

## Michigan's the Place!

### FICTION

- J MYS Bellairs, John  
J PAP **The House with a Clock in its Walls** (gr. 3-6)  
Mystery and a touch of magic make for a suspenseful tale when ten-year-old Lewis Barnevelt goes to live with his Uncle Jonathan in New Zebedee, Michigan. One can still see his house in Marshall. **The Figure in the Shadows** and **The Letter, the Witch, and the Ring** complete this trilogy.
- J FIC Blos, Joan W.  
**Brother of the Heart: A Story of the Old Northwest 1837-1838** (gr. 4+)  
Fourteen-year-old Shem runs away from home and spends six months in the Michigan wilderness with an elderly Ottawa woman who becomes his teacher.
- J FIC Burgess, Barbara Hood  
**Oren, Bell** (gr. 5-8)  
Living in a dangerous neighborhood of Detroit, Oren and his twin sister come to believe that the condemned house next door is haunted. Continue Oren's story in the sequel **The Fred Field**.
- J FIC DeAngeli, Marguerite  
**Copper-Toed Boots** (gr. 2-4)  
Follow Shad and his friends through a delightful Michigan summer near Lapeer in the 1880's.
- J FIC Curtis, Christopher Paul  
J PAP **Bud, Not Buddy** (gr. 4+)  
In 1936 ten-year-old Bud Caldwell follows clues from Flint to Grand Rapids in a heartwarming quest to find his real father.
- J FIC Curtis, Christopher Paul  
J PAP **The Watsons Go to Birmingham-1963** (gr. 4+)  
The Watson family takes a summer trip from Flint to visit relatives in Alabama and unexpectedly becomes part of a tragic historic event.
- J FIC Emery, Anne  
**A Spy in Old Detroit** (gr. 3-6)  
English, French and Native Americans are all in conflict in this young French boy's exciting adventure set in 1763 Detroit.
- J FIC Farley, Carol  
**The Bunch on McKellahan Street** (gr. 4-6)  
During the summer of 1945 a group of children from the poor side of town have fun and get into trouble in Piney Ridge on the shores of Lake Michigan.
- Y FIC Fenner, Carol  
**The King of Dragons** (gr. 4-8)  
Ian and his father have been secretly living in an abandoned courthouse in Grand River, Michigan, when it is suddenly opened up by the local museum.
- J FIC Fenner, Carol  
**Yolonda's Genius** (gr. 4-6)  
Having recently moved from Chicago to Grand River, Michigan, Yolonda sets out to prove that her little brother Andrew is a musical genius.
- J FIC Fisher, Marcy Heller  
**The Outdoor Museum: The Magic of Michigan's Marshall M. Fredericks** (gr. 3+)  
A young girl spends the day admiring various sculptures by Fredericks in the Detroit area.
- Y FIC Forman, James D.  
**Becca's Story** (gr. 5-8)  
The Civil War affects the futures of three young people from Jonesville, Michigan, in this romantic story based on the author's family letters and diaries.

J FIC	Gringhuis, Dirk <b>Tulip Time</b> (gr. 2-3) Illustrated story of the annual Holland, Michigan Tulip Festival in the early 1950's.	J FIC	Panagopoulos, Janie Lynn <b>Train to Midnight: A Dream-Quest Adventure</b> (gr. 3-6) An exciting tale of the Underground Railroad and a journey to reach Detroit and escape to Canada.
J FIC	Gringhuis, Dirk <b>The Young Voyageur: An Exciting Historical Novel of Mackinac</b> (gr. 4-6) In 1762 Danny O'Hara runs away from his home in Fort Detroit to make his fortune and joins a group of French-Canadian trappers.	J FIC	Pfitsch, Patricia Curtis <b>Keeper of the Light</b> (gr. 3-6) After her father's death, Faith faces many difficulties when she tries to take over his job as a lighthouse keeper in Munising, Michigan, in 1872.
J FIC	Holling, Holling C. <b>Paddle-to-the-Sea</b> (gr.2-4) A carved wooden figure of a boy and a canoe travels through the Great Lakes to the sea.	J FIC ILL	Polacco, Patricia <b>Mrs. Mack</b> (gr. 2-5) The author fondly remembers her tenth summer in Michigan and learning how to ride at a stable outside of Lansing.
J FIC ILL	Howard, Ellen <b>The Log Cabin Quilt</b> (gr. 2-5) Elvirey's family struggles to make their log cabin in the Michigan woods feel like home during their first winter outside of Carolina. Read more about her family in <b>The Log Cabin Christmas</b> (E HOW HOLIDAY).	J FIC	Robertson, Keith <b>In Search of a Sandhill Crane</b> (gr. 4-6) Fifteen-year-old Link spends his first summer outside of New Jersey in a cabin in the Upper Peninsula with his aunt.
Y FIC	Howard, Ellen <b>The Tower Room</b> (gr. 4-6) After her mother's death, Mary Brooke must live with her aunt in a small Michigan town and discovers a secret room in the old family home.	J FIC	Slote, Alfred <b>Finding Buck McHenry</b> (gr. 3-6) Jason tries to enlist the school custodian to coach his Little League team after discovering that he once pitched in the old Negro League in this book set in Arborville (Ann Arbor), Michigan.
J FIC	Lenski, Lois <b>We Live in the North</b> (gr. 3-5) Three short stories of children and their families in Hamtramck, Traverse City, and Muskegon.	J FIC	Slote, Alfred <b>The Trading Game</b> (gr. 3-6) How far will Andy go to obtain a baseball card to complete the priceless collection, left to him by his father in this exciting story set in Arborville, Michigan? A native of Ann Arbor, all of Slote's sports novels are set there.
J FIC	Panagopoulos, Janie Lynn <b>North to Iron Country: A Dream-Quest Adventure</b> (gr. 3-6) Travel back to Marquette, Michigan, in the mid-1800s, as a young boy must journey alone by dogsled to deliver the mail.	J MYS	Swarthout, Glendon and Kathryn Swarthout <b>The Ghost and the Magic Saber</b> (gr.3-5) Newton is in for some big surprises when his father decides that it would be good for him to spend a summer on a farm in Michigan with his grandparents.
J FIC	Panagopoulos, Janie Lynn <b>The Runes of Isle Royale</b> (gr. 3-6) The Spywell family vacations on this Lake Superior island and learns about Viking exploration of the lake more than 1,000 years ago.		

Y FIC Whelan, Gloria  
**Clearing in the Forest** (gr. 5-8)  
 An elderly widow and a teenager battle an oil company over drilling rights in northern Michigan.

J PAP Whelan, Gloria  
**Forgive the River, Forgive the Sky** (gr. 3-6)  
 Lily's father dies in the river she loves and a young pilot's accident leaves him a paraplegic in a small northern Michigan town in this tale of loss and forgiveness.

J PAP Whelan, Gloria  
**Friends** (gr. 2-4)  
 Two ten-year-old girls become friends in this story based on a real-life incident in Marshall, Michigan, along the Underground Railroad in 1838.

J FIC Whelan, Gloria  
**Hannah** (gr. 2-4)  
 Set in 1887, a young blind girl has her first school experience, and with the help of a dedicated teacher, learns about a new method of reading called Braille.

J FIC Whelan, Gloria  
 J PAP **Next Spring an Oriole** (gr. 2-4)  
 Follow ten-year-old Libby's journey with her family as they travel by covered wagon to the Michigan frontier of 1837. Continue the journey in **Night of the Full Moon** and **Shadow of the Wolf** in which the family finally settles near the shores of Lake Michigan.

J FIC Whelan, Gloria  
 J PAP **Once on the Island** (gr. 4-6)  
 The War of 1812 changes life for twelve-year-old Mary O'Shea, who lives on a farm on Mackinac Island. Continue the saga of Mary O'Shea in **Farewell to the Island** and **Return to the Island**.

J FIC Whelan, Gloria  
**Pathless Woods** (gr. 4-8)  
 A novel of Earnest Hemingway's sixteenth summer, spent at Walloon Lake in Northern Michigan.

Y FIC White, Ruth  
**Memories of Summer** (gr. 6-8)  
 Touching story of a family that moves from the coalmines of Virginia to Flint in 1955, and how they must cope with their oldest child's mental illness.

J MYS Whitney, Phyllis  
**The Mystery of the Gulls** (gr. 3-6)  
 Taffy and her mother journey to Mackinac Island to claim their inheritance of a resort hotel and find strange goings on there.

## PICTURE BOOKS

- E APP Appleford, Annie  
**M Is for Mitten: A Michigan Alphabet**
- E BER Bergel, Colin  
**Mail by the Pail**  
Story of how the mail is delivered to workers on the freighters of the Great Lakes.
- E POL Polacco, Patricia  
**My Ol' Man**  
The author remembers a special summer spent with her father in Michigan. Read more about Polacco's years spent on a farm near Union City in **My Rotten Red headed Older Brother, Picnic at Mudsock Meadow, Thunder Cake, The Trees of the Dancing Goats (HOLIDAY), and Welcome Comfort (HOLIDAY).**
- E STI Stiles, Martha Bennett  
**Island Magic**  
Story of a family set on Grosse Ile in the Detroit River.
- E WAR Wargin, Kathy-Jo  
**The Michigan Counting Book**
- E WIN Winter, Jeanette  
**The Christmas Tree Ship (HOLIDAY)**  
True story of a family business of transporting Christmas trees from Manistique to Chicago in the late 1800s.
- J398.2 Newton, Stanley D.  
BUN **Paul Bunyan of the Great Lakes**
- J398.2 Gringhuis, Dirk  
GRI **Lore of the Great Turtle: Indian Legends of Mackinac Retold**
- J398.2 Gringhuis, Dirk  
GRI **Were-Wolves and Will-O-the-Wisps: French Tales of Mackinac Retold**
- J398.2 Wargin, Kathy-Jo  
WAR **The Legend of Mackinac Island**
- J398.24 Wargin, Kathy-Jo  
WAR **The Legend of Sleeping Bear**

## NON-FICTION

*Most informational books about Michigan are found  
in the 917.7 and the 977.4 sections.*

*Here are some additional Michigan books of interest.*

J328 Morris, Susanne R.  
MUR **The Legislative Process in Michigan**

J331.8928 Stanley, Jerry  
STA **Big Annie of Calumet: A True Story of the Industrial Revolution**

J333.7 Warbach, Oscar  
WAR **Mother Nature's Michigan**

J333.95 Evers, David C.  
EVE **A Guide to Michigan's Endangered Wildlife**

J353.977 Lewis, Ferris E.  
LEW **State and Local Government in Michigan**

J388.1 Rubin, Lawrence A.  
RUB **Bridging the Straits**

J549.9774 Poindexter, O.F.  
POI **Rocks and Minerals of Michigan**

J582.13 Smith, Helen V.  
SMI **Michigan Wildflowers**

J582.16 Barnes, Burton V.  
BAR **Michigan Trees**

J591.5 Michigan Department of Conservation  
MIC **Michigan Wildlife Sketches**

Y629.2 Metcalf, Kenneth N.  
MET **From Carriages to Cars**

J641.5 Eberly, Carole  
EBE **Our Michigan: Ethnic Tales and Recipes**

J641.59 Eberly, Carole  
EBE **Michigan Cooking...and other Things**

J658 Halperin, Wendy Anderson  
HAL **Once Upon a Company: A true Story**

J709.01 Penney, David W.  
GRE **Great Lakes Indian Art**

J745.5922 Schrepfer, Margaret  
SCH **Ten Michigan Folk Dolls and Their Stories**

J784 Mistele, Lorna Dee  
MIS **I Sing of Michigan**

J784.4 Beck, Earl Clifton  
SOU **Sounds of the Lake and the Forest: Michigan Folk Songs**

J784.6 Stycos, Phyllis C.  
STY **Make Mine Michigan! A Computer Fantasy: A Musical History of Michigan**

J920 Georgiady, Nicholas P.  
GEO **Michigan Men**

J920.7 Harris, Fran  
HAR **Focus: Michigan Women 1701-1977**

J920.7 Troester, Rosalie Riegler  
HIS **Historic Women of Michigan: A Sesquicentennial Celebration**

J920.72 Massie, Larry B.  
BIR **Birchbark Belles: Women on the Michigan Frontier**

J970.1 Deur, Lynne  
DEU **Nishnawbe: A Story of Indians in Michigan**

## Famous Michigan Youth Authors And Illustrators

Aardema, Verna	Noble, Trinka
Bellairs, John	Oneal, Zibby
Blos, Joan	Orser, Stanton
Burgess, Barbara Hood	Polacco, Patricia
Bynum, Janie	Roberts, Willo D.
Carey, Valerie	Sabuda, Robert
Curtis, Christopher Paul	Sciezka, Jon
DeJong, Meindert	Scillian, Devin
Farley, Carol	Slote, Alfred
Fenner, Carol	Small, David
Fisher, Aileen Lucia	Stewart, Sarah
Galbraith, Kathryn Osebold	Sullivan, Silky
Gauch, Patricia Lee	Thomas, Jane Resh
Halperin, Wendy	Tompert, Ann
Hillert, Margaret	VanAllsburg, Chris
Holling, Holling C.	VanFrankenhoyzen, Gijsbert
Howard, Ellen	Whelan, Gloria
Knapp, Ron	White, Carolyn
Moore, Cyd	Willard, Nancy
Neitzel, Shirley	Yee, Wong Herbert

## Michigan Web Sites

Kids' stuff from the Michigan Historical Center  
<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/museum/kidstuff/kidstuff.html>

Michigan My Michigan  
<http://isd.ingham.k12.mi.us/~99mich/>

Famous Michiganders  
<http://www.50states.com/bio/michigan.htm>

Some Famous Michiganians  
<http://www.sos.state.mi.us/history/michinfo/people/people.html>

Michigan Lighthouses: A Photographic Journey  
<http://www.ipl.org/exhibit/light/>

Lighthouses of Michigan  
<http://www.kwimages.com/>

Michigan Chapter of Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators  
<http://www.kidsbooklink.org/>