



WLA LITERARY AWARD
WINNERS

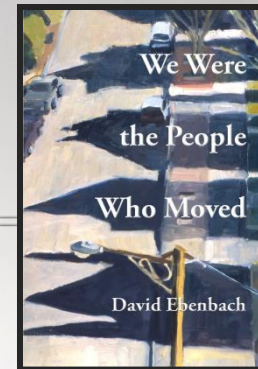
2016

Kate Hull
Adult & Tech Services Manager
Fitchburg Public Library
WLA LITA Committee Chair
2015/2016

POETRY

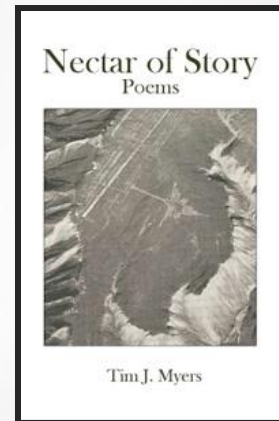
❖ David Ebenbach

We Were the People Who Moved



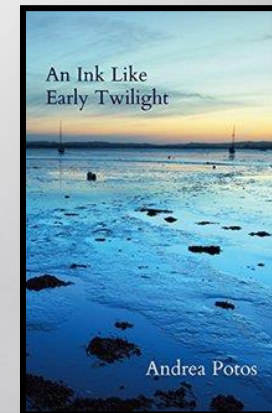
❖ Tim Myers

Nectar of Story



❖ Andrea Potos

An Ink Like Early Twilight



NOTABLE AUTHORS

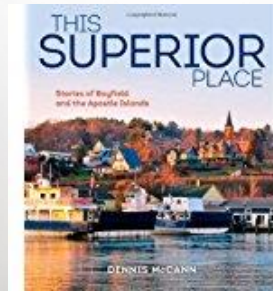
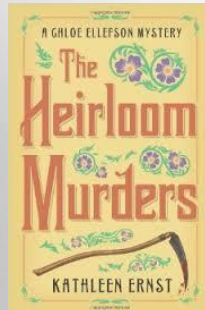
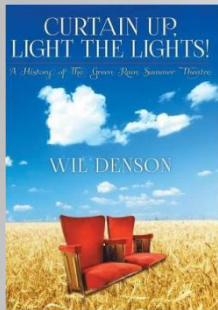
❖ Wil Denson

❖ Kathleen Ernst

❖ Dennis McCann

❖ WLA's Awards and Honors Reception

- Thursday, 10/27 at 5:30pm
- Meet Wil Denson, Dennis McCann, and a special representative of Kathleen Ernst!
- Help us show our gratitude for these fantastic Wisconsin authors.





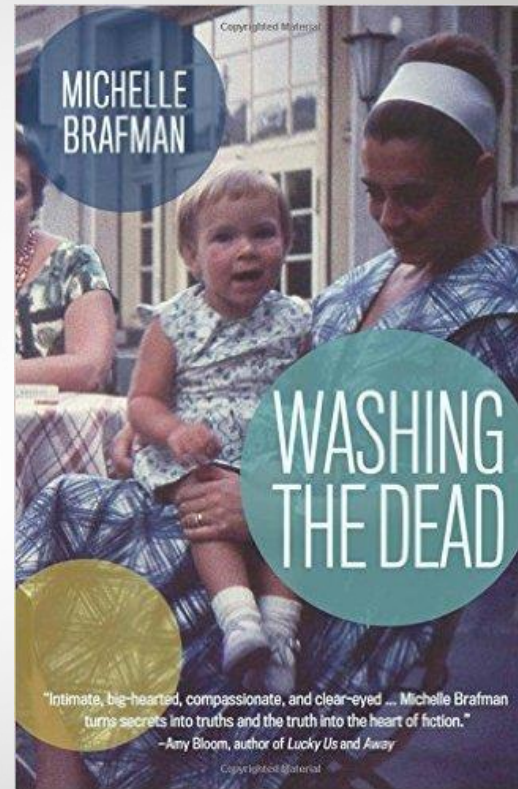
OUTSTANDING!

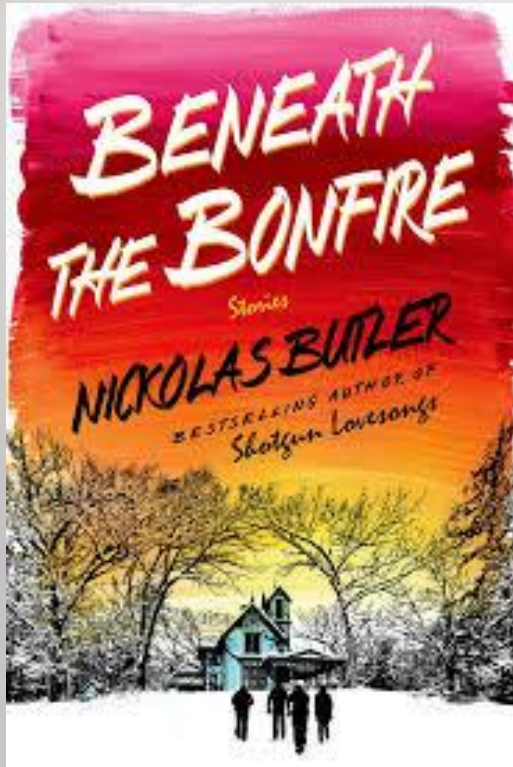
- ❖ Washing the Dead by Michelle Brafman (fiction)
- ❖ Beneath the Bonfire by Nickolas Butler (short stories)
- ❖ The Crops Look Good by Sara DeLuca (non-fiction)
- ❖ A Winsome Murder by James Devita (fiction)
- ❖ Days of Awe by Lauren Fox (fiction)
- ❖ A Reunion of Ghosts by Judith Claire Mitchell (fiction)
- ❖ Meet Me Halfway by Jennifer Morales (short stories)
- ❖ The Dead Lands by Benjamin Percy (fiction)
- ❖ The Bookseller by Cynthia Swanson (fiction)
- ❖ The Mysteries of Soldiers Grove by Paul Zimmer (fiction)

MICHELLE BRAFMAN

WASHING THE DEAD

“I wanted more praise from the rebbetzin, more Hebrew words on my tongue, more synchronized washing and swaddling of my beloved Mrs. Kessler, and more time travel. I wanted to go back to the Schines’ sanctuary, where I had sat with Mrs. Kessler and Tzippy and my mother, talking to God, believing that He could hear me.”

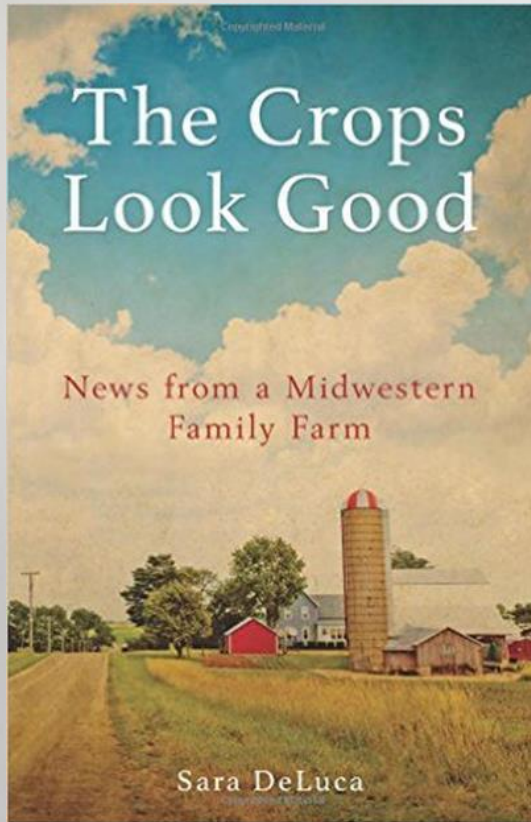




NICKOLAS BUTLER

**BENEATH THE
BONFIRE: STORIES**

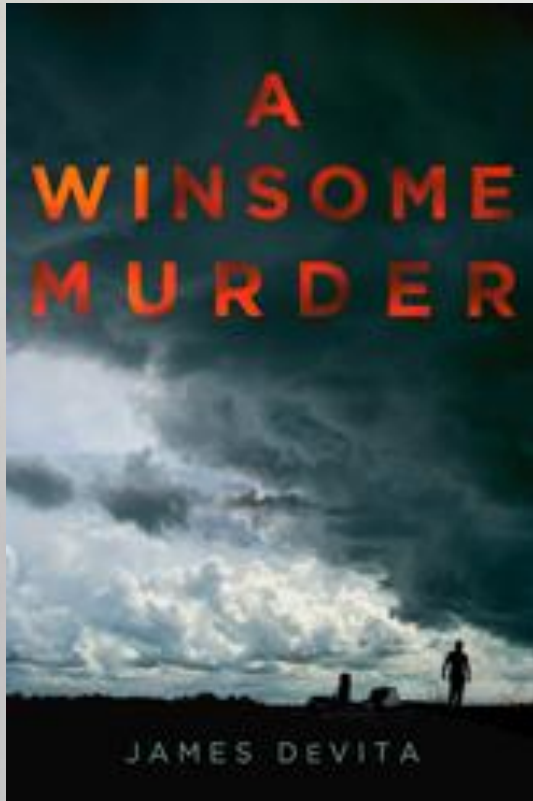
“Sven liked me, I think, because I knew where the trouble was without getting burned or scarred too much.”



SARA DELUCA

**THE CROPS LOOK GOOD: NEWS
FROM A MIDWESTERN FAMILY
FARM**

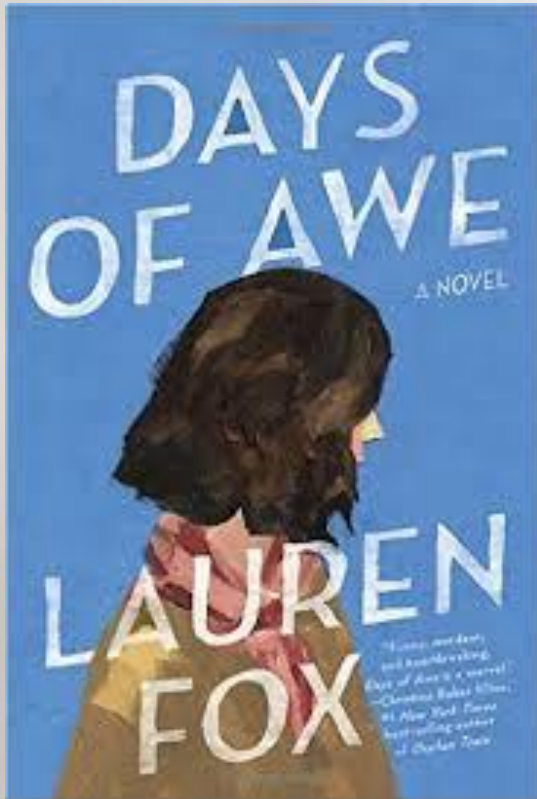
“Margaret realizes that her Wisconsin girlhood has shaped her vision of the world, for all time...It is too soon to know that a way of life she feels in her very bones will crumble before the end of the century, as surely as the country schools, the barns and silos and corncribs...will all but disappear.”



JAMES DEVITA

A WINSOME MURDER

“Deborah would not believe her. Things like that don’t happen here, she’d say, maybe in Russia but not in America, like it was all the stuff of Hollywood movies. Deborah was not afraid of anything. She should have been.”



LAUREN FOX

DAYS OF AWE

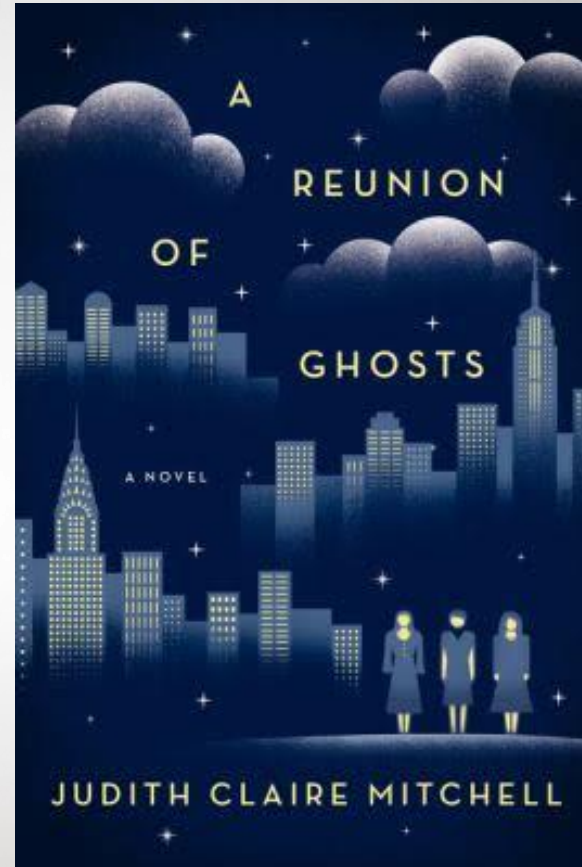
“ ‘This is it,’ Cal says. He takes a pint from the freezer shelf and examines it. ‘Once you try this, you’ll never be able to enjoy any other kind of ice cream.’

‘Oh good,’ I say. ‘I’m always looking for opportunities to stop enjoying things I once loved.’ ”

**JUDITH CLAIRE
MITCHELL**

A REUNION OF GHOSTS

“Don’t tell us how hard it is to believe that so many terrible things can befall a single family in such a short time. They can. They did. Shut up.”



JENNIFER MORALES

**MEET ME HALFWAY:
MILWAUKEE STORIES**

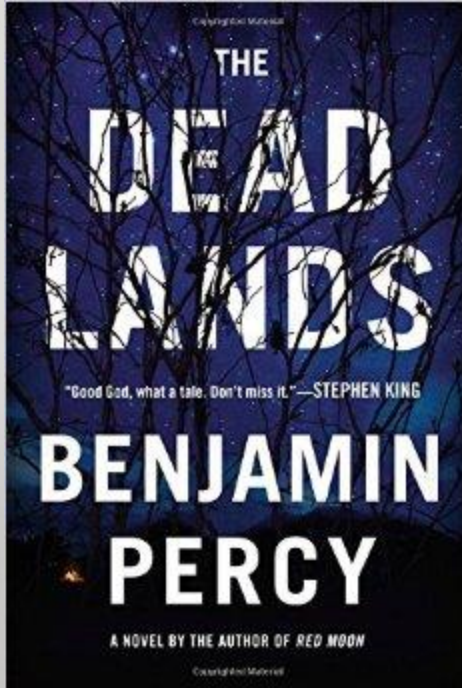


“There wasn’t ever going to be any Fourth of July barbecues on the patio, no promotions at work, no smiling at her Johnquell across the room at Christmas and knowing, knowing without saying anything, she made that.”

WLA’s “One Conference One Book”

9:30am on Friday, 10/28

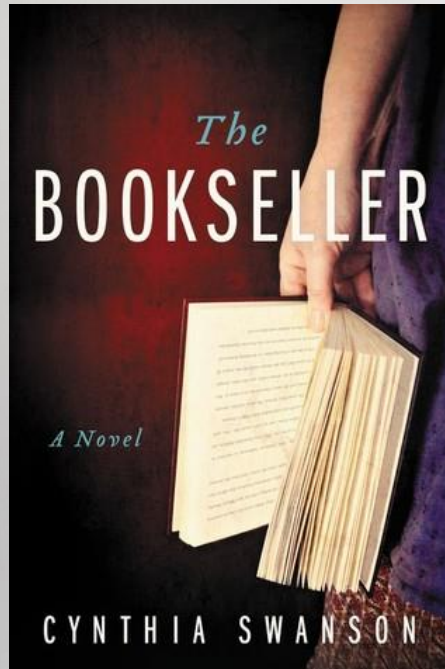
Read the book and then join author Jennifer Morales and librarian Katharine Clark for an informal discussion!



BENJAMIN PERCY

THE DEAD LANDS

“It was never going to be easy. Gaweia knew that. But she thought the trouble would come from hunger and thirst, storms that spit snow, sunlight that scorched, insects that stung and animals that clawed. She thought her flesh would be vulnerable, not her heart.”



CYNTHIA SWANSON

THE BOOKSELLER

“I look down at my plate, and glance at Lars’. He and I are eating chef salads. Did I make this? It’s quite elaborate, with carefully arranged slices of Swiss cheese, hard-boiled egg, olives, and delicatessen ham and turkey on a bed of iceberg lettuce. In real life, I would never make something this fancy for lunch.”

PAUL ZIMMER

THE
MYSTERIES
OF
SOLDIERS
GROVE



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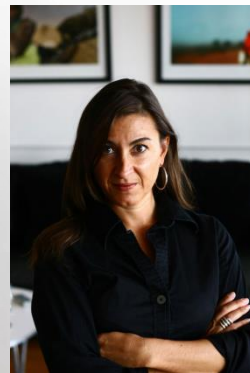
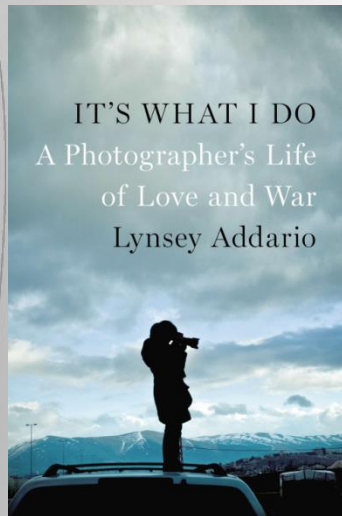
THE MYSTERIES OF
SOLDIERS GROVE

“Cyril...wants to buy me a Leinenkugel at the tavern across the road...we will have to do this on the sly, but that is precisely *why* we should have this forbidden adventure – it will challenge us to *do* something, to stay large in our brief lives.”

WINNER

It's What I Do: A Photographer's Life of Love and War

by Lynsey Addario



“When I risked my life to ultimately be censored by someone sitting in a cushy office in New York, who was deciding on behalf of regular Americans what was too harsh for their eyes...I was furious. Every time I photographed a story like the injured soldiers coming out of Fallujah, I ended up in tears and emotionally fragile. Every time I returned home, I felt more strongly about the need to continue going back.”

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

2016 (2015 books)

- ❖ Kate Hull (chair)
- ❖ Clairellyn Sommersmith
- ❖ Bev Polaski
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- ❖ Leah Fritsche
- ❖ Pat Bordak
- ❖ Sara Davister
- ❖ Mary Statz
- ❖ Rebecca Diedrick
- ❖ Peter Rudrud
- ❖ Debra Shapiro

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- ❖ Leah Fritsche (co-chair)
- ❖ Mary Statz
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- ❖ Deb Shapiro
- ❖ Liz Zimdars
- ❖ Krista Hutley
- ❖ Katie Hanson
- ❖ ...maybe you?



Join the team!

The fabulous Katharine Clark and Leah Fritsche will be co-chairing the committee this year; obviously it will be a blast!

Contact kclark@mcfarlandlibrary.org if you have questions or would like to participate!



THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?