

## **Michigan Notable Books**

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The Michigan Notable Books program annually selects 20 of the most notable books published in the year. The selections are reflective of Michigan's diverse ethnic, historical, literary, and cultural experience.

This program has roots stretching back to Michigan Week 1991. The Library of Michigan has had primary responsibility for this program since the 2002 awards. Before 2004, the program was called Read Michigan.

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### **2010 Selections**

#### **Nonfiction**

*Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family's Secret*, by Steve Luxenberg (306.875 LUX)

*Bath Massacre: America's First School Bombing*, by Arnie Bernstein (977.404 BER)

*Fordlandia: The Rise and Fall of Henry Ford's Forgotten Jungle City*, by Greg Grandin (307.768 GRA)

*Have a Little Faith: A True Story of a Last Request*, by Mitch Albom (296.7 ALB)

*Isadore's Secret: Sin, Murder, and Confession in a Northern Michigan Town*, by Mardi Link (364.152 LIN)

*Michigan's Columbus: The Life of Douglass Houghton*, by Steve Lehto (551.092 LEH)

*Pandora's Locks: The Opening of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Seaway*, by Jeff Alexander (577.63 ALE)

*Stitches: A Memoir*, by David Small (BIO SMALL)

*Travelin' Man: On the Road and Behind the Scenes with Bob Seger*, by Tom Weschler (BIO SEGER)

*Up the Rouge!: Paddling Detroit's Hidden River*, by Joel Thurtell, photographs by Patricia Beck (508.774 THU)

#### **Fiction & Poetry**

*American Salvage: Stories*, by Bonnie Jo Campbell (SS CAM)

### **2009 Selections**

#### **Nonfiction**

*Asylum for the Insane: A History of the Kalamazoo State Hospital*, by William A. Decker, M.D. (362.2 DEC)

*"Jiffy" A Family Tradition: Mixing Business and Old-Fashioned Values*, by Cynthia Furlong Reynolds (338.476 REY)

*Looking for Hickories: The Forgotten Wildness of the Rural Midwest*, by Tom Springer (508.78 SPR)

*Measure of the Heart: A Father's Alzheimer's, a Daughter's Return*, by Mary Ellen Geist (BIO GEIST)

*The Model T: A Centennial History*, by Robert Casey (629.222 CAS)

*Ninety Years Crossing Lake Michigan: The History of the Ann Arbor Car Ferries*, by Grant Brown, Jr. (386.6 BRO)

*A Picturesque Situation: Mackinac Before Photography, 1615-1860*, by Brian Leigh Dunnigan (977.492 DUN)

*Ravens in the Storm: A Personal History of the 1960s Antiwar Movement*, by Carl Oglesby (959.704 OGL)

*Roadie: The Misunderstood World of a Bike Racer*, by Jamie Smith (796.62 SMI)

*Sirens of Chrome: The Enduring Allure of Auto Show Models*, by Margery Krevsky (629.2 KRE)

*Summer Dreams: The Story of Bob-Lo Island*, by Patrick Livingston (791.068 LIV)

*Toledo War: The First Michigan-Ohio Rivalry*, by Don Faber (977.103 FAB)

*War as They Knew It: Woody Hayes, Bo Schembechler, and America in a Time of Unrest*, by Michael Rosenberg (796.332 ROS)

*When the Church Becomes Your Party: Contemporary Gospel Music*, by Deborah Smith Pollard (782.254 POL)

*Wreck of the Carl D.: A True Story of Loss, Survival, and Rescue at Sea*, by Michael Schumacher (917.74 SCH)

### **Fiction & Poetry**

*The English Major*, by Jim Harrison (FIC HAR)

*The Expeditions*, by Karl Iagnemma (FIC IAG)

### **Children's**

*Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories of Growing Up Scieszka*, by Jon Scieszka (JBIO SCIESZKA)

*Who's Jim Hines?*, by Jean Alicia Elster (JFIC ELSTER)

## **2008 Selections**

### **Nonfiction**

*The Father of All Things: A Marine, His Son, and the Legacy of Vietnam*, by Tom Bissell (959.704 BIS)

*Iggy Pop: Open Up and Bleed*, by Paul Trynka (BIO POP)

*Paper Tiger: One Athlete's Journey to the Underbelly of Pro Football*, by Ted. A. Kluck (796.332 KLU)

*The Red Parts: A Memoir*, by Maggie Nelson (362.88 NEL)

*Stealing Buddha's Dinner: A Memoir*, by Bich Minh Nguyen (BIO NGUYEN)

*Sweetie Pies: An Uncommon Collection of Womanish Observations, with Pie*, by Patty Pinner (641.865 PIN)

*Write it When I'm Gone: Remarkable Off-the-Record Conversations With Gerald R. Ford*, by Thomas M. DeFrank (973.925 DEF)

### **Fiction & Poetry**

*A Primer on Parallel Lives* (poetry), by Dan Gerber (811.54 GER)

*Returning to Earth*, by Jim Harrison (FIC HAR)

*Up in Honey's Room*, by Elmore Leonard (FIC LEO)

### **Children's**

*Elijah of Buxton*, by Christopher Paul Curtis (JFICTION CURTIS)

*One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II*, by Lita Judge (J940.531 JUD)

## **Read Michigan & Michigan Notable Books Selections, 1996-2007**

### **Nonfiction**

*Arc of Justice: A Saga of Race, Civil Rights, and Murder in the Jazz Age*, by Kevin Boyle (345.73 BOY)

*Art in Detroit Public Places*, text by Dennis Alan Nawrocki, photographs by David Clements (708.174 NAW)

*Beast of Never, Cat of God: The Search for the Eastern Puma*, by Bob Butz (599.752 BUT)

*Before Motown: A History of Jazz in Detroit 1920-60*, by Lars Bjorn (781.65 BJO)

*Beyond Glory: Joe Louis vs. Max Schmeling, and a World on the Brink*, by David Margolick (796.83 MAR)

*Booking Passage: We Irish and Americans*, by Thomas Lynch (305.891 LYN)

*Burning Rainbow Farm: How a Stoner Utopia Went Up in Smoke*, by Dean Kuipers (364.177 KUI)

*Death's Door: The Truth Behind Michigan's Largest Mass Murder*, by Steve Lehto (364.152 LEH)

*The Detroit Almanac: 300 Years of Life in the Motor City*, ed. by Peter Gavrilovich and Bill McGraw (977.4 DET)

*Detroit Then and Now*, by Cheri Y. Gay (977.434 GAY)

*Discovering the Peoples of Michigan* (series)

*African Americans in Michigan* (977.4 WAL)

*Albanians in Michigan* (305.891 TRI)

*Italians in Michigan* (305.851 MAG)

*Jews in Michigan* (977.4 CAN)

*A Distant Thunder: Michigan in the Civil War*, by Richard Bak (973.709 BAK)

*The Dodge Brothers: The Men, the Motor Cars, and the Legacy*, by Charles K. Hyde (629.222 HYD)

*The Final Season: Fathers, Sons, and One Last Season in a Classic American Ballpark*, by Tom Stanton (796.357 STA)

*The Ford Century: Ford Motor Company and the Innovations that Shaped the World*, by Russ Banham (338.762 BAN)

*The Forests of Michigan*, by Donald I. Dickmann and Larry A. Leefers (634.909 DIC)

*Fresh Water: Women Writing on the Great Lakes*, ed. Alison Swan (810.997 FRE)

*Ghost Towns of Michigan*, by Larry Wakefield (977.4 W)

*Grit, Noise, & Revolution: The Birth of Detroit Rock 'n' Roll*, by David A. Carson (781.66 CAR)

*Hemingway in Michigan*, by Dr. Constance Cappel (813.52 HEM)

*Hiawatha's Brothers; A Wildlife Retrospective*, by Louis J. Verme (508.774 VER)

*Historic Cottages of Mackinac Island*, by Susan Stites and Lea Ann Sterling. Photography by Lanny Sterling and Lea Ann Sterling (728.72 STI)

*The History of Michigan Law*, ed. Paul Finkelman and Martin J. Hershock (349.774 HIS)

*House of Fields: Memories of a Rural Education*, by Anne-Marie Oomen (977.459 OOM)

*In Harm's Way: the Sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of its Survivors*, by Doug Stanton (BOOK ON TAPE 940.54 STA)

*Interlochen: A Home for the Arts*, by Dean Boal (780.797 BOA)

*Keewaydinoquay: Stories from My Youth*, by Keewaydinoquay Peschel (BIO Keewaydinoquay)

*Lake Michigan Passenger Steamers*, by George W. Hilton (386.542 HIL)

*Landscaping with Native Plants of Michigan*, by Lynn M. Steiner (635.951 STE)

*A Legacy of Champions: The Story of the Men Who Built the University of Michigan Football*, by Joe Falls, et. al. (796.332 LEG)

*Legends of Light: A Michigan Lighthouse Portfolio*, photographs by Ed Wargin (387.155 WAR)

*The Life & Wisdom of Gwen Frostic*, by Sheryl James (BIO FROSTIC)

*The Living Great Lakes: Searching for the Heart of the Inland Seas*, by Jerry Dennis (977 DEN)

*Made in Detroit: A South of 8 Mile Memoir*, by Paul Clemens (BIO CLEMENS)

*Magic Moments: A Century of Spartan Basketball*, by Jack Ebling and John Farina (796.323 EBL)

*Michigan Agricultural College: The Evolution of a Land-grant Philosophy, 1855-1925*, by Keith R. Widder (378.774 WID)

*Michigan Shadow Towns: A Study of Vanishing and Vibrant Villages*, by Gene Scott (REFERENCE 977.4 SCO)

*Michigan: The Spirit of the Land*, text by Kathy-Jo Wargin, photos by Ed Wargin (OVERSIZE 977.4 WAR)

*Michigan Wildflowers in Color*, by Harry C. Lund (582.13 LUN)

*Michigan's Heritage Barns*, by Mary Keithan (779.4 KEI)

*Michigan's Town and Country Inns*, by Susan Newhof (917.7 NEW)

*Mighty Fitz: The Sinking of the Edmund Fitzgerald*, by Michael Schumacher (917.749 SCH)

*The Muskegon: The Majesty and Tragedy of Michigan's Rarest River*, by Jeff Alexander (977.45 ALE)

*Off to the Side: A Memoir*, By Jim Harrison (BIO HARRISON)

*100 Years at Mackinac: A Centennial history of the Mackinac Island State Park Commission, 1985-1995*, by David Armour (977.4 ARM)

*Peninsula: Essays and Memoirs from Michigan*, ed. by Michael Steinberg (810.803 PEN)

*The Place of the Pike (Gnoozhekaaning): A History of the Bay Mills Indian Community*, by Charles E. Cleland (977.004 CLE)

*Public Gardens of Michigan*, by Miriam Easton Rutz (712.509 RUT)

*The Radioactive Boy Scout: The True Story of a Boy and His Backyard Nuclear Reactor*, by Ken Silverstein (BIO HAHN)

*Rockin' Down the Dial: The Detroit Sound of Radio*, by David Carson (384.54 CAR)

*Ruin and Recovery: Michigan's Rise as a Conservation Leader*, by Dave Dempsey (333.72 DEM)

*Ships of the Great Lakes*, by James Barry (977 BAR)

*Singing in a Strange Land: C.L. Franklin, the Black Church and the Transformation of America*, by Nick Salvatore (BIO FRANKLIN)

*Soapy: A Biography of G. Mennen Williams*, by Thomas J. Noer (BIO WILLIAMS)

*A Stronger Kinship: One Town's Extraordinary Story of Hope and Faith*, by Anna-Lisa Cox (305.896 COX)

*The Story of Reo Joe: Work, Kin, and Community in Autotown U.S.A.*, by Lisa M. Fine (331.762 FIN)

*Superior: Journeys on an Inland Sea*, by Gary and Joan McGuffin (917.74 MCG)

*Toast of the Town, the Life and Times of Sunnie Wilson*, by Sunnie Wilson with John Cohassey (BIO WILSON)

*Wheels for the World: Henry Ford, His Company, and a Century of Progress, 1903-2003*, by Douglas Brinkley (BIO FORD)

*White Hurricane: A Great Lakes November Gale and America's Deadliest Maritime Disaster*, by David G. Brown (977 BRO)

*William G. Milliken: Michigan's Passionate Moderate*, by Dave Dempsey (BIO MILLIKEN)

*Wire to Wire: Inside the 1984 Detroit Tigers Championship Season*, by George Cantor (796.357 CAN)

*Women and the Lakes: Untold Great Lakes Maritime Tales*, by Frederick Stonehouse (920.72 STO)

### **Fiction & Poetry**

*Guilty at the Rapture* (poetry), by Keith Taylor (811.54 TAY)

*The Lake, the River & the Other Lake: A Novel*, by Steve Amick (FIC AMI)

*Mr. Paradise: A Novel*, by Elmore Leonard (FIC LEO)

*Nicotine Kiss: An Amos Walker Novel*, by Loren D. Estleman (MYS EST)

*Please Don't Come Back From the Moon*, by Dean Bakopoulos (FIC BAK)

*Saul and Patsy*, by Charles Baxter (FIC BAX)

*Saving Daylight* (poetry), by Jim Harrison (811.54 HAR)

*The Summer He Didn't Die*, by Jim Harrison (FIC HAR)

*The Tarnished Eye: A Novel of Suspense*, by Judith Guest (FIC GUE)

*True North: A Novel*, by Jim Harrison (FIC HAR)

*An Unquiet Grave*, by P. J. Parrish (PB PAR)

*The Widower: A Novel*, by Liesel Litzenburger (FIC LIT)

*Winter of the Wolf Moon*, by Steve Hamilton (MYS HAM)

### **Children's**

*Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution*, by Jerry Stanley (J331.895 S)

*Bucking the Sarge*, by Christopher Paul Curtis (TEEN FICTION CURTIS)

*Donutheart*, by Sue Stauffacher (JFICTION STAUFFACHER)

*The Edmund Fitzgerald: The Song of the Bell*, by Kathy-Jo Wargin (J917.749 W)

*Harry Sue*, by Sue Staffacher (JFICTION STAFFACHER)

*An Orange for Frankie*, by Patrician Polacco (JE POLACCO)

*A Place Called Home: Michigan's Mill Creek Story*, by Janie Lynn Panagopoulos (JE PAN)

#### *Detroit Biography Series for Young Readers*

*Albert Kahn: Builder of Detroit* (J BIO KAHN)

*First Lady of Detroit: The Story of Marie-Therese Guyon, Mme. Cadillac*  
(J BIO CADILLAC)

*Reuther Brothers: Walter, Roy, and Victor* (J920 REU)

*Girl in Blue*, by Ann Rinaldi (JFICTION RINALDI)

*The Legend of Mackinac Island*, by Kathy-Jo Wargin, illustrated by Gijsbert van Frankenhuyzen  
(J398.209 W)

*Leonardo's Horse*, by Jean Fritz (J730.92 FRI)

*The Log Cabin Church*, by Ellen Howard (JE HOW)

*M is for Mitten: A Michigan Alphabet*, by Annie Appleford ([ABC] JE APP)

*Summer of the War*, by Gloria Whelan (JFICTION WHELAN)

*Under Michigan: The Story of Michigan's Rocks and Fossils*, by Charles Ferguson Baker (J557.74 BAR)