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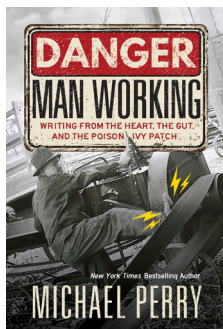
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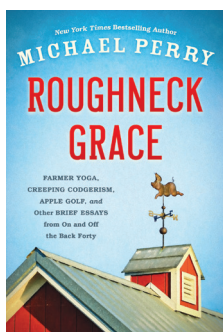
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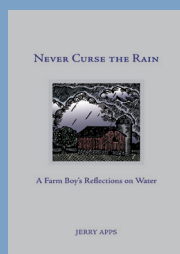
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Jerry Apps is professor emeritus at the University of Wisconsin–Madison and the author of many books on rural history, country life, and the environment. He has co-created four documentaries with Wisconsin Public Television and has won many awards for his writing. Jerry and his wife, Ruth, divide their time between Madison and their farm, Roshara, in Waushara County.

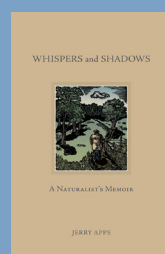
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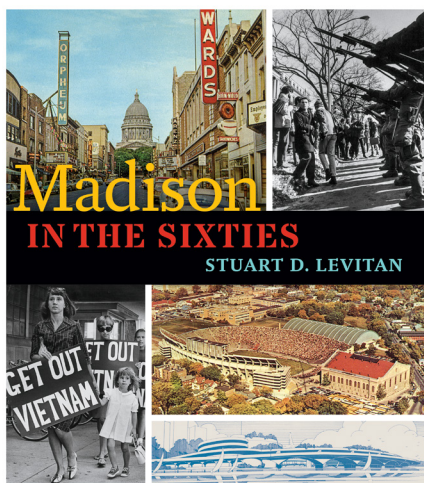
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Muriel Simms is a lifelong Madison resident and long-time educator in the Madison Metropolitan School District. She received her doctorate from the University of Wisconsin–Madison in 2002 and serves as an adjunct faculty member in the Doctoral Program in Educational Leadership at Edgewood College.



Madison in the Sixties

Stuart D. Levitan

Madison made history in the sixties. Landmark civil rights laws were passed. Pivotal campus protests were waged. A spring block party turned into a three-night riot. Factor in urban renewal troubles, a bitter battle over efforts to build Frank Lloyd Wright's Monona Terrace, and the expanding influence of the University of Wisconsin, and the decade assumes legendary status.

In this first-ever comprehensive narrative of these issues—plus accounts of everything from politics to public schools, construction to crime, and more—Madison historian Stuart D. Levitan chronicles the birth of modern Madison with style and well-researched substance. This heavily illustrated book also features annotated photographs that document the dramatic changes occurring downtown, on campus, and to the Greenbush neighborhood throughout the decade. *Madison in the Sixties* is an absorbing account of ten years that changed the city forever.

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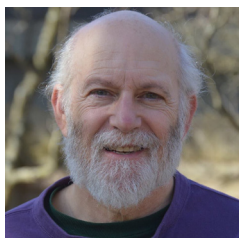
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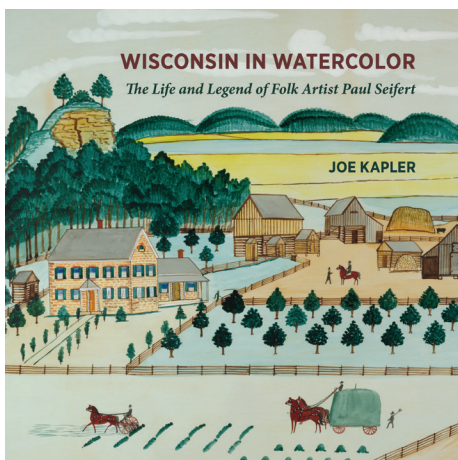
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Stuart D. Levitan is an award-winning print and broadcast journalist and has been a mainstay of Madison media and government since 1975. He is the author of *Madison: The Illustrated Sesquicentennial History, Vol. 1*, and his articles on the history of Madison have appeared in *Madison Magazine*, *On Wisconsin*, *Isthmus*, and the *Capital Times*.



Wisconsin in Watercolor

The Life and Legend of Folk Artist Paul Seifert

Joe Kapler

In 1867, German immigrant Paul Seifert settled in the Driftless Area of southwestern Wisconsin and began capturing the distinctive farms and landscapes of his new home in vivid, detailed watercolors. Today, these paintings are coveted by American folk art collectors across the country, but Seifert's life remains shrouded in mystery.

In this first book written about Paul Seifert, author Joe Kapler examines the life of this enigmatic artist and provides context for his extraordinary art. The book features high-quality reproductions of twenty-two Seifert watercolors (more than half of which have never been published) and many close-ups of his characteristic details, from horses and hay wagons to dogs and dinner bells. Part art history treatment, part coffee table book, part research memoir, and part love letter to the Driftless Area, *Wisconsin in Watercolor* shines a long-awaited light on Seifert and the land he so carefully rendered over a hundred years ago.

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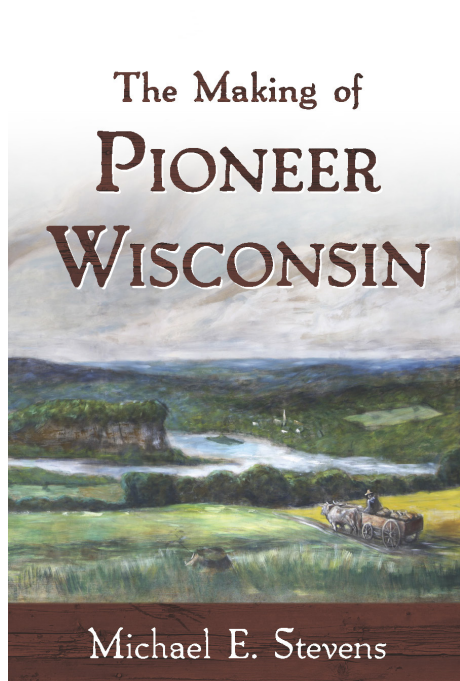
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Joe Kapler is lead curator at the Wisconsin Historical Society. He has curated numerous major exhibitions, including the Society's 2014 exhibition on Seifert's art, *Wisconsin in Watercolor: The Farmscapes of Paul Seifert*. He holds a master's degree in American history from Marquette University and a master's degree in museum studies from Eastern Illinois University.

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The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin Voices of Early Settlers

Michael E. Stevens

From the mid-1830s through the 1850s, more than a half million people settled in Wisconsin. While traveling in ships and wagons, establishing homes, and forming new communities, these men, women, and children recorded their experiences in letters, diaries, and newspaper articles. In their own words, they revealed their fears, joys, frustrations, and hopes for life in this new place.

The Making of Pioneer Wisconsin provides a unique and intimate glimpse into the lives of these early settlers, as they describe what it felt like to be a teenager in a wagon heading west or an isolated young wife living far from her friends and family. Woven together with context provided by historian Michael E. Stevens, these first-person accounts form a fascinating narrative that deepens our ability to understand and empathize with Wisconsin's early pioneers.

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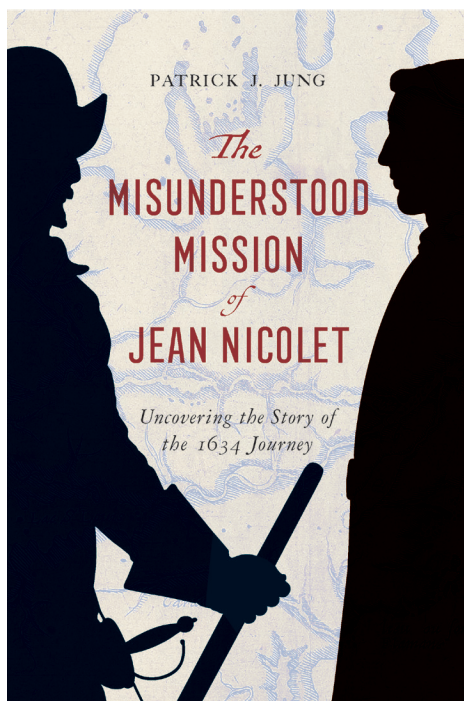
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Michael E. Stevens is the author or editor of nearly thirty articles and thirteen books, including *The Family Letters of Victor and Meta Berger* (Wisconsin Historical Society Press, 2016). Stevens earned his PhD in American history from the University of Wisconsin–Madison and is Wisconsin State Historian Emeritus.



The Misunderstood Mission of Jean Nicolet

Uncovering the Story of the 1634 Journey

Patrick J. Jung

For years, schoolchildren heard the story of Jean Nicolet's arrival in Wisconsin. But the popularized image of the hapless explorer landing with billowing robe and guns blazing, supposedly believing himself to have found a passage to China, is based on scant evidence—a false narrative perpetuated by fanciful artists' renditions and repetition.

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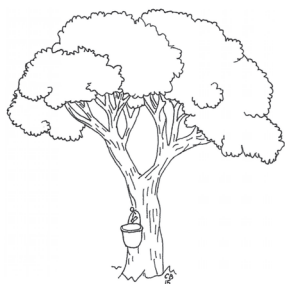


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Patrick J. Jung is a professor at the Milwaukee School of Engineering with a PhD in history and anthropology. He has published three books: *The Black Hawk War of 1832*; *The Nicolet Corrigenda: New France Revisited* with coauthor Nancy Oestreich Lurie; and *The Battle of Wisconsin Heights: Thunder on the Wisconsin*.

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The **Indigenous Cultures Center** at Northland College, created in 2011 as an extension of the long-standing Native American Studies department and academic program, works to create and foster community relations, particularly with the four neighboring Ojibwe communities in northern Wisconsin, but also across other Indigenous partnerships.

Cassie Brown, writer and illustrator, is a proud member of the Keweenaw Bay Ojibwe Community in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. She is a graduate of Northland College with a B.S. double major in Outdoor Education and Native American Studies.





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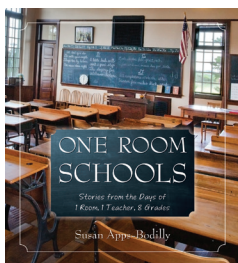
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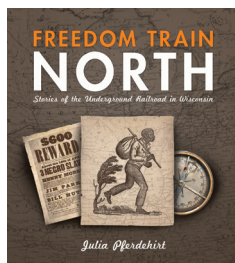
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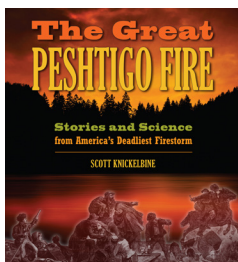
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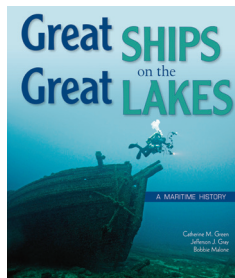
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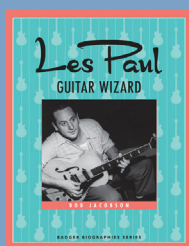
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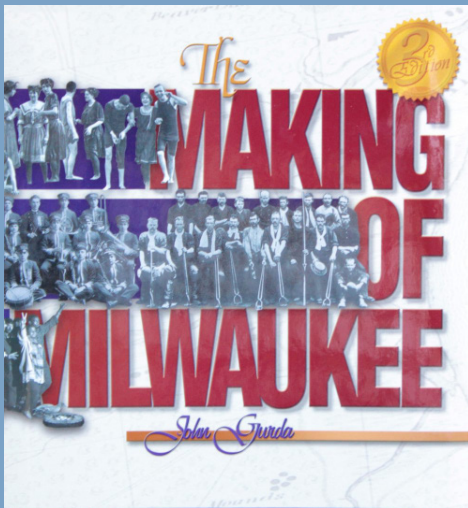
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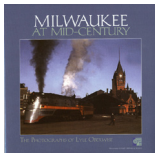
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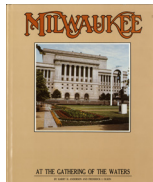
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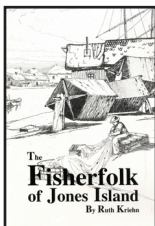
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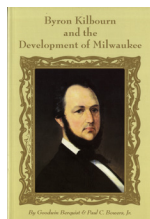
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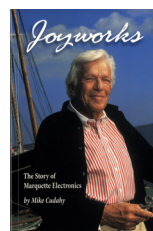
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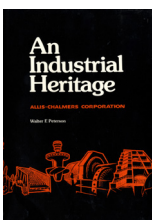
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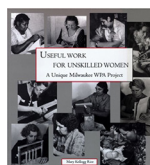
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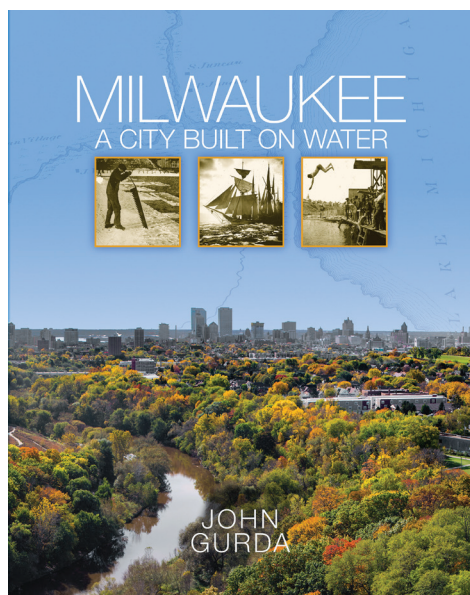
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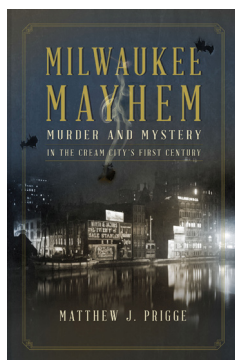
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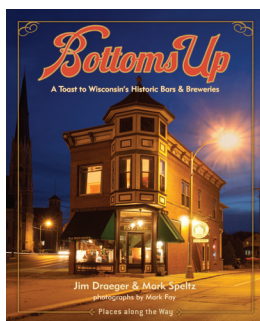
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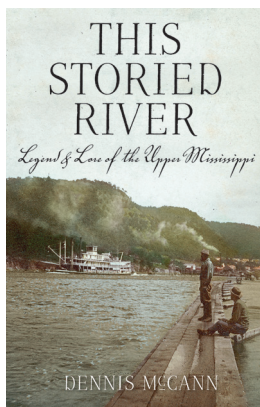
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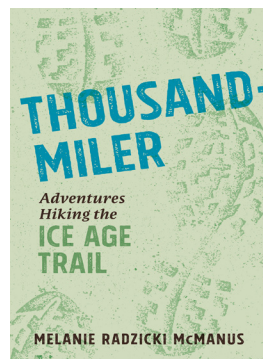
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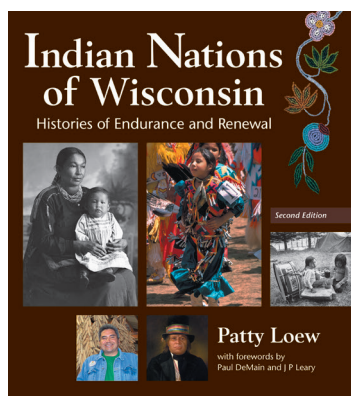
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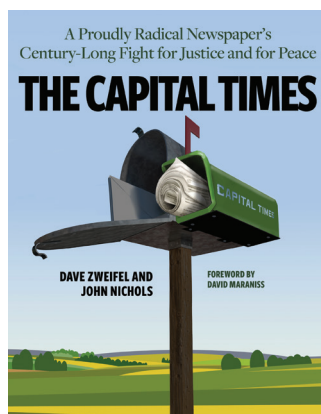
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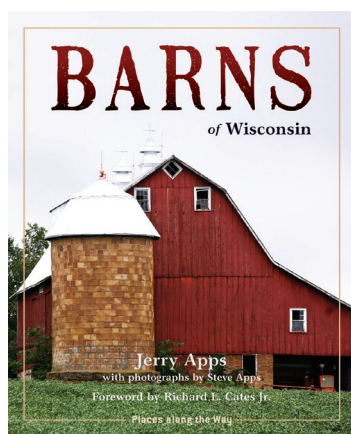
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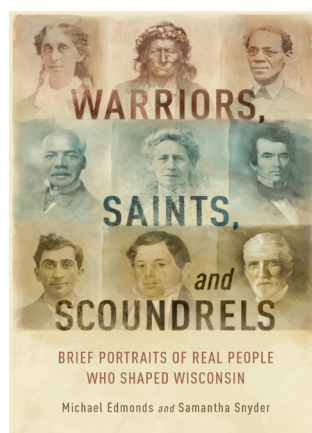
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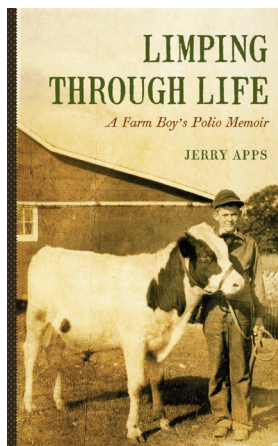
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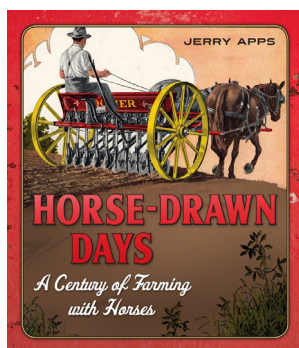
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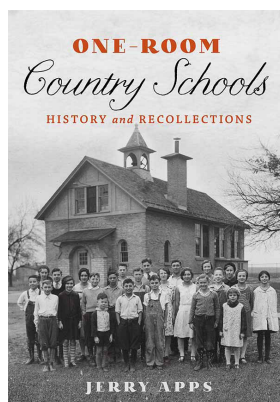
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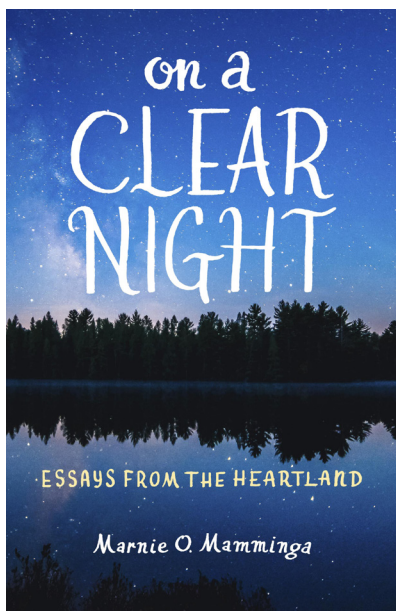
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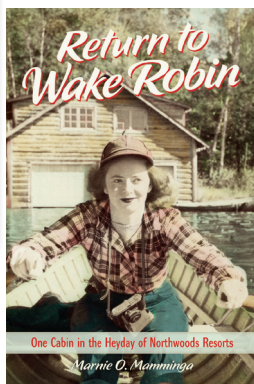
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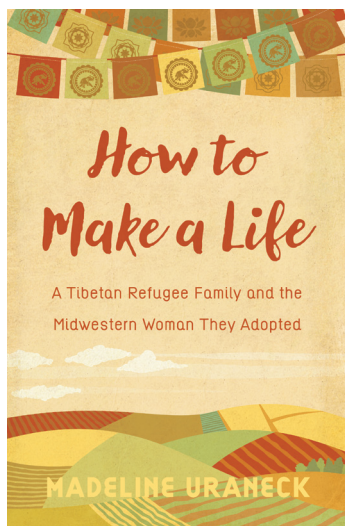
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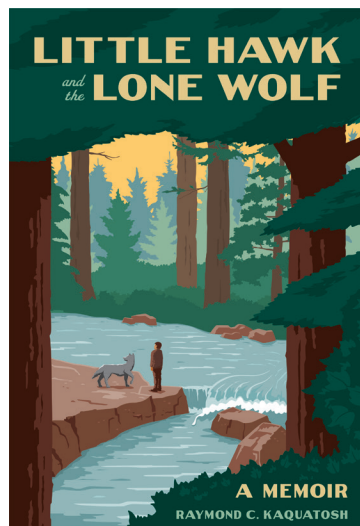
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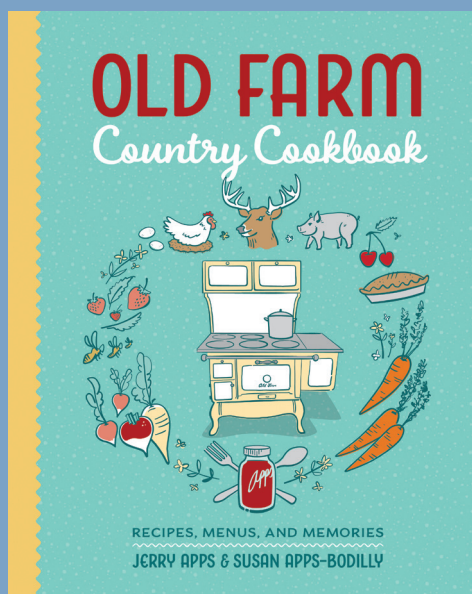
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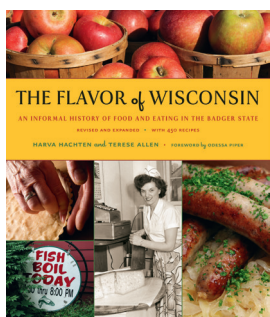
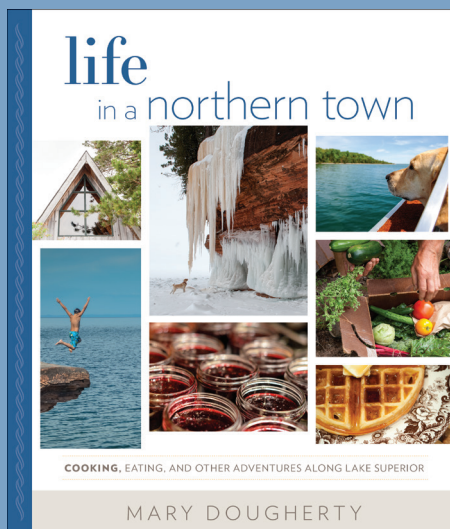
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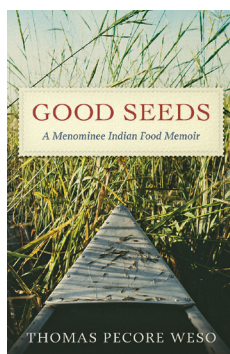
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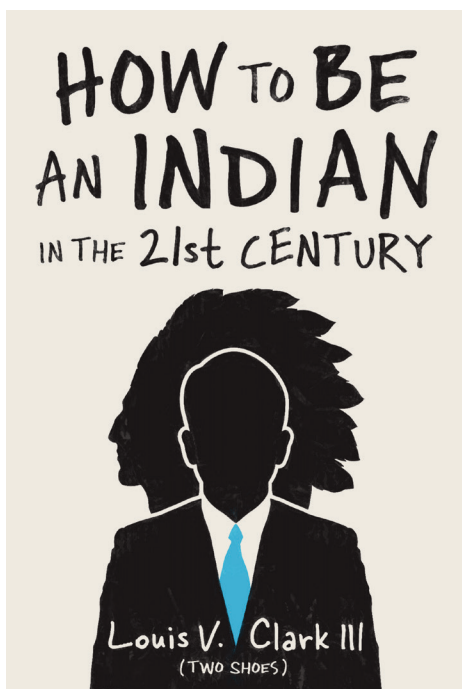
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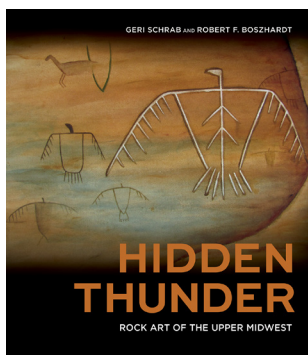
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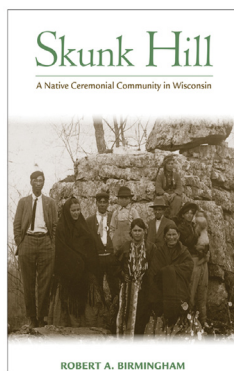
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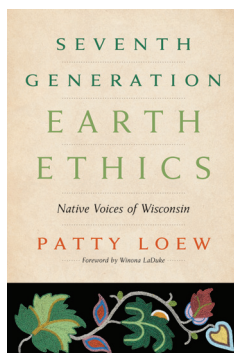
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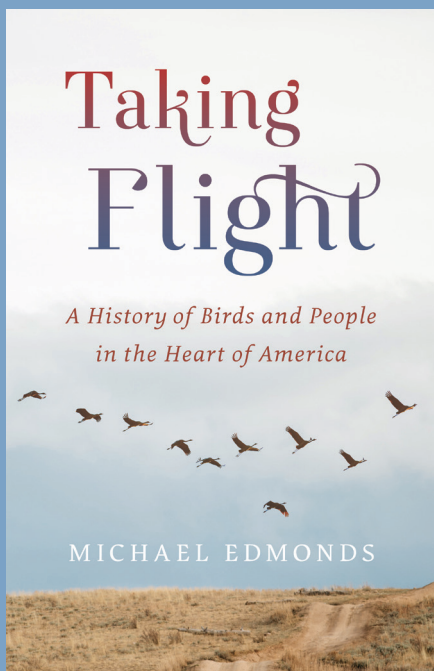
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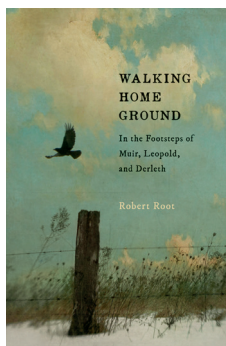
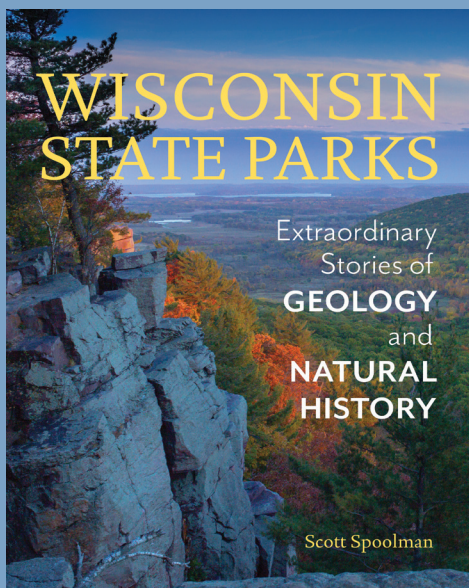
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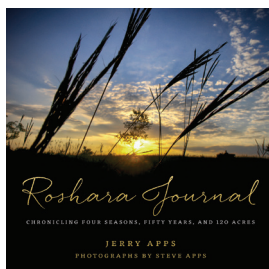
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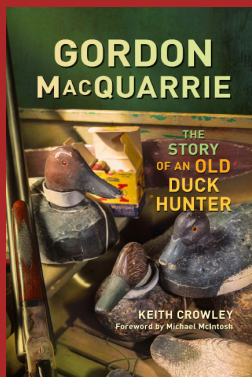
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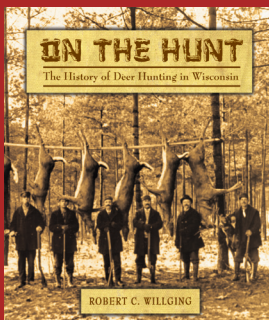
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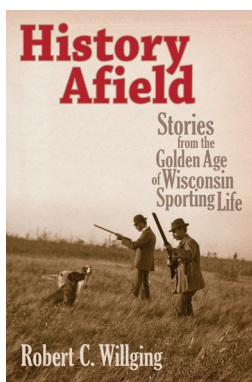
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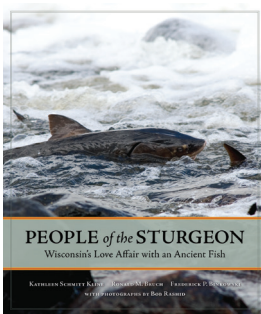
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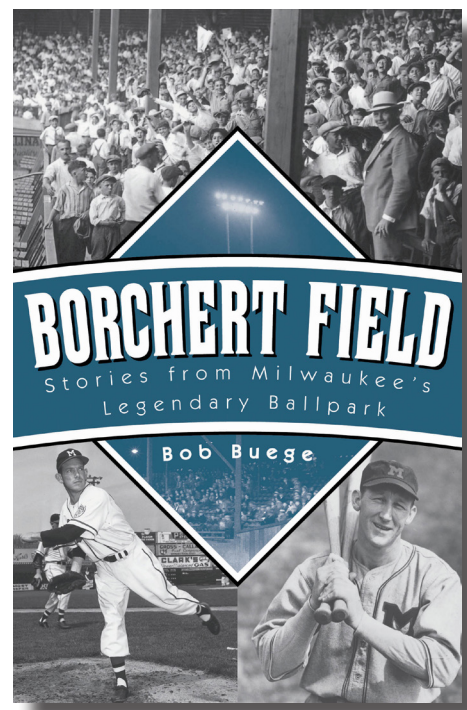
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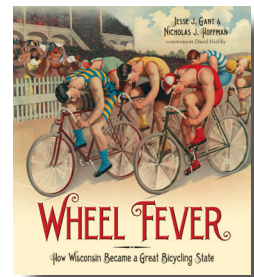


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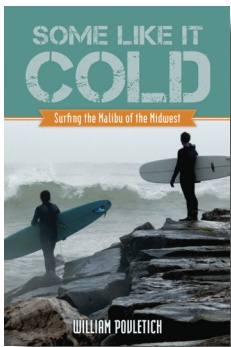
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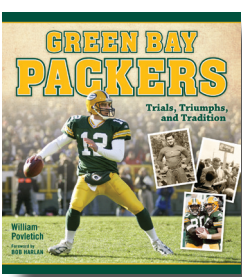
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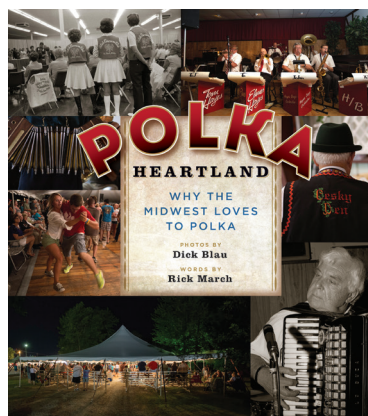
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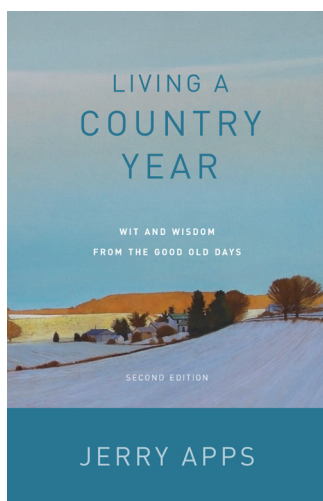
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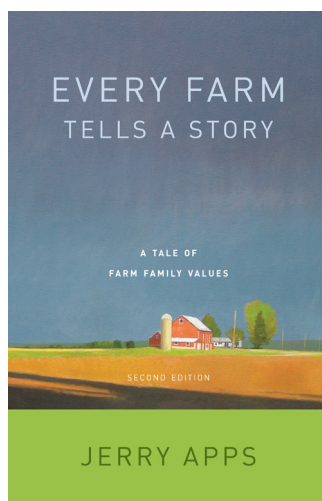
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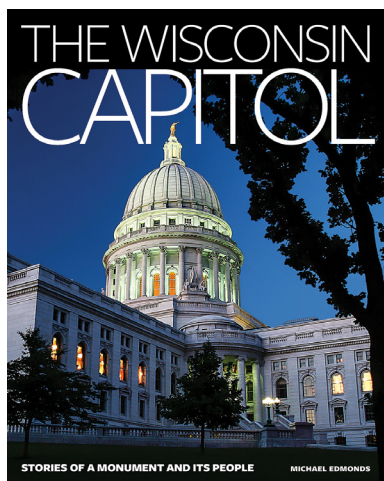
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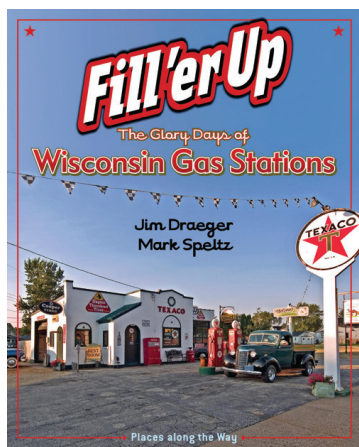
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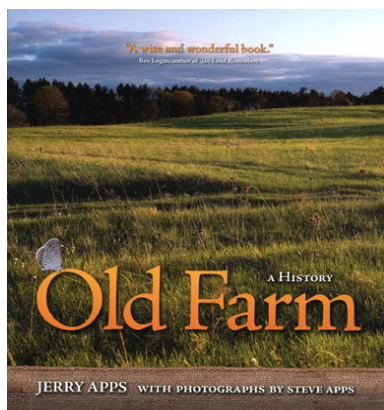
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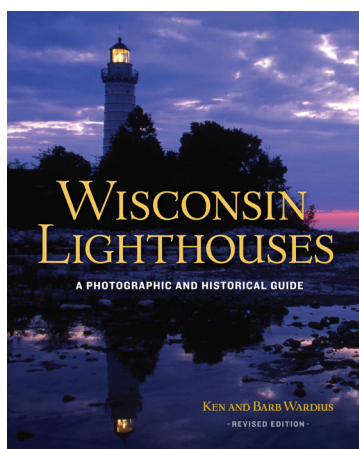
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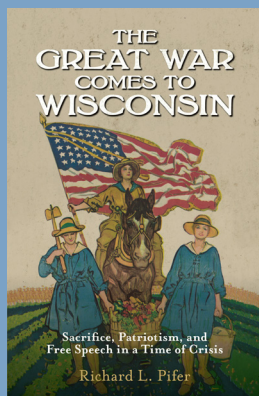
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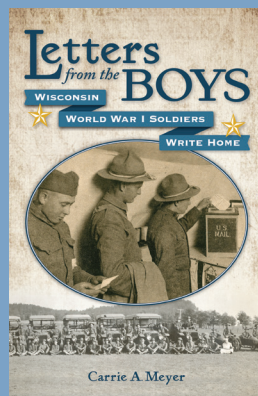
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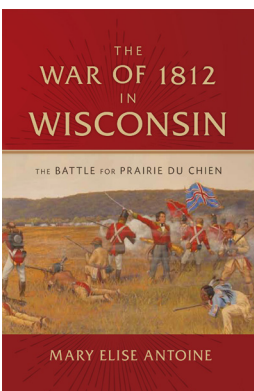
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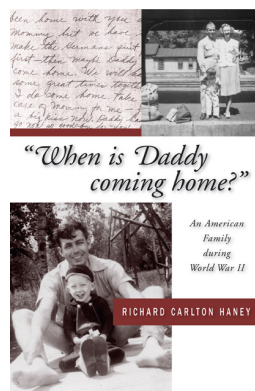
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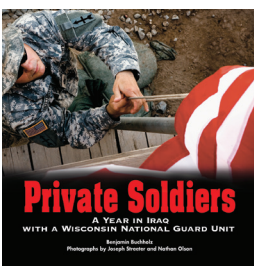
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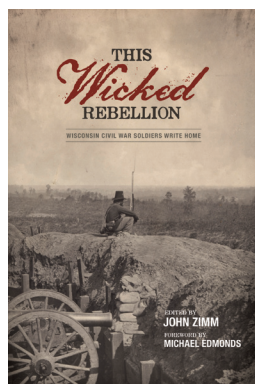
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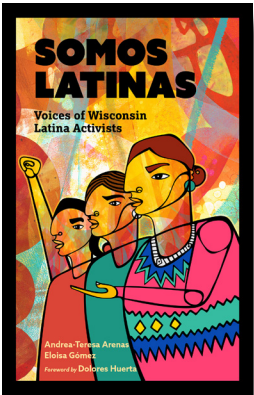
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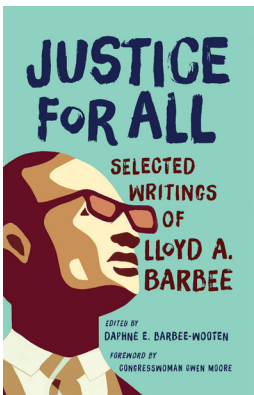
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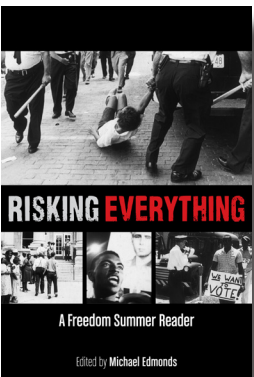
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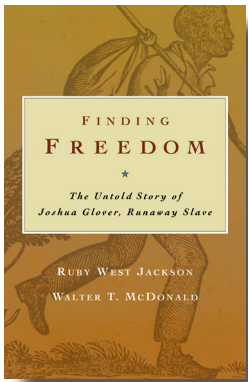
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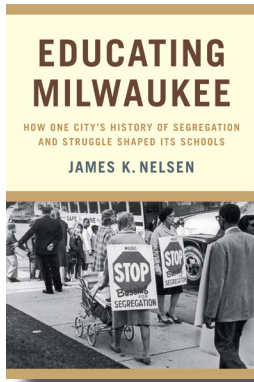


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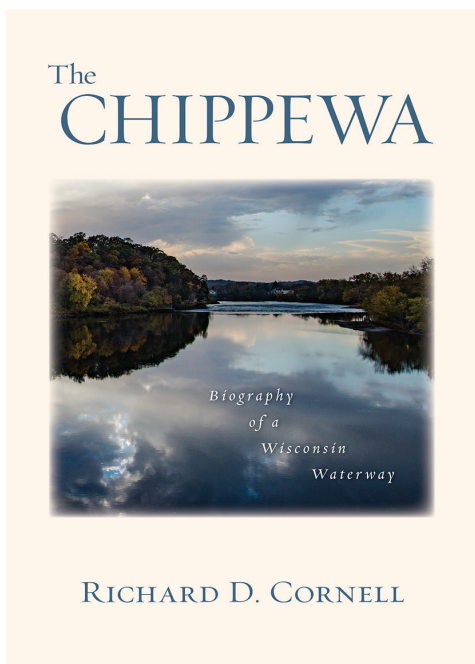
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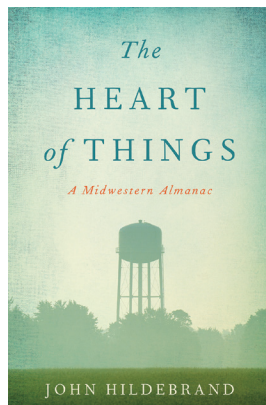
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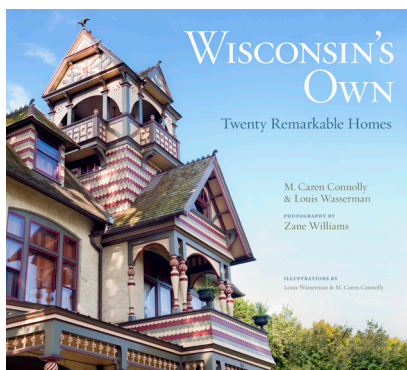
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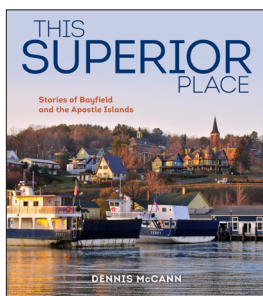
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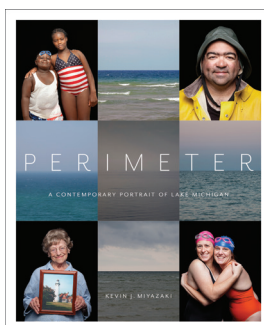
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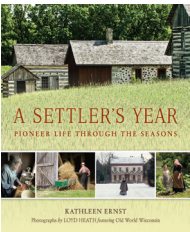
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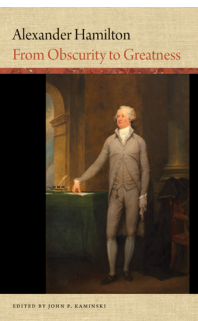
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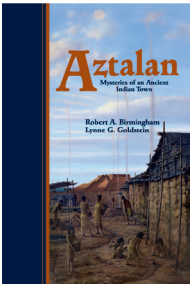
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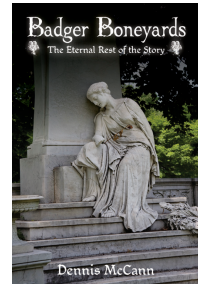
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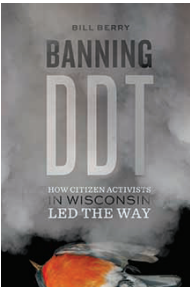
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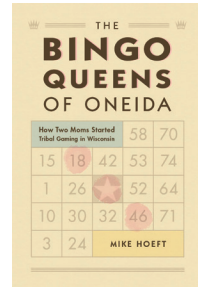
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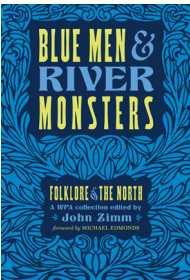
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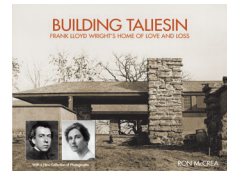
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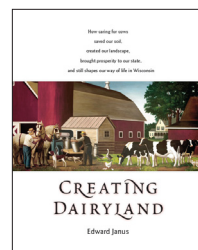
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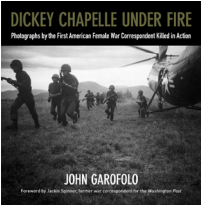
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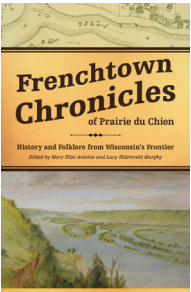


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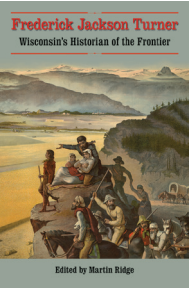
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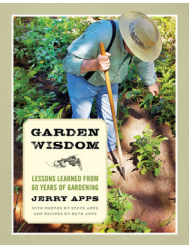


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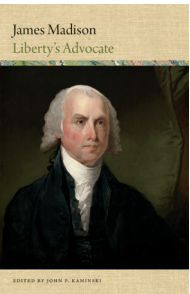
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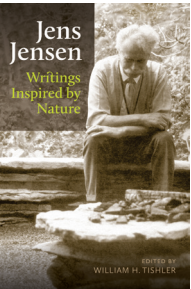


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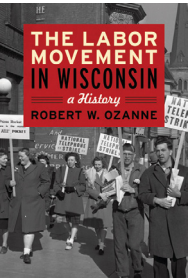


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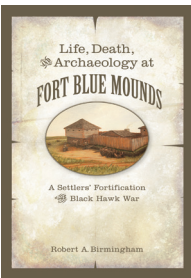


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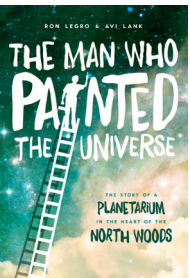


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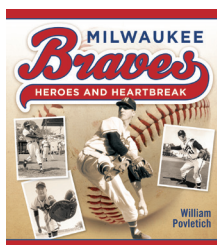
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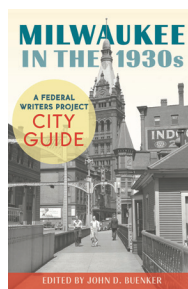


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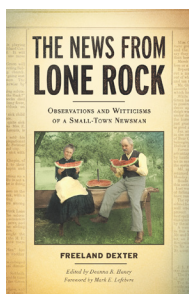


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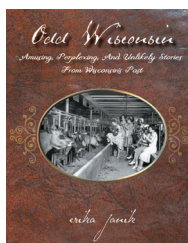
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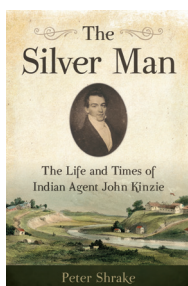
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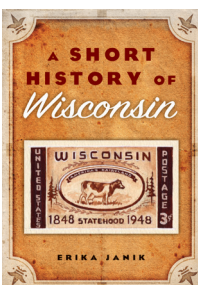


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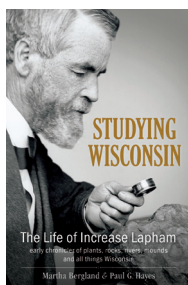


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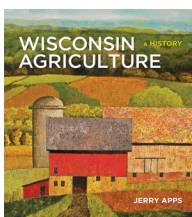
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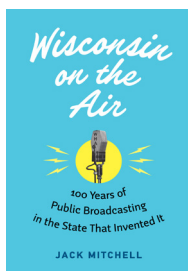


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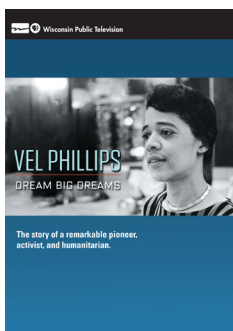


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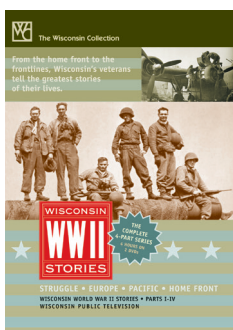
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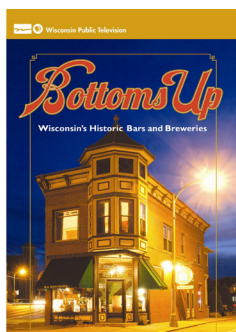
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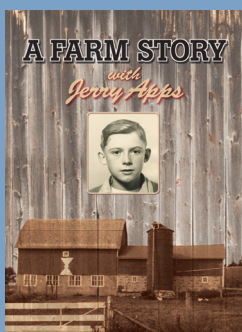
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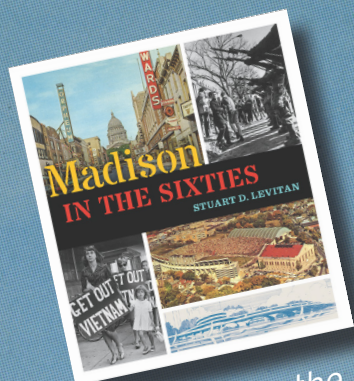
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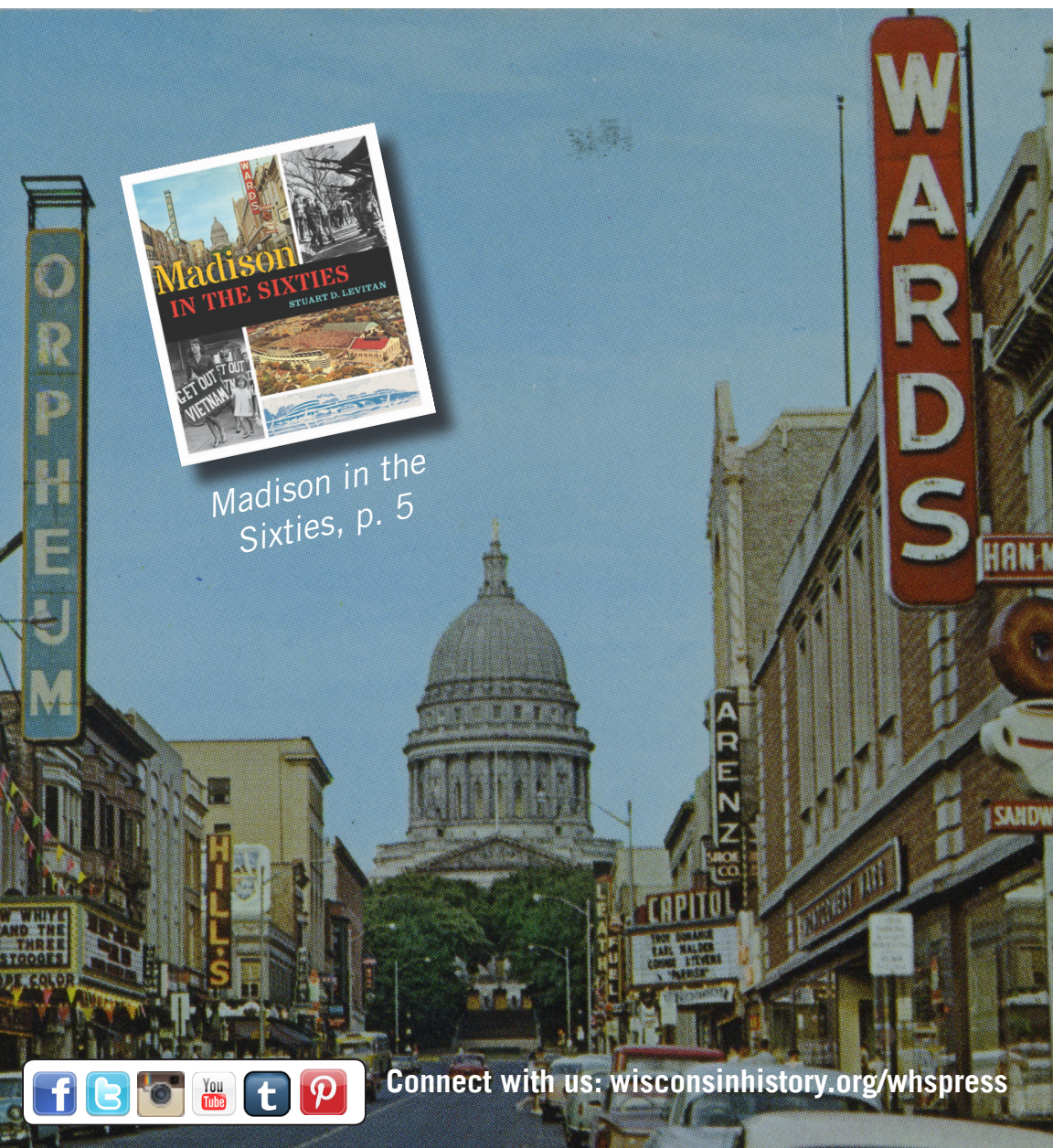
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