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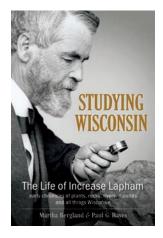


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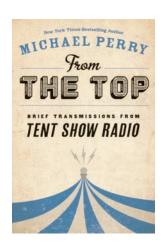
Martha Bergland and Paul G. Hayes

This tribute to Wisconsin's first scientist explores the remarkable life and achievements of Increase Lapham (1811–1875), who mastered botany, geology, archaeology, limnology, mineralogy, engineering, meteorology, and cartography. Told in compelling detail through Lapham's letters, journals, books, and articles, *Studying Wisconsin* chronicles the life and times of Wisconsin's pioneer citizen-scientist.

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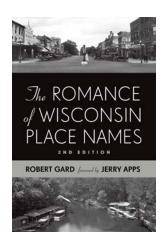


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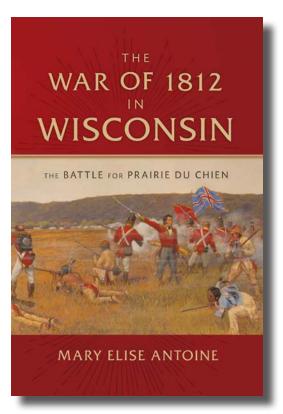
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In this reprinted edition with a foreword by well-known author and rural historian Jerry Apps, Gard meticulously records morsels of trivia and Wisconsin hometown lore in an alphabetical listing of places in every corner of Wisconsin, including the stories behind their often-unusual names.

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The War of 1812 in Wisconsin The Battle for Prairie du Chien

Mary Elise Antoine

In *The War of 1812 in Wisconsin*, author Mary Elise Antoine brings a little-known corner of Wisconsin's history to life. Prairie du Chien, located just above the mouth of the Wisconsin River, was the key to trade on the upper Mississippi. Whoever controlled the prairie commanded the immense territory inhabited by thousands of American Indians—and the fur they traded. When war broke out between the United States and Great Britain in 1812, British and Americans fought to maintain the ever-shifting alliance of the tribes.

This is the story of the battle for the control of Prairie du Chien and the western country, which began many years before the three-day siege in July of 1814 for which the Battle of Prairie du Chien is named. It is also the tale of the people, Euro-American and Native, who lived in pre-territorial Wisconsin and how the contest for control of the region affected their lives and livelihoods. The outcome of the War of 1812 would determine what Manifest Destiny would mean to all who called these lands home.

Mary Elise Antoine is president of the Prairie du Chien Historical Society and former curator at Villa Louis. She has written numerous articles and books on Prairie du Chien, including two volumes with Arcadia Publishing. She is co-editor, with Lucy Murphy, of *Frenchtown Chronicles of Prairie du Chien: History and Folklore from Wisconsin's Frontier*, forthcoming from the Wisconsin Historical Society Press.



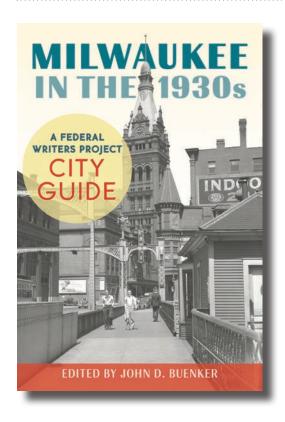
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Edited by John D. Buenker

What would it be like to take an intensive tour of Milwaukee as it was during the late 1930s—at the confluence of the Great Depression, the New Deal, and the run-up to World War II? That is precisely what the participants in the Federal Writers Project did while researching their *Guide to Milwaukee*. The fruits of their labors were ready for publication by 1940, but for a number of reasons the finished product never saw the light of day—until now.

Seventy-five years after the work's completion, the Wisconsin Historical Society Press and historian John D. Buenker present this guide—now serving as a time machine, ready to transport readers back to the Milwaukee of the 1930s, neighborhood by neighborhood, building by building.

Buenker's thoughtful introduction provides historical context, detailing the FWP's development of this guide, as well as Milwaukee's political climate leading up to, and during, the 1930s. Next, essays on thirteen "areas," ranging from Civic Center to Bay View, delve deeper into the geography, economy, and culture of old Milwaukee's neighborhoods, and simulated auto tours take readers to locales still familiar today, exploring the city's most celebrated landmarks and institutions. With a calendar of annual events and a list of public services and institutions, plus dozens of photographs from the era, *Milwaukee in the 1930s* provides a unique record of a pre–World War II American city.

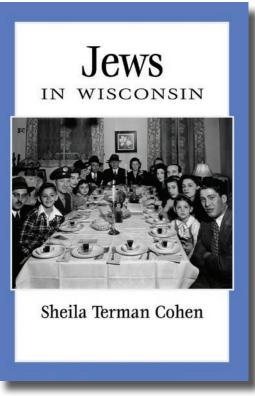
John D. Buenker, Ph.D., is professor emeritus of history for the University of Wisconsin–Parkside, where he taught for thirty-three years. He is the author or editor of fifteen books, including volume IV of the Wisconsin Historical Society Press's *History of Wisconsin: The Progressive Era, 1893–1914.* He has published more than 250 book chapters, articles, and book reviews. Buenker has received fellowships from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Institute for Research in the Humanities; awards from the state historical societies of New Jersey, Illinois, and Wisconsin; and the Marion G. Ogden Prize of the Milwaukee County Historical Society.

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Sheila Terman Cohen

Unlike the other cultural groups covered in the People of Wisconsin series, the Jews who have made their home in Wisconsin are united not by a single country of origin, but by a shared history and set of religious beliefs. This diverse group found their way to America's heartland over several centuries from Germany, Russia, and beyond, some fleeing violence and persecution, others searching for new opportunities, but all making important contributions to the fabric of this state's history. Through detailed historical information and personal accounts, Sheila Terman Cohen brings to life the stories of their various trials and triumphs. *Jews in Wisconsin* details their battles against anti-Semitism, their efforts to participate in the communities they joined, and their successes at holding onto their own cultural identities.

In addition to excerpts of Cohen's many interviews with Wisconsin Jews, *Jews in Wisconsin* also features the compelling journals of German immigrant Louis Heller, a tradesman who established himself in Milwaukee, and Russian immigrant Azriel Kanter, who details the perilous journey his family embarked on to escape anti-Semitism in his home country and make a new life in Wisconsin.

Sheila Terman Cohen is a journalist and author who has written three Badger Biographies for the Wisconsin Historical Society Press: Mai Ya's Long Journey, Gaylord Nelson: Champion for Our Earth, and Sterling North and the Story of Rascal. Her books have received recognition from the Council of Wisconsin Writers, the Midwest Independent Publishers Association, and the national book award group Next Generation.

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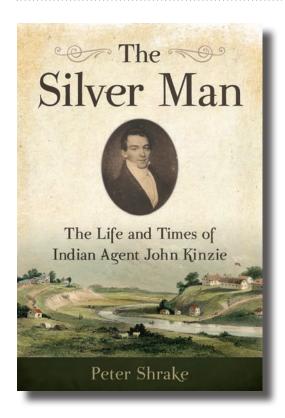
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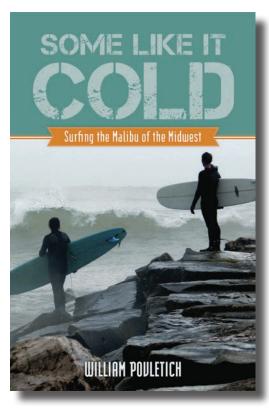
Through John Kinzie's story, we gain a broader view of the world in which he lived—a world that, in no small part, forms a foundation for the world in which we live today.

Peter Shrake is a lifelong resident of Wisconsin. He earned his master's degree from the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire, focusing on Jacksonian Indian policy in Wisconsin. He also earned a master's degree of library and information studies from the University of Wisconsin. Shrake served as the executive director of the Sauk County Historical Museum for eight years. For three years he worked as a reference archivist for the Wisconsin Historical Society Library and Archives. Since 2011, he has been the archivist at Circus World Museum. He lives in Baraboo with his wife, Kim, and his sons, Ethan and Ben.

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Some Like It Cold Surfing the Malibu of the Midwest

William Povletich

Some Like It Cold chronicles the true story of twin brothers Lee and Larry Williams, whose love of surfing evolved in the most unlikely of geographies: off the shores of Lake Michigan. From their boyhood home in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the brothers trekked to the local beach with their longboards and their dreams to master the waves at spots like the Elbow and the Cove. The next six decades proved that their zeal for catching grinders and barrels was much more than a hobby.

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With humor and wit, author William Povletich brings their tale of revolutionizing surf culture to the page.

Native Wisconsinite **William Povletich** is the author of *Green Bay Packers: Trials, Triumphs, and Tradition* and *Milwaukee Braves: Heroes and Heartbreak* as well as numerous magazine articles on sports and entertainment. The Emmy Award - nominated and Peabody Award–winning documentary filmmaker is the producer of E!'s *Botched* and the Food Network's *Trisha's Southern Kitchen*.

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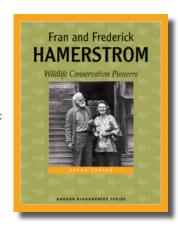
Susan Tupper was a library media specialist for twenty-six years and is a recipient of an Excellence in Teaching Fellowship Award from the Herb Kohl Foundation. She lives in Amherst Junction, Wisconsin, where she can often be found working in her garden.

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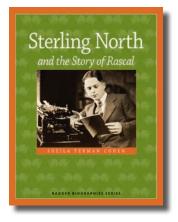
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Sheila Terman Cohen

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Sheila Terman Cohen has written three Badger Biographies. Mai Ya's Long Journey was awarded first place in juvenile nonfiction by the Council for Wisconsin Writers and the Midwest Independent Publishers Association. Gaylord Nelson: Champion for Our Earth won a first-place Indie Book Award. Cohen studied journalism at the University of Wisconsin and has written articles for newspapers in Madison, Wisconsin, where she and her husband live and raised their family.

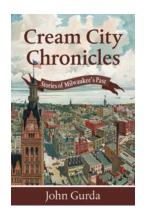


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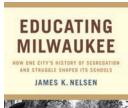
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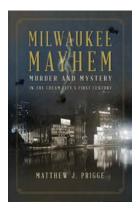
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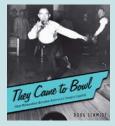
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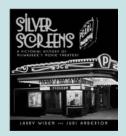
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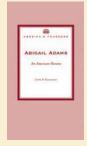
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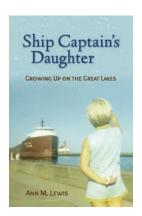
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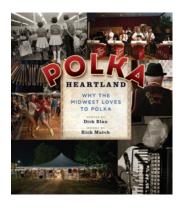
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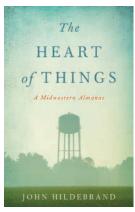
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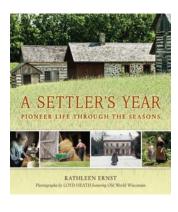
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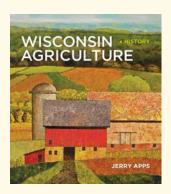
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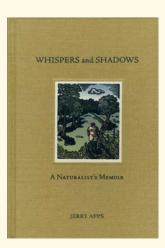
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Rural historian and celebrated Wisconsin storyteller Jerry Apps has been writing about Wisconsin farm life, gardening, and the environment for more than forty years. He has published more than thirty nonfiction and fiction books and countless articles for adult and young readers.

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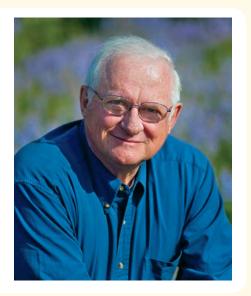
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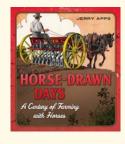
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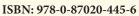
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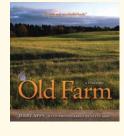




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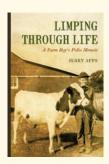
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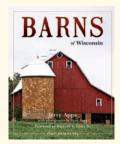


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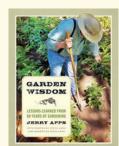


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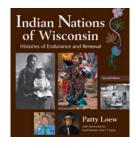
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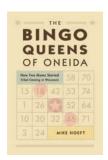
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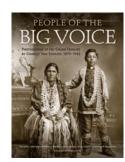


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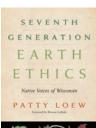
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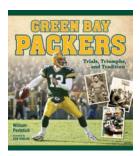
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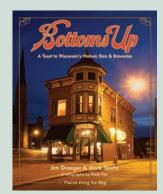
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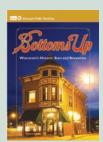
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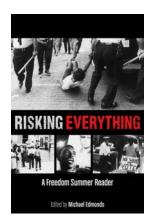
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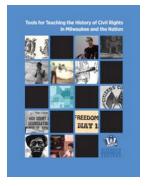
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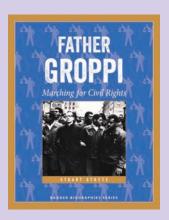
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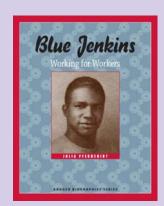
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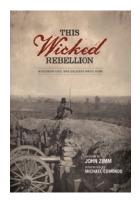
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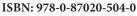
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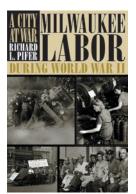


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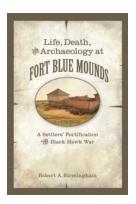


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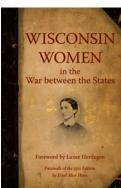
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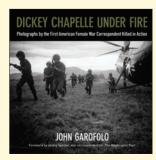


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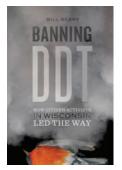
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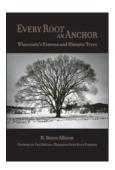
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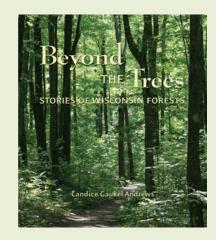
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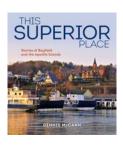
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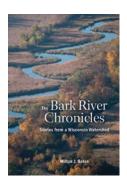


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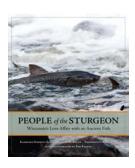
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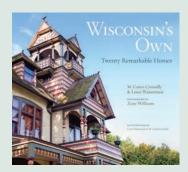
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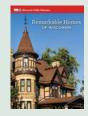
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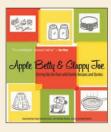
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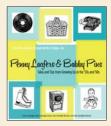
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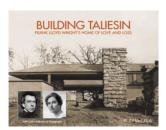


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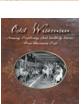
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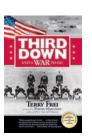
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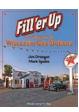
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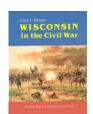
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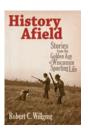
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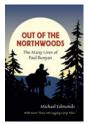
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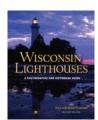
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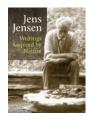
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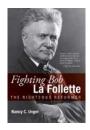
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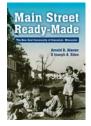
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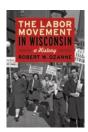
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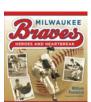
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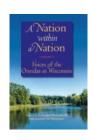
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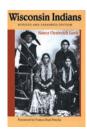
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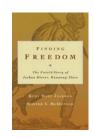
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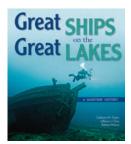




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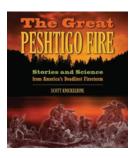
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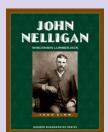
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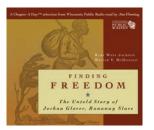
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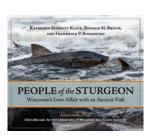
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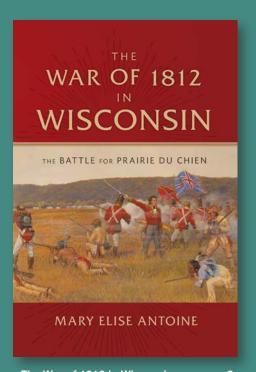
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