



Essential Books for Summers at the Cottage



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Spirit of the Badge

By Ingrid Dean

Spirit of the Badge is an inspirational collection of real-life accounts that discuss the metaphysical, spiritual, and inspirational elements of police work. Stories were compiled from active and retired police officers from across the country, and highlight the human, humorous, intuitive, and miraculous side of law enforcement. This collection of real-life accounts shows the public that a majority of law enforcement officers oftentimes go beyond just the facts and are intuitive by nature, in direct contrast to the tough and gun-wielding officers who are often portrayed on reality television shows. Chapters consider subjects such as angels and apparitions; dreams and intuition; healing with humor, signs, symbols, and synchronicity; lessons of the heart; and unexplainable phenomena.

ISBN#9780982082409

Show Price - \$19

The Living Great Lakes

By Jerry Dennis

Dennis surveys the Inland Seas through the viewpoint of his lake-faring rambles in three different vessels: schooner, racing yacht, and voyageur canoe. As he passes the numerous spectacular sights the Great Lakes afford sailors, Dennis recalls their associated history in a vibrant blend of personal observation and geological, historical, and environmental anecdote. The main focus here is a schooner trip in 2000 from Grand Traverse Bay to Maine (via the Erie Canal). As the *Malabar* negotiates the treacherous Straits of Mackinac, Dennis not only covers the French missions, British forts, and innumerable shipwrecks in this storied area but also recollects his experience in the annual Chicago-to-Mackinac yacht race. Working in a separate, French fur-trapper style canoeing adventure on Lake Superior, Dennis touches on all five lakes in this compendium, endowing his chronicle with a breadth that makes it a fine introduction to the lakes' ecology. *Gilbert Taylor*

ISBN#9780312331030

Show Price - \$16

The English Major

By Jim Harrison

In Harrison's funny, spirited latest, Cliff, a 60-year-old former Michigan high school teacher, bids adieu to his inherited family farm (lost in a shady real estate deal); his wife, Vivian, of 38 years (who has been cheating on him and orchestrated the deal) and dear departed dog Lola (the truest woman in my life); and sets off on a yearlong, countrywide jag. Armed with his childhood jigsaw puzzle mapping the 50 states, Cliff endearingly tosses out a puzzle piece every time he crosses state lines, reminisces and tries (with as much humor as he can muster) to make the best of his shattered existence. The miles between Minnesota and Montana play host to a melodramatically drawn-out love/hate romantic triumph with Marybelle, a married former student. She stalks Cliff well into a visit with his affluent gay son, Robert, flourishing in San Francisco. As more calamity ensues in Arizona, New Mexico and Montana, the possibility of reconciliation with Vivian looms. With a plot left deliberately thin, Harrison is consistently witty and engaging as he drives home his timeless theme: that change can be beneficial at any point in life.

ISBN#9780802144140

Show Price - \$15.00 (Paperback) / \$26 (Hard Cover)

Isadore's Secret

By Mardi Link

A gripping account of the mysterious disappearance of a young nun in a northern Michigan town and the national controversy that followed when she turned up dead and buried in the basement of the church.

ISBN#9780472050796

Show Price - \$25

One Child, One Planet

By Bridget Llewellyn

Children of all ages will be captivated by this loving tribute to Mother Earth, her gifts and her greatest concerns. Young or old, everyone's actions make a difference. Loose-rhyming text and awe-inspiring photography are woven into a family treasure that will create excitement and responsibility toward the planet.

ISBN# 9780984188000

Show Price - \$21

Traders in Time

By Janie Lynn Panagopoulos

Chris scoffs at his younger brother's enthusiasm for collecting rocks - particularly one Nick thinks is shaped like a turtle - and generally thinks that the eight-year-old is something of a wimp. But Chris's attitude is dramatically changed as the brothers suddenly find themselves trapped at dusk in a deep forest with eighteenth-century fur traders. With the help of his turtle warrior rock and his new friends, Meggie Le Framboise and her assistant LeClaire, Nick saves Chris from the clutches of an evil trader named McDougal. But the boys' adventures have only begun as they flee from McDougal to an Ottawa Indian camp and then on to Mackinac Island. *Traders in Time* vividly portrays the variety of people involved in the fur trade and brings to life the sights, smells, and drama taking place along the shores of Lake Michigan and at Fort Mackinac in the late 1700s.

ISBN#9780938682271

Show Price - \$11

Deer Season

By Aaron Sander

It's late November along the shores of northern Lake Michigan. Deer season has been open for a few days and Thanksgiving is just around the corner. A local TV anchorwoman is returning home from an early morning yoga class with her young twin daughters. She stops at the end of her drive and climbs out of her car to collect the mail from the box. As she turns back toward her vehicle, the bullet from a high caliber weapon tears through her chest. In this third book in this series, Sheriff Ray Elkins confronts both the dark history of his own department and powerful and wealthy adversaries who try to control the direction and reach of his investigation.

ISBN#9780978573225

Show Price - \$17

Horse Soldiers

By Doug Stanton

In this absolutely riveting account, full of horror and raw courage, journalist Stanton recreates the miseries and triumphs of specially trained mounted U.S. soldiers, deployed in the war-ravaged Afghanistan mountains to fight alongside the Northern Alliance-thousands of rag-tag Afghans who fought themselves to exhaustion or death-against the Taliban. The U.S. contingent, almost to a man, had never ridden horses-especially not these "shaggy and thin-legged, and short... descendants of the beasts Genghis Khan had ridden out of Uzbekistan"-but that was not the only obstacle: rattling helicopters, outdated maps, questionable air support and insufficient food also played their parts. Stanton brings each soldier and situation to vivid life: "Bennett suddenly belted out: 'It just keeps getting better and better!' Here they were, living on fried sheep and filtered ditchwater...calling in ops-guided bombs on bunkers built of mud and wood scrap, surrounded by Taliban fighters." In less than three months, this handful of troops secured a city in which a fort had been taken over by Taliban prisoners, a tangle of firefights and mayhem that became a seminal battle and, in Stanton's prose, a considerable epic: "Dead and dying men and wounded horses had littered the courtyard, a twitching choir that brayed and moaned in the rough, knee-high grass."

ISBN#9781416580515

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On the Spin Cycle

By Wendy Stout

Welcome to the frazzled world of a thirty-something, single, working mom sandwiched between kids and an elderly parent. *Frazzled* is a timely comic strip designed to capture the hearts and imaginations of all. Like Bill Watterson's *Calvin and Hobbes*, *Frazzled* offers us an inside glance into family life with random jaunts into a parallel universe of fantasy. And like Charles Schultz's *Peanuts*, *Frazzled* has a large cast to keep you laughing for years to come.

ISBN#9780984107902

Show Price - \$14

Once On This Island

By Gloria Whelan

Twelve-year-old Mary and her older brother and sister must tend the family farm on Mackinac Island when their father leaves to fight the British. Through Mary's narration, the everyday details of life in 1812 intertwine with larger events, as the fort is taken by the British, her sister flirts with an English lieutenant, and their friend Gavin returns to his Ottawa tribe to ransom his adoptive parents. Mary's resourcefulness and humor add liveliness to the solid historical facts, and her encounters with a wolf, some potential cow thieves, and the British at Fort Michilimackniac are all memorable. Mary's point of view occasionally becomes omniscient, and the ending of the story is a bit tidy, but Whelan's smooth writing, vivid characters, and strong sense of place make this a good choice for libraries and a treasure for ones in the Great Lakes area.

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