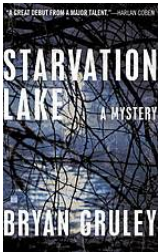


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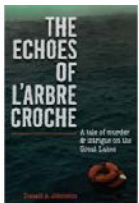
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Call No. 071199 Fiction

Starvation Lake: A Mystery / By Bryan Gruley. New York : Simon & Schuster: 2009.

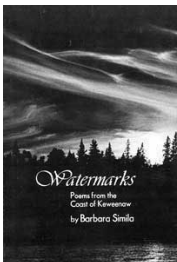
After crossing an ethical line while writing an investigative series for the Detroit Times, reporter Gus Carpenter has returned to his hometown of Starvation Lake, Mich., to work for the local paper. Evidence surfaces that the town's legendary hockey coach, Jack Blackburn, was murdered. Carpenter's reopening of the case, which has personal resonance for him, shakes all sorts of skeletons loose.



Call No. 071201 Fiction

The echoes of L'arbre Croche / By Donald Johnston. Ann Arbor : University of Michigan Press: 2009.

When a ship sinks off the coast of Beaver Island in Michigan, the intertwining lives of the characters unlock the mystery of the disappearance of another ship twenty years earlier, in a riveting whodunit set on the stormy waters of the Great Lakes.



Call No. 071203 Fiction

Watermarks: poems from the coast of Keweenaw / By Barbara Simila. Calumet, Mich. : Manitou Books: 1996.

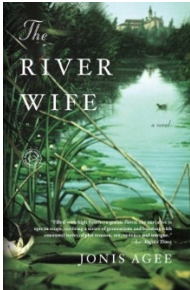
In *Watermarks: Poems from the Coast of Keweenaw*, Simila provides a collection of thirty-one poems about life in Michigan's Copper Country.



Call No. 071219 Fiction

Superior shores : a novel of conservation / By Dave Dempsey. [Charleston, SC : D. Dempsey]: 2010.

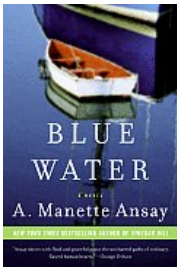
On the shores of the world's largest lake, a slick Chicago developer and a home-grown, small-town Michigan lake advocate collide over his proposed Superior Shores resort. She thinks he's ruining nature; he thinks he's showcasing it. Their differences generate a controversy that reverberates across the lake -- and sparks of another kind.



Call No. 071224 Fiction

The river wife : a novel / By Jonis Agee. New York : Random House: 2007.

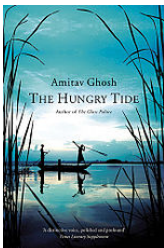
From acclaimed novelist Jonis Agee comes a sweeping, panoramic story of five generations of women who experience love and heartbreak, passion and deceit against the backdrop of the nineteenth-century South.



Call No. 110258 Fiction

Blue water / By A. Manette Ansay. New York : William Morrow: 2006.

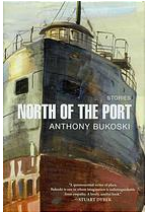
In author Ansay's latest, a probing character study, Meg Van Dorn and her husband, Rex, struggle with the loss of six-year-old son, Evan, in a crash with Cindy Ann Kreisler— Meg's best friend from high school and an alcoholic, who was drunk at the wheel.



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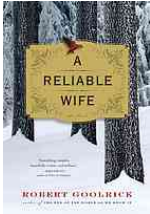
The hungry tide / By Amitav Ghosh. Boston : Houghton Mifflin: 2005.

Off the easternmost corner of India, lies the immense labyrinth of tiny islands known as the Sundarbans, where settlers live in fear of drowning tides and man-eating tigers. Piya Roy, a young American marine biologist of Indian descent, arrives in this lush, treacherous landscape in search of a rare species of river dolphin and enlists the aid of a local fisherman and a translator. Together the three of them launch into the elaborate backwaters, drawn unawares into the powerful political undercurrents of this isolated corner of the world that exact a personal toll as fierce as the tides.



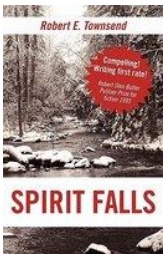
Call No. 201691 Fiction

North of the Port / By Anthony Bukoski. Dallas, Tex. : Southern Methodist University Press: 2008.
In this collection of 12 stories drawn from the experience of post-World War II Polish refugees in the U.S., Bukoski continues the themes and uses the style that characterizes previous work.



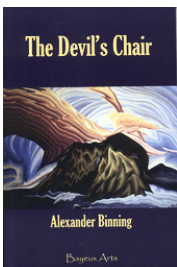
Call No. 201692 Fiction

A Reliable Wife / By Robert Goolrick. Chapel Hill : Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill: 2009.
Set in 1907 Wisconsin, Goolrick's fiction debut gets off to a slow, stylized start, but eventually generates some real suspense. When Catherine Land, who's survived a traumatic early life by using her wits and sexuality as weapons, happens on a newspaper ad from a well-to-do businessman in need of a "reliable wife," she invents a plan to benefit from his riches and his need. This darkly nuanced psychological tale builds to a strong and satisfying close.



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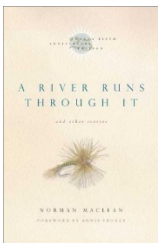
Spirit Falls / By Robert E. Townsend. Indianapolis, IN : Dog Ear Publishing: 2009.
This is a coming-of-age novel set in the empty hardwood borderland between Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern Wisconsin.



Call No. 201712

The devil's chair : a novel of Lake Superior / By Alexander Binning. Calgary, Alta. : Bayeux Arts: 2003.

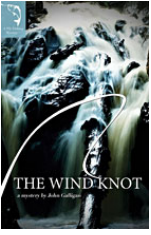
This wonderful story of Angus Ashabish, Lake Superior fisherman, WWII veteran, and a 'shaman' to boot, and Burl Manion, a wildlife 'technician'. Their lives and those of others around them unfurl against the backdrop of the Devil's Chair, an ancient local site of fable and love for generations of Native people.



Call No. 220319

A river runs through it, and other stories / By Norman Maclean. Chicago : University of Chicago Press: 1976.

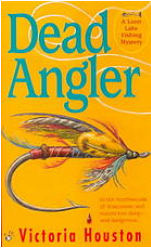
The two novellas and short story in this collection are based on the author's own experiences, the experiences of a young man who found that life was only a step from art in its structures and beauty.



Call No. 220325

The wind knot / By John Galligan. Madison, WI : Tyrus Books: 2011.

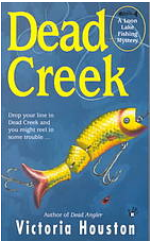
After five years of self-imposed exile on the rivers of America, trout bum Ned "Dog" Oglivie has burned his waders and hat, given away his rod, and turned his Cruise Master RV away from the famous Hemingway water in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, bound for reconciliation with his past. But some men never make it home. A fly fishing mystery.



Call No. 271317 Fiction

Dead Angler / By Victoria Houston. New York : Berkley Prime Crime: 2000.

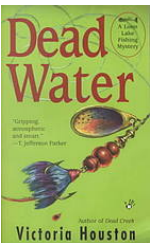
Loon Lake, Wisconsin's newly appointed Chief of Police, Lewellyn Ferris, is a tough-as-nails crime fighter and a fly fishing wonder. And when she reels in a dead body, she gets an opportunity to put all her talents to work.



Call No. 271318 Fiction

Dead Creek / By Victoria Houston. New York : Berkley Prime Crime: 2000.

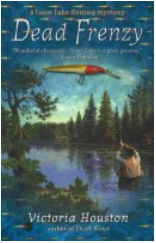
Fishing aside, there's nothing Doc likes better than helping Chief of Police Lew Ferris -- a world-class fly fisherman in her own right -- delve into Loon Lake's criminal underworld. He's looking for any excuse to spend time with the only woman he knows who likes to fish as much as he does. So bloodthirsty killers and backwoods bandits be damned. Doc will take the quiet risk. But someone wants a certain piece of truth kept quiet, and dead people don't talk. Doc and Lew better watch their backs, or they won't be pulling in the fish -- they'll be sleeping with them.



Call No. 271319 Fiction

Dead Water / By Victoria Houston. New York : Berkley Prime Crime: 2001.

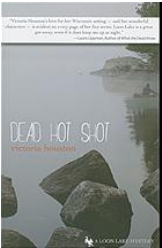
While out kayaking, Paul Osborne discovers the grisly remains of a woman -- whose shoulders bear mysterious bite marks. And just as Lew begins her investigation, another body turns up... The second victim was a successful businesswoman from Kansas City, and the evidence indicates she was in Loon Lake for a rendezvous with an ex-lover -- a con man who had tried to get his hands on her money. Now, Lew's got two confusing cases -- and a killer who may be more elusive than any fish.



Call No. 271320 Fiction

Dead Frenzy / By Victoria Houston. New York : Berkley Prime Crime: 2003.

For fishing pals Doc Osborne and Police Chief Lew Ferris, Loon Lake, Wisconsin, is usually a great place to seek out some mutual solitude in the trout stream. But lately the town has been teeming with competitive bass fishermen and bikers too many less-than-savory characters. Meanwhile, there's an old murder case, Doc's bent on solving even as he himself is stalked by a mysterious visitor.



Call No. 271394 Fiction

Dead Hot Shot / By Victoria Houston. Madison: Bleak House Books: 2008.

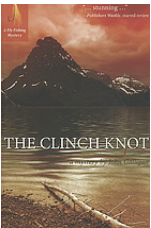
The charming resort town of Loon Lake, Wisconsin is once again rocked by murder and retired dentist and fly fisherman Doc Osborne is deputized to help Police Chief Lew Ferris investigate the death of heiress Nolan Reece, whose body is washed ashore on Thanksgiving morning.



Call No. 271397 Fiction

Dead Madonna / By Victoria Houston. Madison, WI : Bleak House Books: 2007.

When the body of a lovely young woman is found floating beneath a party pontoon on a popular lake in northern Wisconsin on the same morning that a prominent widow is found bludgeoned in her gracious home, Loon Lake Police Chief Lew Ferris is caught short-handed.



Call No. 271398 Fiction

The Clinch Knot : a fly fishing mystery / By John Galligan. Madison, WI : Bleak House Books: 2008.

The third book in the critically acclaimed Fly Fishing mystery series. Ned Oglivie is fishing the Roam River in Montana when the death of a friend, Jessie, a local white girl is pinned on another friend Sneed, a young black man who can't defend himself because of carbon monoxide poisoning. Ned investigates a local lawyer with odd aspirations, a pair of white supremacists, and the local fly fishing outfitter who employed both the suspect and the victim.