Michigan Books – Non-Fiction books set in Michigan

**Wicked Ottawa County, Michigan** c2011
Hammond, Amberrose
977.415 Ham, Gen 977.415 Ham

**Vintage Views Along the West Michigan Pike:** from sand trails to U.S. 31, c2011
Byron, M. Christine & Thomas R. Wilson
977.4 Bry

**Isadore’s Secret:** sin, murder and confession in a northern Michigan town – true story of a nun who was murdered in Isadore nearly 100 years ago. c2009
Link, Mardi
364.1523 Lin

**Have a Little Faith:** a true story – relates the author’s efforts to eulogize a beloved rabbi who is near death, while at the same time befriending a Detroit pastor who gives spiritual guidance to the poor and homeless. c2009
Albom, Mitch
296.7 Alb

**Annie’s Ghosts:** a journey into a family secret – traces the author’s surprise discovery that his late mother had had a sister who was sent away under mysterious circumstances and never mentioned by the family again. c2009
Luxenberg, Steve
306.8754 Lux

**Our People, Our Journey:** the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians – history of a Michigan Indian tribe, c2009
McClurken, James M.
970.1 McC

**Stealing Buddha’s Dinner:** a memoir – coming-of-age memoir by a Vietnamese American recounts her struggles for an American identity in the pre-politically correct climate of the Midwest and her passion for American food. c2007
Nguyen, Bich Minh
920 Ng

**Spooky Michigan:** tales of hauntings, strange happenings and other local lore, c2006
Schlosser, S.E.
398.2097 Sch

**Thin Ice:** coming of age in Grand Rapids, c2007
ed. VanTil, Reinder and Olson, Gordon
977.456 Thi

**A Stronger Kinship:** one town’s extraordinary story of hope and faith – presents the story of the nineteenth-century community of Covert, Michigan, describing how its mixed-race citizens lived in harmony. c2006
Cox, Anna Lisa
305.896 Cox

**A Distant Thunder:** Michigan in the Civil War. c2004
Bak, Richard
973.7 Bak

**The Other Side of the River:** a story of two towns, a death and America’s dilemma – explores America’s racial antagonisms through the story of two Michigan towns— one white and wealthy, the other black and poor. c1998
Kotlowitz, Alex
977.411 Kot

**White Pines Whispers**
Massie, Larry B.
977.4 Mas

**Michigan:** a history of the Wolverine state – this standard textbook on Michigan history covers the entire scope of the Wolverine State’s historical record. c1995
Dunbar, Willis Frederick
977.4 Dun

**29 Missing:** the true and tragic story of the disappearance of the S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald, c1998
Kantar, Andrew
363.123 Kan

*Descriptions from Novelist*
**Michigan Books – Fictional stories set in Michigan**

*Waves of Mercy* - In 1897, Geesje de Jonge is asked to write a memoir about her experience emigrating from the Netherlands to the Michigan wilderness in honor of her town’s fiftieth anniversary. As Geesje recalls the events of the past, a young visitor, Anna Nicholson, mourns a broken engagement. Over the course of one summer, the lives of both women will change forever.

   Lynn Austin – AF Austin

*A Superior Death (Mystery)* - While diving at her new station near Lake Superior, Park Ranger Anna Pigeon discovers evidence of a grisly murder connected to an old sunken cargo ship, c1994

   Barr, Nevada – Mystery Barr

*Once Upon a River* – Margo Crane, a beautiful and uncanny markswoman takes to the Stark River after being complicit in the death of her father and embarks on an odyssey in search of her vanished mother in this novel from the National Book Award finalist. c2011

   Campbell, Bonnie Jo

   AF Campbell

*The Chocolate Cat Caper* – After accepting a job supplying chocolate from her aunt’s luxury chocolate business to a party for unpopular defense attorney Clementine Ripley, Lee McKinney takes on a new job as detective when someone adds cyanide to a chocolate confection eaten by the hostess. First book in the Chocoholic Mystery Series. c2002

   Carl, Joanna – Mys Car

*Bud, not Buddy (Children’s Book)* Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father—the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids, c1999

   Curtis, Christopher Paul

   Jjf Cur

*Whiskey River* (Detroit Series) – Gangs and gangsters control bootlegger Jack Dance’s life as a result of the 18th Amendment. c1990

   Estleman, Loren D. – AF Est

*The Tarnished Eye* – When a murderer ends the lives of Edward and Paige Norbois and their four children, Sheriff Hugh DeWitt investigates the husband’s extramarital affair, thieving business partner, and the killer’s possible motives. c2004

   Guest, Judith – AF Gue

*A Cold Day in Paradise* – Fourteen years after being shot by a psychopath named Rose, former police detective Alex McKnight learns that she has been released from prison.

   First book in the Alex McKnight Mystery Series. c1998

   Hamilton, Steve – Mys Ham

*Returning to Earth* – In the aftermath of a Chippewa-Finnish man’s death from Lou Gehrig’s disease, his wife, daughter, and brother-in-law read the family history he has left behind, study his philosophies about death, and struggle to redeem their own pasts. c2007

   Harrison, Jim – AF Har

*Up in Honey’s Room* – Secretly passing intelligence through a spy ring while running a butcher shop in Detroit, German-born Walter Schoen becomes estranged from his wife and is targeted by Marshals serviceman Carl Webster, who believes Schoen is hiding an escaped prisoner of war. c2007

   Leonard, Elmore – AF Leo

*The Widower* – Simon Geewa, released from prison after serving time for murder, and Swanton Robey, grieving for his late wife, struggle to make peace with the past, until a discovery in Swanton’s orchard sends them both on a journey of redemption. c2006

   Litzenburger, Liesel – AF Lit

*Girl in Blue* – (Young Adult Book) To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, c2001

   Rinaldi, Ann – YA Fic Rin

*Mackinac* (Great Lakes Romances Series) - First in a series of historical romances with settings in the Great Lakes area. c1989

   Winters, Donna – AF Win

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