



Announcing the *U.P. Notable Book Club!*

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

Give yourself and others the best Christmas Gift!

Do you love to read? Do you love the raw, untamed, beautiful U.P? Do you miss people? Are you longing to engage with intelligent people such as yourself in meaningful discussions about something other than the 2020 election, COVID-19, the economy, or climate change? Then here is just the thing for you—Join the U.P. Notable Books Book Club!

Here is how. There are ten books on the **1st Annual U.P. Notable Books List**. Eight of the authors have agreed to do a Zoom talk with readers like yourself about their book. Buy these eight books, or check them out from your local library. (If you are buying your books, please consider supporting your local, independent booksellers). Then meet with the author and other readers monthly to discuss the book. The zoom links for each talk will be listed on the Crystal Falls District Community Library’s website: joomla.uproc.lib.mi.us/CrystalFalls/, a week before each event. The schedule is:

Book	Author	Publisher	Date/Time	Time	Location
<i>The Marsh King’s Daughter</i>	Karen Dionne	G.P. Putman’s Sons, 2018	Tuesday, January 19, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom
<i>Three Fires Unity: The Anishnaabeg of Lake Huron Borderlands</i>	Phil Bellfy	University of Nebraska Press, 2019	Thursday, February 11, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom and Bayliss Public Library, Sault Ste. Marie, MI
<i>Out</i>	John Smolens	Michigan State University Press, 2019	Thursday, March 11, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom and Peter White Public Library, Marquette, MI
<i>Cady and the Bear Necklace</i>	Ann Dallman	Three Towers Press, 2019	Thursday, April 8, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom and Spies Library, Menominee, MI
<i>Murder on Sugar Island (Getting to Know Jack Book 2)</i>	Michael Carrier	Greenwich Village Ink, 2013	Thursday, May 13, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom
<i>Camera Hunter: George Shiras III and the Birth of Wildlife Photography</i>	James H. McCommons	University of New Mexico Press, 2019	Thursday, June 10, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom
<i>Lake Superior Tales: Stories of Humor and Adventure in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula, 2nd Edition</i>	Mikel B. Classen	Modern History Press, 2018	Thursday, July 8, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom
<i>Go Find! My Journey to Find the Lost—and Myself</i>	Susan Purvis	Blackstone Press, 2019	Thursday, August 12, 2021	6:00 P.M. Central Time	Zoom and Whitefish Public Library, Montana

Evelyn Gathu, Director of the Crystal Falls District Community Library, is the creator and organizer of this club. Gathu states, “Last Spring I heard about the Summer Scares program, which is created by the Horror Writers Association, and is partnered with *Library Journal*, Book Riot, and United for Libraries. Yearly, there are nine books selected (three for each level: adult, young adult, and middle grades). I read the books, and went on to create book clubs for the patrons of our library. We met monthly, and we had the authors of the books join us by using Zoom. It was amazing! While, many libraries were closed and suffering from a disconnect from their patrons—our library actually grew, thanks to Summer Scares.”

“The adults involved did not want to quit this type of book club where you get to meet and talk with the authors. I had read in the local paper that the first ever U.P. Notable Books List was created by the editors of the *U.P. Reader* and the UPPAA (Upper Peninsula Publishers & Authors Association). I contacted the UPPAA President, Victor R. Volkman, and he was thrilled with the idea. He gave me the contact information for the authors, most of which were really excited to participate. Some authors agreed to give their Zoom talk with an audience at their hometown library. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic, we will adjust accordingly following the CDC guideline for these types of gatherings. At the very least, the authors will host their author talk on Zoom from their homes.”

Please consider reading this wonderful books and joining us for illuminating discussions! If you have any questions, please contact Evelyn Gathu, the Director of the Crystal Falls District Community Library, either by email: egathu@uproc.lib.mi.us, or by phone: (906) 875-3344.

More information about the U.P. Notable Book list, U.P. Book Review, and UPPAA can be found on www.UPNotable.com

