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# Malinda Andrews, The Irish Baker

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# Larissa Antonioni, A Realm of Lies and Power

When she's not lost in the worlds of her imagination, Larissa Antonioni can often be found savoring a cup of coffee, cherishing the joys of motherhood, and enjoying precious moments with her husband and their beloved Belgian Tervuren Shepherd, Yennefer. A passionate storyteller, Larissa weaves tales that blend magic and fantasy with contemporary romance. Her writing aims to transport readers to enchanting realms, evoke deep emotions, and provoke introspection on the human experience.

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# James R. Lawrence, Estranged

James R. Lawrence is an award-winning writer and English teacher with a knack for crafting unforgettable twists. He's the author of the historical *Mr. REE* series, gripping novellas, and the latest thriller, *Estranged.* His other works include *Portland Bound*, *Daisy Ingle's Secret Circle, Soldier Boy, Love is Mad, Lake of Fire, The Musketeers: All for One,* and *Echoes in the Wind.* James lives in Appleton, Wisconsin, with his wife and two lovable dogs.

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# A. F. Whitehouse, Signs of Obsession: A Dana Demeter Mystery #3

A. F. (Addy) Whitehouse is a writer and a former Sign Language interpreter who hails from Chicago. *Signs of Murder*, her first offering in the *Dana Demeter Mysteries*, was a finalist (Indie Fiction category) in the 2022 Chicago Writers Association Book of the Year award. *Signs of Obsession*, the third in the series, was published in February, 2025. Her books can be found at amazon.com/author/afw. She lives with her husband, Bob Carty, in Waukesha, Wisconsin.

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# Karen K. Lemke, Show How You Shine: A Colorful and Thought-Provoking Journal for Self-Growth

Karen K. Lemke is on a mission - to enrich, encourage and inspire. She is an author, coach and consultant for leadership and personal growth. Karen frequently speaks on uplifting topics emphasizing personal and professional improvement and success. She has published two books. Her most recent is an inspiring and encouraging guided journal titled Show How You Shine: A Colorful and Thought-Provoking Journal for Self-Growth.

With the help of local watercolor artist, Ashley Mattek, Karen designed a unique journaling experience that is both joyful and auspicious. It is the perfect inspiration while navigating life's ups and downs. Karen also co-authored 101 Ways to Enrich Your Life, which has sold internationally for over 25 years. Additionally, she contributes articles for Aspire Magazine and other local periodicals. Karen's refreshing positivity and reassuring messages shine through in both of her publications.

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# Lori Jones, Spared: A Memoir of Risk and Resolve

Lori Jones personally experienced the effects of Huntington's Disease (HD) in her family and was instrumental in starting Team Hope Fox Valley events to raise awareness and support for research and community programs through the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA) – Wisconsin Chapter. A storyteller at heart, she regularly writes and speaks about her experiences with HD and many other topics to groups of all ages. Lori has three adult children and lives with her husband Chris in Wisconsin, when they aren't escaping to their cottage in Michigan's Upper Peninsula to enjoy kayaking, hiking, and campfires.

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#### Rose E. Bingham, Memoir: Yesterday's Child-Fond Memories of my Grandparents' Farm

Rose resides in Reedsburg, Wisconsin with her husband, Mike. She is an accomplished author/writer.

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# G. Anthony, Nobody's Words

G. Anthony is a poet, philosopher, and author of *Nobody's Words*, a poetic memoir that strips away identity, revealing the truth beneath. His writing is raw and unfiltered, a reflection of what it means to embrace life without labels—free, present, and real. Through his journey of becoming nobody, he's found that true freedom lies in letting go, in gratitude, and in the quiet joys of family. His words are not just written; they are lived—breathed into existence through survival, healing, and love. With each piece, G. Anthony invites readers to step beyond who they were told to be and discover what has always been within.

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# Troy Schoultz, Remnants

Troy Schoultz is a two-time Pushcart Prize nominee, and the author of three collections of poetry: Biographies of Runaway Dogs (Vegetarian Alcoholic Press, 2017), No More Quiet Entrances (Luchador Press, 2020), and co-author of Remnants (Luchador Press, 2021) with visual artist Amie Brownfield, which became an art installation featured at the Milwaukee Arts Resource Network (MARN). He has been published extensively in publications in the United States and the United Kingdom. He has taught at the University of Wisconsin campuses in Marshfield, Fox Cities, and Oshkosh. He is also an analog collage artist, and hosts Mr. Troy's Lo-Fi Motel Radio Hour on Oshkosh 101.9 FM. He currently resides in Oshkosh, WI.

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## Chris Kujawa, Celestial Overgrowth

Chris Kujawa is a Wisconsin-based writer and musician with a degree in English from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. He has previously published a 2017 poetry collection titled *Songs Sharp & Soft*, a 2020 music album titled *The Last Romanticore of the Apocalypse*, and is preparing another large poetry collection to release in late 2025 or early 2026.







# Sue Drexler, Island Boy Adventure Books

I live on a small peninsula in the Town of Algoma, Winnebago County, which inspired me to create Island Boy Adventures Series 1. My retirement at the age of 70, gave me the joy of spending lots of time with my new grandson. There is also time to participate on two municipal boards, and at a local P.E.O. chapter. I make time to socialize with friends and to plan and enjoy vacations.

# Sally Collins, Muddled Cherries

Since graduating with a BA in Writing from Winona State University, Sally Collins' work has appeared regularly in the *Peninsula Pulse* and *Door County Living*. Her first novel, *Muddled Cherries*, a coming-ofage story set in Door County and the Chippewa Valley, was released August of 2024 from Ten 16 Press. A semifinalist for the 2024 Wisconsin People & Ideas short fiction contest, her work has recently appeared in 'Barstow and Grand' and 'Feels Blind Literary'. She lives in Door County with her family.

# Fresh Water Press, Opening Nights: A Collection of Theater Stories by Bev Denor, et el.

The Fresh Water Press was founded in February 2024 in Two Rivers, Wisconsin, and specializes in books by writers who live in or write about Wisconsin. The press publishes in multiple genres and welcomes submissions from underrepresented authors and unique voices.

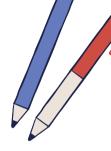
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# K.L. Mielke, The Last Peacekeeper

TK. L. Mielke is a wife, mom, and dreamer from northeast Wisconsin. She loves both reading and writing anything that involves romance and magic. In her free time, she enjoys wild adventures with her husband and two sons.







## Lake Literary Center, Fox Valley Writing and Book Events

Erica Floyd is the founder and CEO of Lake Literary Center, a literary arts hub in Fond du Lac offering writing workshops, book clubs, author readings, silent reading, literary events, and a monthly open mic, plus more programming coming soon. She holds an MFA in creative writing (fiction) from Antioch University Los Angeles and a bachelor's degree in journalism & mass communication from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. A former magazine editor-in-chief and marketing director for Thelma Sadoff Center for the Arts, her writing appears in *Electric Literature, The Rumpus, Lunch Ticket, BusinessWeek*, and several nonfiction books. She has worked in writing, editorial, communications, and marketing since 2010. Floyd is currently writing a second novel, essays, and translations. Floyd lives in rural Fond du Lac County, where she co-owns Gourmet's Delight Mushrooms, a second-generation family-owned, certified organic mushroom farm.

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# Kylie Wyman, It's the Fourth of July!

Kylie is a children's book author, crafting beautiful holiday stories that resonate with young readers and families alike. Drawing from her experience as an elementary school teacher, Kylie's stories celebrate the unique charm of each holiday season, while also weaving in opportunities for learning and discussion. Her series was inspired by her family's tradition of sharing beloved holiday books for each new season and driven by the desire to see more books available for all of the holidays! Her first two books, *It's New Year's!* and *It's the Fourth of July!*, are available now and the third book of her series, It's Halloween!, will be released this fall. Kylie lives in the Milwaukee area with her husband and two young daughters, where she continues to foster her passion for reading and books at home and in the classroom.

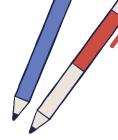
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## Erik Lange, Eternity's Rising

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# Michelle Adserias, Until Then: Journeying Between the Now and the Not Yet

Michelle Adserias is the editor of *Today's Christian Living Magazine* and the Associate Editor of Pipers Magazine and Cessna Owners Magazine. In addition to her recent book, *Until Then: Journeying Between the Now and the Not Yet* (a 52-week devotional) she has published several freelance works. She and her husband, Peter, live in Ogdensburg, Wisconsin. They have four adult children and two grandchildren. When she isn't editing or writing, Michelle enjoys walking through the woods taking photos or sitting in her reclined doing hand-embroidery.

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## Michelle Whisner, Crafted

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### Vanessa Grubbs, Fable and Thread

Vanessa is the creator behind Fable and Thread, a bookish shop that blends artistry with sustainability. Based in Madison, Wisconsin, she is a maker, artist, and lifelong book lover. Inspired by the charm of well-loved stories and the beauty of overlooked materials, she transforms reclaimed fabrics, handmade paper, and upcycled materials into stationery, bookmarks, and other literaryinspired pieces. Each item is crafted with care, embracing imperfections and history to create something truly one-of-a-kind. Fable and Thread is more than a shop—it's a celebration of creativity, sustainability, and the magic of storytelling.





# Terri Schlack, Afterward: Murder of a Soldier

Terri Schlack grew up in Wisconsin and, after college, got married. Due to Rich's army career, they lived in Kansas, Texas, and Germany. Along the way two sons were born. Terri earned her Bachelor's degree in Wisconsin and later, her Master of Education degree in Texas. Retiring in 2010, her 35 years of teaching included grade three through college. When Rich retired in 1990, they moved back to Wisconsin. Terri has written poems, plays, parodies, speeches and short stories to use with teaching, for school events, for friends and family and for a motorcycle association's newsletters. She currently volunteers at the Military Veterans Museum & Education Center in Oshkosh, WI where she is very active. To keep writing, she is editor of the museum newsletter. Terri has written another book about the museum, which was published in 2024.

## Nathan Orgill, Withered Kingdom

Nathan is a Fantasy and Science Fiction author inspired by authors like Brandon Sanderson and Robert Jordan. He has been selfpublishing Fantasy novels since 2009 is launching an ongoing digital Young Adult series in Spring 2025. His most recent novel, *Withered Kingdom*, is the story of an angel with memory loss trying to find his place in a medieval world caught up in a magical war.

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# Carmen Leal, When Love Wags a Tail

Carmen is a storyteller and the author of multiple books, articles, devotionals, and human-interest stories. She is the owner of Wag Away Publishing and the author of twelve books including *When Love Wags a Tail* and *I Chose You, Imperfectly Perfect Rescue Dogs and Their Humans.* Carmen's faith, wit, humor, and poignant personal observations, coupled with her down-to-earth style and common-sense approach to dealing with life, make her a popular presenter as she inspires and motivates others.

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## Phil Scales, They Called Me Mr. Scales

Phil Scales holds a Master of Education in Secondary Administration and an Advanced Conducting degree from South Dakota State University. He was a Bush Foundation Leadership Fellow finalist (Arts Administration) served as President of the South Dakota American String Teachers Association and was named Teacher of the Year. Phil conducted the Huron (SD) Symphony (11 years) and the Watertown (SD) Symphony (10 years). He was the founder and director of the Watertown Area Youth Symphony, which performed both nationally and internationally. Phil also served as the Development Director for the Watertown Symphony Orchestra and the Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra in Madison, WI. He recently wrote a book, They Called Me Mr. Scales, which includes his time at Sterling College, where he was inducted into the College Hall of Fame for baseball. Phil & his wife Martha have been married for 42 vears and have 4 children and 6 grandchildren.

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## Judy Ducharme, Who Will Rescue Us? A Love Story

Judy DuCharme grew up with Lake Huron next to her back yard and has always loved the water. Door County has been her family's home for 41 years. After teaching fifth grade for 22 years, Judy followed the calling that tugged at her all her life to write. Her 11th book will release this summer, and she is the recipient of numerous awards. She doesn't stay in her lane when it comes to writing...she writes historical fiction, suspense, slightly dystopian, kids books, contemporary fiction, and Packer devotionals. When not writing, she's probably outside walking, e-biking, planting flowers, reading a book, or off somewhere playing with her grandson.

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## Patrick Baird, Darkness at Death's Door

Patrick Baird is the author of seven novels, most recently the crime novel, *Darkness at Death's Door*, a Door County local bestseller in 2024. He is a Navy veteran, former repo man, and newspaper reporter in love with storytelling.

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# Kristen N Winiarski, The Constricting Corset

Kristen N. Winiarski is a multi-genre author, who writes contemporary romance, paranormal romance, and historical fiction under the umbrella Feisty Fray Reads. You'll find both sweet and spicy love stories along with fun novels with classic movie references.

Kristen lives with her husband and children in the Midwest. When she's not writing, you can find her watching classic films, playing with her kids, sneaking in sips of coffee, or thinking up new angles for her stories.

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## Briar Hex, The Blood Moon's Curse

Briar Hex lives in the Midwest with her partner and children. She has a children's book called *Cupcake's Magical Christmas* and the first book *(The Blood Moon's Curse)* of her trilogy called *The Lunar Series.* Briar is currently writing Book 2!

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# David J. Rank, Where Monsters Hide: Tales of the Uncanny Anthology

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# Scott Bohmbach, after,LIFE

Who hasn't critiqued a movie or fiction novel, afterwards thinking, 'I would've done this differently.' Tired of the same old factory-built characters and story lines, Scott Bohmbach took this idea to the next level to write his own idea for a book. An idea he held for years, began to take shape after offering advice to an aspiring self-published author. His advice turned into a challenge. He accepted a dare to write his own. Putting aside the chaos of a full-time job, large family and time-consuming hobbies, Scott committed himself to the process. *after,LIFE* is the result of that dare. He now looks forward to sharing his story with you, along with others in the series to follow. He encourages anyone who has an idea for a story to first, believe you can do it, second, put the work into that belief, then share it. Self-Published Author=Unfiltered Stories.

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## Jen Zahari, Created - Time to Look and Created No Way Out

Jen Zahari is a storyteller with a deep passion for exploring the human spirit. Her fiction, including the *Created* series, dives into the emotional layers of life, grief, hope, identity, and the raw truths we often keep hidden. Jen writes from lived experience, having walked through her own journey of self-doubt, healing, and rediscovery. Through her characters, she gives voice to those who feel unseen, creating powerful stories that connect readers to their inner world and spark real-life transformation. With decades of experience in coaching, leadership, and emotional wellness, Jen blends psychology, heart, and storytelling to craft novels that help people feel understood. Her work invites readers to take a second look at their own lives and ask: What if this story could be mine, too? When she's not writing. Jen supports others in rewriting their own stories through her coaching company, Strong Foundations.

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### Patricia Skalka

Patricia Skalka turned to fiction following a successful career in nonfiction and is the author of the award-winning *Dave Cubiak Door County Mysteries*. Other credits include: staff writer for *Reader's Digest*; freelancer; ghost writer; writing instructor; and book reviewer. She is past president of the Sisters in Crime Chicagoland Chapter and a member of the Authors Guild of America, Mystery Writers of America, and Society of Midland Authors. She lives in Milwaukee and Door County, WI.

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## **Nickolas Butler**

Nickolas Butler was raised in Eau Claire and educated at UW-Madison and the University of Iowa Writer's Workshop. His first novel was the internationally best-selling and prizewinning *Shotgun Lovesongs*, which has been optioned for film development and has been translated into over ten languages. His latest, *A Forty Year Kiss* is a small-town lovestory set in Chippewa Falls, WI.

He lives on 16 acres of land adjacent to a buffalo farm, with his wife and two children. **Only signing at the bookfair from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM at The Book Store's table.** 

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# Carol L. Paur, Rowley Peters and the Lumberjack Ghost

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#### Sarah Dubois, Seasons of Change

Sarah J. DuBois is a wife and a mother of two. She loves to bake, read, write and take trips to Door County to relax. She also likes to spend time outside with nature for inspiration. She is also a poet and a mental health advocate who uses words as therapy to not only help herself through her own struggles, but to help others as well. Sharing her passionate soul and vulnerability to hopefully connect with others. Her book "Seasons of Change" was written during the Pandemic to inspire hope and provide comfort in knowing you are not alone. She currently resides in Neenah, WI with her husband and two daughters.

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## Kristin Tenor, This is How They Mourn

Kristin Tenor finds inspiration in life's quiet details and believes in their power to illuminate the extraordinary. She is the author of the flash fiction chapbook *This Is How They Mourn* (Thirty West Publishing House, 2024), which explores the liminal spaces that exist between unexpected loss and what remains. Her fiction has appeared in Best Microfiction 2024, Wigleaf, Bending Genres, 100 Word Story, and various other literary journals and anthologies. Kristin's work has also been nominated for Best of the Net, Best Small Fictions, and the Pushcart Prize, as well as longlisted for the Wigleaf Top 50. She currently serves as the reviews editor at Story.

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### Nicholas Chiarkas, Weepers

Nick Chiarkas grew up in the Al Smith housing projects in the Two Bridges neighborhood on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

When he was in the fourth grade, his mother was told by the principal of PS-1 that, "Nick was unlikely to ever complete high school, so you must steer him toward a simple and secure vocation." Instead, Nick became a writer, with a few stops along the way: a U.S. Army Paratrooper; a New York City Police Officer; the Deputy Chief Counsel for the President's Commission on Organized Crime; and the Director of the Wisconsin State Public Defender Agency.

On the way to becoming an author, he picked up a Doctorate from Columbia University; a Law Degree from Temple University; and was a Pickett Fellow at Harvard. How many mothers are told their children are hopeless? How many kids with potential simply surrender to despair? That's why Nick wrote *Weepers* and *Nunzio's Way*— for them.