

# MINNESOTA SAMPLER

FACT AND FICTION TITLES FEATURING THE 32ND STATE

*Bergeson, Eric*

## **Off the Farm: A Collection of Essays**

Bergeson focuses on ventures away from home, from travels to places as far-flung as London, Paris, and New York City, to seemingly simple trips to town for a meeting or a half-gallon of milk.

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*Brandenburg, Jim*

## **Looking for the Summer**

Capture the magnificence of the Northern Minnesota Wilderness during summer! A photo documentary of life in the North Woods, one breathtaking picture after another. *779.3 Bra*

*Chapin, Tom*

## **Poachers Caught! Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden**

From the detailed capture of illegal night hunters to the culmination of major fish poaching cases, *Poachers Caught* allows you to experience each riveting encounter as if you were a participant. *977.6 Cha*

*Douglas, Marjorie M.*

## **Barefoot on Crane Island**

*Barefoot on Crane Island* is a fond reminiscence of family and a powerful reminder of the timeless beauty of Minnesota summers at the lake. *977.677 Dou*

*Dregni, Michael, editor*

## **Minnesota Days: Our Heritage in Stories, Art and Photos**

Stories about pioneer life, immigrant life in Minneapolis in the 1900s, Indian life in the 1800s and today, growing up as African-Americans, and glimpses into ways of life and culture in various regions of the state. *977.6 Min*

*Gardner, Dennis*

## **Minnesota Treasures: Stories Behind the State's Historic Places**

Denis Gardner, recognizing the spirit behind our treasured places, has written a rich and layered profile of Minnesota's best loved buildings, sites, and settings. *977.6 Gar*

*Harfenist, Jean*

## **A Brief History of the Flood: Stories**

A coming-of-age story about a strong-minded, backwoods-Minnesota girl, well-versed in the basics of survival as she tiptoes around her explosive father and neurotically optimistic mother whose bursts of vigor bring added chaos. *Har*

*Hassler, Jon*

**The Staggerford Flood**

Eighty-year-old Agatha McGee finds herself feeling her age and less a part of daily life in town. But when a flood hits the Badbattle River, engulfing every house except hers, Staggerford needs Agatha like never before. *Has*

*Hoffbeck, Steven R.*

**The Haymakers: A Chronicle of Five Farm Families**

Spanning 150 years, *The Haymakers* tells a story of the labor and heartbreak suffered by families struggling to make the hay that fed their livestock. Not just a story about grass, alfalfa and clover, but also about sweat, fears, toil and loss. *633.2 Hof*

*Holm, Bill*

**Playing the Black Piano**

*Playing the Black Piano* reflects Holm's time in his ancestral home of Iceland, his ongoing love affair with music, a friend's death from AIDS, and his bold reactions to the world around him. *811.54 Hol*

*Housewright, David*

**A Hard Ticket Home**

Run-away Jamie is the only donor who can save the life of her cancer-stricken sister and bullets fly as former St. Paul cop Rushmore McKenzie begins combing the backstreets of the Twin Cities, tracking down Jamie's whereabouts. *M Hou*

*Kehret, Peg*

**Small Steps: The Year I Got Polio**

Kehret has written the true story of the year she was stricken with polio. At first paralyzed and terrified, she fought her way to recovery with plenty of grit and luck. *J 362.19 Keh*

*Keillor, Garrison*

**Homegrown Democrat**

In his inimitable style, Keillor draws on a lifetime of experience amongst the hardworking, God-fearing people of the Midwest and pays homage to the common code of civic necessities that arose from the left. *320.973 Kei*

*Kolke, Erling*

**Streets of Honor**

*Streets of Honor* is a down-home novel about the activities and families of the 135<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, 34<sup>th</sup> Red Bull Division of the Minnesota National Guard. *Kol*

*Koutsky, Kathryn*

**Minnesota Eats Out: An Illustrated History**

*Minnesota Eats Out* is a virtual romp through the state's dining spots, from early health resorts to Prohibition-era speakeasies to A&W drive-ins, illustrated with over one thousand photographs, postcards, menus, matchbooks, and collectible dishes. *647.957 Kou*

*MacDonald, Roger Allan*

**A Country Doctor's Casebook: Tales from the North Woods**

For over four decades, Dr. Roger MacDonald traveled to small towns, remote backwoods cabins, logging camps and Indian reservations to practice his craft and encounters a remarkable group of tough, independent, and idiosyncratic individuals. *610.92 McD*

*Monsour, Theresa*

**Cold Blood**

Set in the Twin Cities, this novel focuses on homicide detective Paris Murphy's pursuit of the creepy, drug-addicted Sweet Justice Trip, a serial hit-and-run killer Murphy knew in the past.

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*Olson, Shannon*

**Children of God Go Bowling**

In an effort to be proactive, Shannon embarks upon a feng shui-inspired campaign to make room in her life for a future. *Children of God Go Bowling* is the heroic, heartbreaking, hilarious story of a woman making her life happen when it doesn't quite happen for her. *Ols*

*Regan, Ann*

**The Irish in Minnesota**

Irish Immigrants to Minnesota performed two surprising feats: they built some of the country's most successful and enduring Irish farming communities and left a lasting legacy in St. Paul.

Part of the People of Minnesota Series.

*977.6 Reg*

*Ringsak, Russ*

**Minnesota Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities and Other Offbeat Stuff**

An inspired collection of well-known and not-so-well-known Minnesota oddities, such as Basshenge in Birchdale and the Home of Swollen Big Toe; events such as the Eelpout Festival; and phenomenon such as the world's largest prairie chicken. *917.7604 Rin*

*Rosengren, John*

**Blades of Glory: The True Story of a Young Team Bred to Win**

The Bloomington Jefferson Jaguars are a Minnesota championship team where hockey is religion and failing to win is a mortal sin. Under the watchful eye of pro scouts and the weight of massive expectations, the Jaguars rank number one in the country. *796.962 Ros*

*Wellstone, Paul*

**The Conscience of a Liberal: Reclaiming the Compassionate Agenda**

Through humor and heartfelt stories, Paul Wellstone takes readers on an unforgettable journey from the fields and labor halls of Minnesota to the U.S. Senate. *328.73 Wel*