Pearce Bjorlie is sure to delight the senses of all readers.

Author Hometown: Asheville, NC

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Poetry

That Turned Ugly Fast

Mark Berriman

9780878398157

Paperback | \$12.95

96 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

In this, Berriman's fourth collection, he continues to fight for the underdog. Pulling no punches, Berriman's words can be both inspiring and jaw-dropping.

Author Bio

Mark Berriman is the publisher of the Stillwater Gazette. He has called the Twin Cities home for the past fifteen years. He is an author, poet, artist, columnist, and community leader. His work has appeared in the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Star Tribune and numerous regional and national periodicals. His artwork has been featured in galleries throughout the Twin Cities.

Author Hometown: Mahtomedi, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: Kink in the Chain, 9780878396689

2012: Brutally Frank, 9780878395835

Poetry

Thunderbird Poems

Armand Garnet Ruffo

9781550177060

Paperback | \$18.95

80 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Norval Morriseau's revered work has been honoured, copied and recognized throughout the art world and beyond. Less widely known but equally captivating is the artist's personal life story, which poet and biographer Armand Garnet Ruffo related in his powerful narrative biography, *Norval Morriseau: Man Changing into Thunderbird* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2014). Ruffo immersed himself in the life and work of the artist, gaining insight into the struggles and sources of inspiration underlying Morriseau's greatest works through research and interviews with the artist himself—a connection further strengthened by their shared Ojibway heritage.

His lengthy study of Morriseau inspired Ruffo to write poems reflecting on both the works of art and the emotional context in which Morriseau painted them. *Thunderbird Poems* complements the highly evocative and poetic biography, delving into Morriseau's creative life through compressed, imagistic language, while untangling the complex and powerful threads of meaning, tradition and emotional power that resonate throughout Morriseau's strong lines and vibrant colours.

Significant themes in Morriseau's work are mirrored in *Thunderbird Poems*: Ojibway legends, Morriseau's conflicted religious beliefs, political tensions between white and aboriginal Canadians. Significant moments in Morriseau's life are also traced along with the development of his artistic career. Deeply immersed in Morriseau's life story, and possessing thorough knowledge of the Ojibway storytelling traditions which grounded so much of the artist's beliefs and creativity, Ruffo provides fresh poetic interpretations of the most renowned and striking works of one of Canada's most celebrated painters.

Author Bio

Armand Garnet Ruffo is the author of the biography *Norval Morriseau: Man Changing into Thunderbird* (Douglas & McIntyre, 2014) and three books of poetry: *Opening In The Sky* (Theytus Books, 1994), *Grey Owl: The Mystery of Archie Belaney* (Coteau Books, 1997) and *At Geronimo's Grave* (Coteau Books, 2001). In addition to writing an awardwinning film, *A Windigo Tale* (2010), he has also edited and co-edited *(Ad)Dressing Our Words: Aboriginal Perspectives on Aboriginal Literatures* (Theytus Books, 2001) and *An Anthology of Canadian Native Literature in English* (Oxford University Press, 2013). He is an associate professor in the Department of English Language and Literature at Queen's University and lives in Kingston, Ontario.

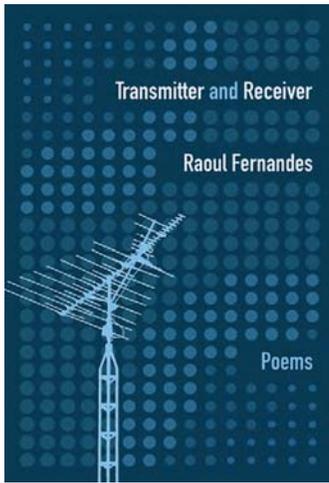
Author Hometown: Kingston, ON, Canada

Previous Books

1997: *Grey Owl*, 9781550501094

2001: *At Geronimo's Grave*, 9781550501766

Poetry



Transmitter and Receiver

Raoul Fernandes

9780889713093

Paperback | \$18.95

80 pages | 5.5 x 8

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Nightwood Editions

Content

Debut talent Raoul Fernandes's first offering is *Transmitter and Receiver*, a masterful and carefully depicted exploration of one's relationships with oneself, friends, memories, strangers and technology.

The four parts of this collection are variations building on a theme—at times lonely, sometimes adoring, but always honest. Wider areas of contemplation—the difficulty of communication, the ever-changing symbolism of language and the nature of human interaction in the age of machines—are explored through colloquial scenes of the everyday: someone eats a burger in a car parked by the river (“Grand Theft Auto: Dead Pixels”), a song plays on the radio as a man contemplates suicide (“Car Game”), and a janitor works silently once everyone else has gone (“After Hours at the Centre For Dialogue”).

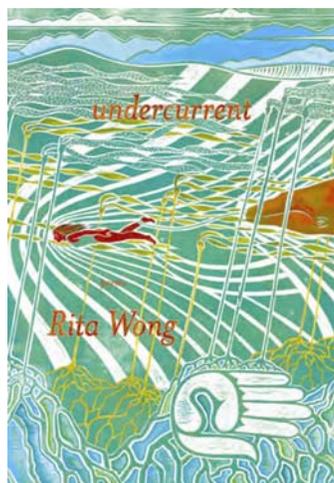
Forthright and effortlessly lyrical, Fernandes builds each poem out of candor and insight, an addictive mix that reads like a favourite story and glitters with concealed meaning. Rather than drawing lines between isolation and connection, past and present, metaphor and reality, *Transmitter and Receiver* offers loneliness and longing hand-in-hand with affection and understanding: “The last assembly instruction is always you reading this. A machine / that rarely functions, but could never without you.”

Author Bio

Raoul Fernandes has been writing poetry since childhood, and is involved in both online and offline writing communities. He completed the Writer's Studio at Simon Fraser University in 2009. He was a finalist for the 2010 Bronwen Wallace Award for Emerging Writers, and winner of the 2010 Sakura Award at the Vancouver International Cherry Blossom Festival. His poem "After Lydia" was recently adapted into a short film. He lives and writes in Vancouver, BC.

Author Hometown: Vancouver, BC, Canada

Poetry



Undercurrent

Rita Wong

Mizu (Illustrator)

9780889713086

Paperback | \$18.95

96 pages | 5.5 x 8

Publication Date: April 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Nightwood Editions

Content

The water belongs to itself. *undercurrent* reflects on the power and sacredness of water—largely underappreciated by the human race—whether it be in the form of ocean currents, the headwaters of the Fraser River or fluids in the womb. Exploring a variety of poetic forms, anecdote, allusion and visual elements, this collection reminds humanity that we are water bodies, and we need and deserve better ways of honouring this.

Poet Rita Wong approaches water through personal, cultural and political lenses. She humbles herself to water both physically and spiritually: “i will apprentice myself to creeks & tributaries, groundwater & glaciers / listen for the salty pulse within, the blood that recognizes marine ancestry.” She witnesses the contamination of First Nations homelands and sites, such as Gregoire Lake near Fort McMurray, AB: “though you look placid, peaceful dibenzothiophenes / you hold bitter, bitumized depths.” Wong points out that though capitalism and industry are supposed to improve our quality of life, they’re destroying the very things that give us life in the first place. Listening to and learning from water is key to a future of peace and creative potential.

undercurrent emerges from the Downstream project, a multifaceted, creative collaboration that highlights the importance of art in understanding and addressing the cultural and political issues related to water. The project encourages public imagination to respect and value water, ecology and sustainability. Visit downstream.ecuad.ca.

Author Bio

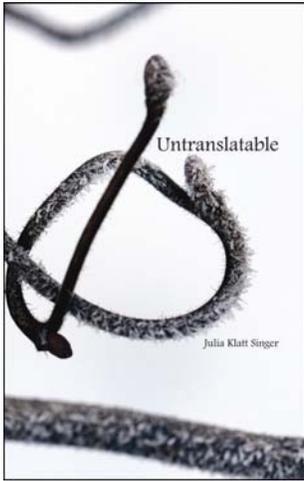
Rita Wong is the author of three books of poetry: *monkeypuzzle* (Press Gang, 1998), *forage* (Nightwood Editions, 2007) and *sybil unrest* (Line Books, 2008, with Larissa Lai). *forage* was the winner of the 2008 Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize and Canada Reads Poetry 2011. Wong is an associate professor in the Critical and Cultural Studies department at the Emily Carr University of Art and Design on the unceded Coast Salish territories also known as Vancouver.

Previous Books

2013: *Sybil Unrest* (2nd Ed.), 9781554200696

2007: *forage*, 9780889712133

Poetry



Untranslatable

Julia Klatt Singer

9780878397891

Paperback | \$14.95

96 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Untranslatable is a book-length collection of poems that all start from an untranslatable word—a word found in other languages that we do not have in English. The poems written from the words capture how this word is or can be lived, defined from a natural and imaginative world perspective. “Lovers of language take delight in those wonderful words which refuse to succumb to literal translation. Untranslatable captures the imaginative essence of these words and our underlying sense that, after all, nothing slips our understanding.” –Marcia Peck, writer and cellist in the Minnesota Orchestra

Author Bio

Julia Klatt Singer writes short stories and poems, works as a visiting writer to the school through COMPAS, and is the poet in residence at Grace Neighborhood Nursery School. Her stories and poems have appeared in over four dozen journals and magazines, including the St. Paul Almanac, The Opposite of Cold, and Poetry East. She the author of *A Tangled Path to Heaven*, North Star Press, 2013, a co-author of *Twelve Branches: Stories from St. Paul*, Coffee House Press, 2003, and has a chapbook, *In the Dreamed of Places*, available through Naissance Press, 2011. She has co-written five songs with composer Tim Tekach, four of which were commissioned by the American Composers Forum. Ms. Singer lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Author Hometown: Minneapolis, MN

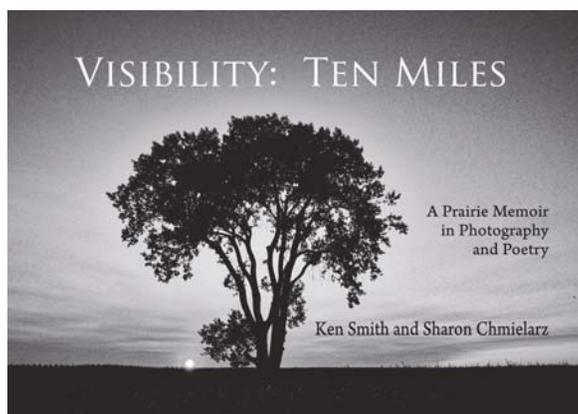
Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: *A Tangled Path to Heaven*, 9780878396542

Poetry



Visibility: Ten Miles

Sharon Chmielarz

Ken Smith (Photographer)

9780878397884

Paperback | \$16.95

96 pages | 10 x 7

Publication Date: March 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Visibility: Ten Miles is a collaboration of poetry and photography between Sharon Chmielarz, poet, and Ken Smith, photographer. Both are well acquainted with the prairie; hence these photos and poems include not only grasslands but also the unusual only insiders have seen. These images come from two angles, what the eye sees and what the heart responds to. The title suggests the ability on the prairie to see in distances of miles, not of city blocks or minutes. Here it can suggest something more lies ahead which is unseen. And that is what this book brings to the reader—what might be unseen or unremembered or not yet imagined to the eye.

Author Bio

Sharon Chmielarz has had seven books of poetry published including *Love from the Yellowstone Trail and Calling*, a finalist for the Indie Book Awards, 2011. She's had poems published in magazines like *Notre Dame Review*, *The Iowa Review*, *Salmagundi*, *North American Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, and *The Hudson Review*. Her latest award is *Water~Stone Review's* 2012 Jane Kenyon Prize.

Author Hometown: Sharon: Brooklyn Park, MN. Ken: Elendale, ND.

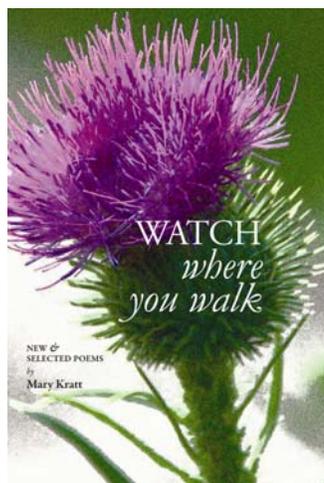
Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Previous Books

2013: *Love from the Yellowstone Trail*, 9780878396870

Poetry



Watch Where You Walk

Mary Kratt

9780989788564

Paperback | \$16.95

128 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: April 2015

Lorimer Press

Content

Advance praise for *Watch Where You Walk*:

“*Watch Where You Walk* is not only Mary Kratt’s most important book of poems, but it is a book of signal interest to all of us who read and write poetry. It is the story of a family’s journey from the hills of West Virginia to the Tidewater and finally to the Piedmont of North Carolina. When we finish this book, we know ourselves and our world better. It is a beautifully crafted new book, where the new poems and the older poems interact and play against each other to create a world that did not exist before, complete in itself.”

—Tony Abbott, author of *Angel Dialogues* and *The Girl in the Yellow Raincoat*

Author Bio

Mary Kratt, a native of West Virginia, has lived most of her life in Charlotte, North Carolina. Her poems have appeared in numerous literary magazines and anthologies. She is a winner of the Brockman-Campbell Poetry Book Award, Oscar Arnold Young Poetry Book Award, Peace History Book Prize, St. Andrews Writer in Community Award, and the Irene Blair Honeycutt Legacy Award. Her nonfiction books feature the Piedmont region of the Carolinas. She taught English and American Studies at UNC-Charlotte and currently lives in Charlotte with her husband Jim.

Political Science and Government Affairs

A Better Place on Earth: Among the Haves and Have Nots in Super Unequal British Columbia

Andrew MacLeod

9781550177046

Paperback | \$22.95

256 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: April 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

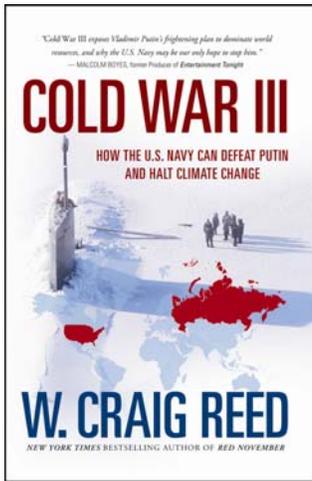
In British Columbia, like most of the world, the wealth of the richest one percent has grown exponentially in recent decades, while the majority have found their incomes stagnant or even declining. The top 10 percent in BC now hold 56.2 percent of the wealth, a greater share than anywhere else in Canada. Our richest have wealth counted in the billions while the poorest sleep in downtown doorways, or have to choose between medicine and food. Those in the middle report working harder without getting ahead and many British Columbians owe more than they own. To illustrate the wide-ranging ramifications of inequality, MacLeod interviews economists, politicians, policy-makers and activists, as well as those living on the edge: a single parent whose child support payments are clawed back by the government; a 25-year-old struggling to live on disability payments who won't share his identity for fear of repercussions from the system; a security guard who wasn't given bathroom breaks, didn't drink water at work and eventually had to have a kidney removed as a result of severe dehydration. Some assume that such disparity is inevitable even in BC, a wealthy province lauded by the government as "The Best Place on Earth." However, MacLeod deftly argues that British Columbians are living with the consequences of short-sighted public policies, and adjusting those policies can achieve a different set of results. Informative, well-researched, cautionary and hopeful, *A Better Place on Earth* provides an in-depth look at inequality and suggests what British Columbians can do to make sure everyone's basic needs are met, pull back stratospheric incomes and create a fairer society.

Author Bio

Andrew MacLeod is the Legislative Bureau Chief for TheTyee.ca website. His work has been referred to in the BC legislature, Canadian House of Commons and senate. He won a 2006 Association of Alternative Newsweeklies award for news writing and was a finalist for a 2007 Western Magazine Award for best article in BC and the Yukon. His reporting has appeared in Monday Magazine, the Georgia Straight, BC Business, 24 Hours, the San Francisco Bay Guardian, Detroit's MetroTimes, Portland's Willamette Week and elsewhere. Andrew lives with his family in Victoria, BC.

Author Hometown: Victoria, BC, Canada

Political Science and Government Affairs



Cold War III: How the US Navy can Defeat Putin and Halt Climate Change

W. Craig Reed

9780990893011

Paperback | \$14.99

230 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: March 2015

RCG Publishing

Content

Human population is skyrocketing, natural resources are dwindling, Russian aggressions are escalating, and Arctic climate changes are forging a new Cold War battleground that's about to turn hot. These alarming world events have converged to create a "perfect storm" that's thrusting the world toward unprecedented economic chaos and global conflict.

In *Cold War III*, W. Craig Reed exposes Russian President Vladimir Putin's plan to dominate world resources, especially in the Arctic, and why the invasion of Ukraine is only the beginning. Reed also reveals details about a scientific breakthrough by the U.S. Navy that could defeat Putin, create jobs, and mitigate climate change. But unless world leaders act now, Putin's plan could plunge the free world into a nightmare scenario of poverty, despair, and chaos not seen since the Great Depression.

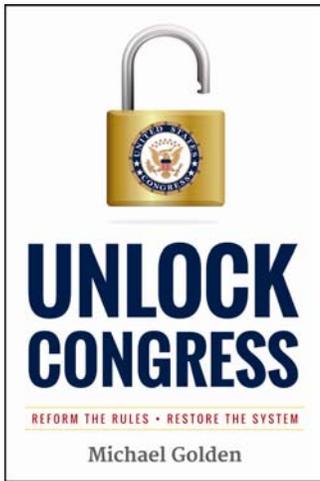
Reed's previous non-fiction book, *Red November*, exposed shocking details about a top secret U.S. Navy technology, deployed worldwide by Reed's father, that allowed President John F. Kennedy to avoid World War III and trump Soviet President Nikita Khrushchev during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Reed's frightening revelations in *Cold War III* remind us that the world's superpowers are still bitter enemies, and the third Cold War is heating up rapidly deep beneath the Arctic ice.

Previous Books

2011: *Red November*, 9780061806773

2012: *The Eagle and the Snake*, 9781626814196

Political Science and Government Affairs



Unlock Congress: Reform the Rules ~ Restore the System

Michael Golden

9780984991983

Hardcover | \$23.95

350 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: April 2015

Why Not Books

Content

The American people are disgusted with the U.S. Congress. In 2014, public approval of the "first branch" of government reached a forty-year low, its popularity ranking well below Nixon during the Watergate years and BP during the oil spill. Congress is producing legislation at a historically anemic rate, while many of the nation's most immediate problems fester. Those are the facts. The fiction? The notion that we can't do anything about it. Two-and-a-quarter centuries ago, the U.S. Constitution assigned various powers and obligations to our legislative branch a written warranty calling on our elected representatives to "promote the general welfare." But failures in recent years reveal a profound truth: Congress is in breach of contract. More than ineffective, the legislative process has become defective. And to a great degree, it is the congressional system that is driving the problem, not just the people and parties who are stymied by it. It is time to stop labeling them all "fools." Instead, we the people must push to reform the rules. In *Unlock Congress*, veteran journalist and former political strategist Michael Golden examines the ways in which congressional failure generates a harmful PRODUCT. Rather than narrowly affixing blame to individual politicians or even to the partisan divide, Golden methodically diagnoses underlying causes behind the breakdown. He identifies the PROBLEM obsolete rules that lead to major defects within the system. Finally, *Unlock Congress* lays out a PLATFORM of solutions designed to reinvigorate both the process and its players.

Author Hometown: Chicago, IL

Religion and Bibles

Four Traditions, One Spirit

Chet Meyers

9780878398300

Paperback | \$14.95

160 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

This book is about hope. At a time when so much national and worldwide violence seems rooted in all kinds of religious insensibilities, this book reminds us that our great western spiritual traditions have much more in common than they do in conflict. The author persuasively suggests that, at a deep spiritual level, Judaism, Christianity, Islam, and Native American traditions all bear witness to a common human longing for love, compassion and justice, rooted in a mysterious yet benevolent God, Yahweh, Allah, and Great Mystery.

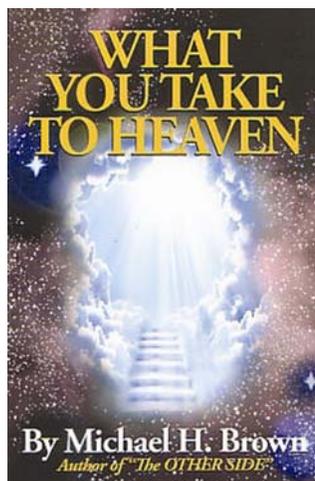
Author Bio

Chet Meyers taught university students for over thirty years in a variety of disciplines: human services, education, natural science, philosophy, and spirituality. His writing ranges from freshwater fishing strategies to college teaching strategies and existential grappling with life's meaning. While addressing complex issues and concepts, Chet's writing has been described by his students as clear, personal, and always accessible. He credits his wife, Mother Nature, and Johann Sebastian Bach as three primary sources that sustain his sanity.

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Religion and Bibles



What You Take to Heaven

Michael H. Brown

9780692286852

Paperback | \$11.95

200 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: October 2014

Spirit Daily Publishing

Content

Author of *The Other Side*, Brown delves deeply into the concept of the "life review"; how our lives are evaluated upon passing by the Lord and His angels, the way in which our time on earth is evaluated (judged), and the importance of fulfilling and discerning our individual missions. This fascinating, powerful book will leave no doubt about the unfathomable kindness and understanding of God; His Mercy; and the beyond-phenomenal splendor of the destination we know as Heaven. Culled from Church teaching, near-death experiences, saints, and other sources, including modern revelations.

Author Bio

Michael Harold Brown obtained a degree in communications, specializing in print journalism, from Fordham University. In 1977 he rejoined *The Niagara Gazette* as a full-time reporter, covering outlying cities and towns and focusing on toxic-waste dumps in the towns of Lewiston and Porter. He then became the city hall reporter for Niagara Falls and a columnist. It was during this time that his focus turned to a toxic dump in the city itself, which soon became famous as "Love Canal." Michael's reporting was nominated for three categories of the Pulitzer Prize and drew a special award from the Environmental Protection Agency. Michael then wrote a book for Pantheon entitled *Laying Waste: The Poisoning of America by Toxic Chemicals*, which was adapted for articles in *The New York Times Magazine*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, *New York Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *Family Weekly*, and other magazines and major newspapers. The book drew many dozens of reviews and Michael appeared on hundreds of radio and TV shows, including *Today*, *Nightline*, and *McNeil-Lehrer*. He also wrote a book about air contamination called *The Toxic Cloud*. In the early 1980s, while writing a book about the Mafia, he experienced a dramatic return to his Catholic faith. His other books include *Witness* (with Josyp Terelya), *The Final Hour*, *The Trumpet of Gabriel*, *The Day Will Come*, *The Last Secret*, *Secrets of the Eucharist*, *After Life*, *Seven Days With Mary*, *The Bridge to Heaven*, *Sent To Earth*, *The God of Miracles*, *Tower of Light*, *The Other Side*, *The Seven*, and a book about deceased and angels and demons, *The Spirits Around Us*.

Author Hometown: Palm Coast, FL

Marketing Plan

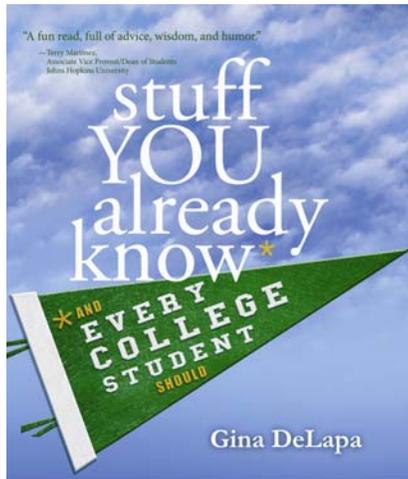
- Online advertising
- Radio interviews
- Talks around the US. Cities include: New Orleans and Kansas City. More TBA.

Previous Books

2008: *The Other Side*, 9780615226750

2010: *The Spirits Around Us*, 9780615397245

Self Help and Self Actualization



Stuff You Already Know: And Every College Student Should

Gina DeLapa

9780989629119

Hardcover | \$16.95

192 pages | 5.75 x 7.25

Publication Date: May 2015

Maestro Press

Content

Your college years can be filled with promise and excitement—or filled with frustration and missed opportunities—depending on your choices. From choosing a major (there's a whole section on this) to knowing when to ditch your roommate (#189), think of this book as a friendly guide to making your college years count. Some of these insights are serious (#28), some of them are funny (#215), and some are just plain random (#346). All of them are meant to show you up front what you'll wish you had known in hindsight. College is fun when you set yourself up for success. I wrote this book to help you do just that.

Author Bio

Gina DeLapa is the creator of the Stuff You Already Know book series, which continues to enjoy wide readership-- from surfer dudes to savvy grandparents, from (savvy) middle schoolers to middle agers. Gina also serves as an adjunct faculty member at her alma mater, the University of San Diego. Prior to joining USD, she served as a career counselor at Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. To learn how you can contribute your own nugget of wisdom to the Stuff You Already Know series, or to download free goodies, visit StuffYouAlreadyKnow.com.

Marketing Plan

- National radio tour
- Bookstore events
- Blog review campaign
- College fairs

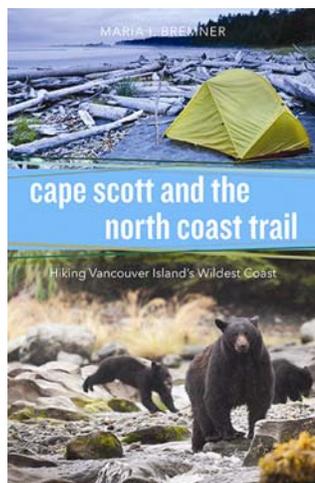
Tour Cities: San Diego, NY, Chicago, Seattle, Los Angeles, Orlando, Austin, Dallas, East Lansing, Boston; Baltimore.

Previous Books

2013: *Stuff You Already Know And Everybody Should*,

9780989629102

Sports and Recreation



Cape Scott and the North Coast Trail: Hiking Vancouver Island's Wildest Coast

Maria Bremner

9781550176919

Paperback | \$26.95

256 pages | 5.5 x 8.5

Publication Date: March 2015

Harbour Publishing Co. Ltd.

Content

Part trail map, part field guide, part regional history, Cape Scott and the North Coast Trail is the first comprehensive guidebook about one of Vancouver Island's most iconic destinations. Each year, thousands of backpackers and nature lovers head to the northern limits of Vancouver Island, bound for the jewel of the region: Cape Scott Provincial Park and the recently completed North Coast Trail.

Cape Scott, 115 kilometres of wave- and weather-beaten coastline, encompasses every dramatic element of Pacific Northwest geography. Rocky headlands neighbour sandy beaches and protected coves; bogs house sensitive amphibians and plants; and inland, a dense network of towering conifers, ferns, salal and beds of moss define the rainforest. The North Coast Trail wends its way through this paradise, offering hikers a rugged trek to Cape Sutil, a place steeped in First Nations history, beautiful ocean views along the long sandy beach at Shuttleworth Bight and glimpses of one of the largest intact coastal wetlands in British Columbia, an upland bog housing sandhill cranes and a variety of endemic species.

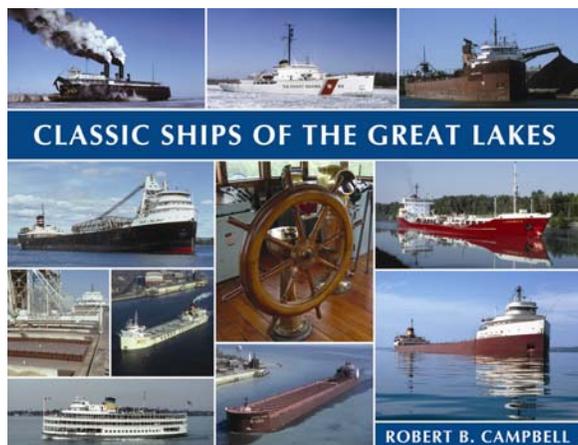
Cape Scott and the North Coast Trail equips visitors with everything they need to know to make the most of the park. Illustrated with accurate maps and vivid photographs, and loaded with details about biology and human history, the guide is perfect for the day tripper, serious backpacker or anyone wanting to learn more about the culture and wildlife of the region.

Author Bio

Maria Bremner has been an avid hiker, nature enthusiast and writer all her life. She studied English and Environmental Studies at the University of Victoria, and has extensive experience hiking the trails of Vancouver Island. Cape Scott has held a special place in her heart since her first visit in 1998. She lives in Victoria, BC.

Author Hometown: Victoria, BC, Canada

Transportation



Classic Ships of the Great Lakes

Robert B. Campbell

Robert B. Campbell (Photographer)

9781933272504

Hardcover | \$24.95

250 pages | 11 x 8.5

Publication Date: April 2015

Thunder Bay Press

Content

Robert Campbell's *Classic Ships of the Great Lakes* presents a visually stunning array of historical and present-day inland shipping including passenger ships, whaleback, bulk carriers, self-unloaders, cement carriers, oil tankers, car ferries, super ships, and more.

Author Bio

Bob Campbell became interested in the ships of the Great Lakes at a very young age. In the early 1950s, vacation trips to visit relatives at Sault Ste. Marie exposed Bob to the long ships passing through the locks. Bob's Uncle Jerry Campbell worked in the recording room at the locks and would always talk about the boats. The rides across the Straits of Mackinac on the old coal-fired steam-driven ferries before the bridge opened also had a lasting effect upon him. As a teenager, Bob would always pick up the *Know Your Ships* book put out by Tom Manse. Tom helped mold Bob from a boat watcher to a boat photographer. Bob's photographs have appeared in *Michigan History Magazine* as well as others around the Great Lakes region. Bob has also put together multi-media programs with video as well as still pictures depicting the Great Lakes ships to various marine organizations around the lakes.

Author Hometown: Grand Ledge, MI

Marketing Plan

- Publisher website and social media
- Author signings and presentations
- Marketing through newspapers, magazines, and radio

Travel

Meandering: The Notes of a Mississippi Riverlorian

Mike Link

9780878398065

Paperback | \$16.95

288 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: September 2015

North Star Press Of St Cloud

Content

Meandering is a combination of journeys Mike has taken in the car, on a variety of boats, on a bike and on foot to discover the variations and stories of the Mississippi. As the backbone of the continent, draining thirty-one states and two provinces between the Rockies and the Appalachians, the Mississippi collects both the waters and the stories of North America. Now as a paddlewheel Riverlorian, Mike travels the river sharing these stories, and this book collects both the adventures and the stories so the reader can understand both the Great River and the diversity it represents.

Author Bio

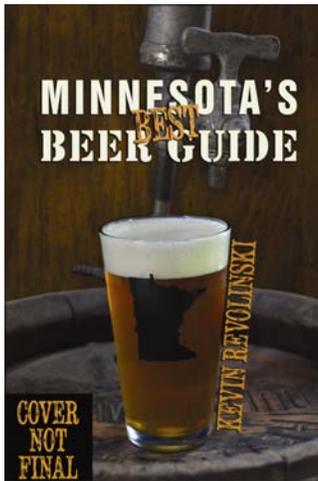
Mike Link retired as the founding director of the Audubon Center of the North Woods, has authored twenty-eight books, and continues to be a trip guide for Off the Beaten Path and Road Scholar trips, a riverlorian on Paddlewheel trips, and a graduate instructor for Hamline University. Mike and his wife Kate Crowley became the only couple to walk around Lake Superior in 2010 and continue to give keynote talks about this and other adventures. With five grandchildren and family and friends, Mike and Kate enjoy sharing their love of nature and their concerns about freshwater.

Author Hometown: Willow River, MN

Marketing Plan

- Author events
- Exposure on North Star website and promotion on social media
- Review copies sent to local and national media

Travel



Minnesota's Best Beer Guide

Kevin Revolinski

9781933272535

Hardcover | \$16.95

300 pages | 6 x 9

Publication Date: May 2015

Thunder Bay Press

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Don't make Minnesota Beer come looking for you. Set out on a pils-grimage to pay respects to the great people and places that bring you Minnesota's finest liquid joy. Inside you will find:

- Listings and directions for all the current breweries
- History and facts about brewing and drinking
- Signature pages to record your visits
- Special offers from participating breweries
- Things to do / eat / see a short stumble away from the brewery
- Lots of pretty pictures to make that reading part less stressful

Support Minnesota brewers by knocking back a few the next time you're in town!

Author Bio

Kevin Revolinski is an amateur beer snob and born-again ale drinker with a writing habit. A Wisconsin native, he has written for a variety of publications including The New York Times, Chicago Tribune, Wisconsin State Journal and many postcards to his grandmother. His other travel books include Backroads and Byways of Wisconsin, 60 Hikes Within 60 Miles of Madison, Best in Tent Camping Wisconsin, Insiders' Guide Madison, The Yogurt Man Cometh: Tales of an American Teacher in Turkey, Wisconsin's Best Beer Guide, and Michigan's Best Beer Guide. He is a Packer fan by birth. Check out his website and blog, The Mad Traveler at www.revtravel.com.

Author Hometown: Madison, WI

Marketing Plan

- Author website and social media
- Author book signing and beer tour
- Author presentations at beer festivals
- Author radio interviews
- Local newspaper and radio marketing
- Publisher website and social media

Previous Books

2013: Michigan's Best Beer Guide, 9781933272382

2012: Wisconsin's Best Beer Guide, 2nd Ed., 9781933272344

