



VIRTUAL AUTHOR
SEASON • 2021

◆◆◆ NATIONAL ◆◆◆

WRITERS SERIES



A year-round book festival



Dwight Garner | Alan Lightman | Martha Teichner | Diane Rehm
Imbolo Mbue | Shelley Pearsall | Karla Cornejo Villavicencio
Chris Bohjalian | Rochelle Riley | Mary Doria Russell

WELCOME TO THE NWS 2021 VIRTUAL AUTHOR SEASON

I was just cross-country skiing with Tom, a good friend and a National Writers Series fan who, in non-Pandemic times, has attended a lot of our author events. We were out on Riley's Trail near the Vasa single track, and coming back, we chose a wrong turn and got lost. To take my mind off the waning sun and the prospect of humbly calling my husband to let him know I was trying to pick my way home in the dark, I struck up a conversation.

"So, Tom, have you been watching any of our virtual author events?"

"No, I haven't," he said. "I don't like to Zoom."

"Not even one? Why not?" I asked, maybe a tad bluntly.

Before he could respond, a kind person on a fat-tire bike came across our path and explained how we could get back to the parking lot—and, in

fact, he even led us most of the way there. Man, Traverse City people are nice. So, Tom, this letter is my attempt to persuade you to Zoom in.

First, some history.

As you know, we hosted our last live event at the City Opera House in March and switched over to virtual, Zoom events pretty quickly. In April to be exact, and that first event was a bit of a hot mess, at least in the first five minutes. The author froze up and we had to wait a few minutes for her to get back "on" while the guest host Rochelle Riley flashed her beautiful smile and quickly improvised once she realized it was going to take the author more than a few moments to return.

Once she got back on, all was still not well. The interview was fun and funny, but we kept hearing a random beep—I think it might have been someone's phone calls or maybe

Surprisingly, we actually have more eyes on these virtual events than we did with our live events.

messages coming in. Now we tell authors to keep their phones off and their zoom link handy in case of freezing.

Yep, we've learned a lot with Zoom. We know that people don't like looking at the same two faces for a complete hour, so we fill in with lots of personal photos and video whenever we can. And we take advantage of the fact that anyone can watch no matter where in the world they are. When author Yaa Gyasi (*The Transcendent Kingdom*) was zooming in from New York City, for example, her parents showed up from Huntsville, Alabama. We figured out how to bring them in the spotlight so everyone could see them. The guest host asked her mom, Sophia, if she had a question for Yaa.

"Yes—when is she coming down here? Baby, when are you coming to Huntsville?"

Yaa laughed.

"You need to ask the pandemic, I think, but as soon as we can."

Her father Kwaku, a professor of French at the University of Alabama, didn't say a word, but beamed with pride.

Her former high school teacher Janice Vaughn also made an appearance, saying how proud she was.

"I remember her sitting in that 11 AP classroom and I remember Yaa kicking off her shoes at her desk. Do you remember that Yaa?"

Yaa nodded her head, laughing.

"I remember that sparkle in her eyes that reveals she is truly an artistic genius."

These virtual events (in which no one can see you) are an excellent option for those who have gotten perhaps a little too comfortable during the pandemic in which dressing up and putting on make-up feel somehow like too much work. Yay! No one can see you. So relax, sip a glass of wine (or tea) and enjoy—maybe even wander off if need be!

Surprisingly, we actually have more eyes on these virtual events than we did with our live events. A total of 5800 people linked into our 16 virtual events... and we have thousands of viewers and listeners who are watching or listening to the recordings. Interlochen Public Radio and other NPR affiliates also re-broadcast our shows.

So, if you're like Tom, who has been avoiding Zoom since the pandemic started, I say this: It's not so bad. In fact, it's pretty darn entertaining. Good enough that we're considering continuing with our virtual events once we're back at the City Opera House, hopefully this summer!

Thanks to all of you who have so generously donated and allowed us to continue the conversation!

Anne
Stanton



ANNE STANTON
Co-founder and Executive Director
National Writers Series

OUR MISSION

The National Writers Series of Traverse City is a nonprofit organization dedicated to holding great conversations with today's best authors and building the reading and writing skills of youth.



RAISING WRITERS

Honing the skills of young, passionate readers and writers

The Writers Series uses proceeds from its author events to help support its several Raising Writers programs

FRONT STREET WRITERS

Created in 2012, Front Street Writers is a magnet program for area high school students passionate about writing. This intensive writers' workshop is taught at the Career-Tech Center, drawing students from the five-county area.

Authors Bob Giles, Christopher Haugh and Jordan Blashek virtually visited the classroom this past fall. This spring, Chasten Buttigieg, Karla Cornejo Villavicencio, Kate Walbert and children's author Shelley Pearsall are planning Zoom visits.

The FSW students' best work is



published in the annual NWS Literary Journal. FSW students have won dozens of awards from Scholastic, Poets Out Loud, Poets' Night Out, and the Young Playwrights Festival.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

In partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional Community Foundation, NWS has awarded 34 students with \$52,000 in scholarship money. There are four \$1,000 scholarships available: journalism, creative nonfiction, short story and playwrighting. All students with permanent addresses in Antrim, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska and Leelanau counties are eligible. Deadline for submissions is March 1st. For more information go to the NWS or GTRCF websites.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

ERIN EVANS
Senior - Bellaire High School
Leslie Lee Nonfiction Award

OLIVIA JOHNSON
Senior - Interlochen Center for the Arts
Judith Lang Creative Writing Award

ATHENA GILLESPIE
Senior - St. Francis High School
Robert & Marcy Branski Poetry Award

MCKENNA LANDRUM
Junior - Grand Traverse Academy
William R. Montgomery Fiction Award



CREATIVE WRITING CLASSES

This year we are teaching youth classes virtually. Coming soon are classes on writing children's books and pitching a magazine article. We're also offering a first-ever international cooking class for young children a) because it's fun and useful and b) because it will help strengthen reading and math skills along with enhancing knowledge of world cultures. See our website for more information.



Book Handout Day at Horizon Books. A dedicated group of volunteers coordinated the curbside book handout to each team's coach.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Guess what? When kids are excited about reading, they read more, and **Battle of the Books Grand Traverse** is proof. Launched in 2016, Battle of the Books is a free, book-based competition. Dozens of teams read books provided by NWS and then compete before judges to show what they know. This program has become wildly popular, filling up last year with 280 students in a matter of hours.



This year, Battle of the Books has gone virtual, and we have increased the number of teams from 48 to 63 teams and 355 students. It's a huge endeavor, made possible with a partnership with the Traverse Area District Library, dedicated volunteers, and the leadership of program coordinator Marcy Lindberg.

The championship battle will take place on March 14, with two of the 63 teams facing off. We are thrilled to have award-winning author Shelley Pearsall as the featured guest.

JANUARY 14, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

DWIGHT GARNER

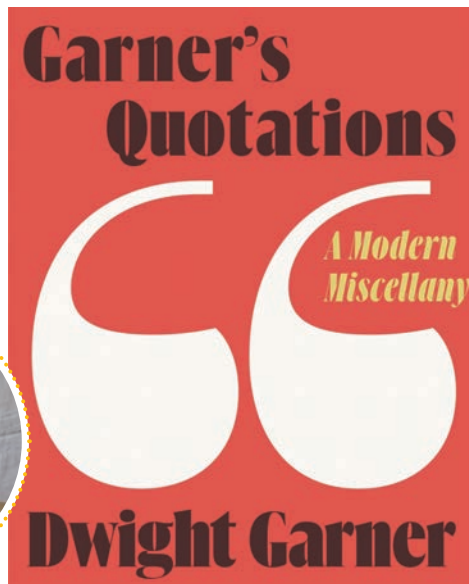
“An uncommon commonplace book from a wide-ranging reader... A diverting trove of witty remarks.”

~ Kirkus Reviews

Dwight Garner, a book critic with the New York Times, is sharing other writers' words in his new book, ***Garner's Quotations: A Modern Miscellany***.



Garner is a no-holds barred quote collector, looking for the zing and sting. Like this one...
“I have no enemies. But my friends don't like me.” ~ Poet Philip Larkin
He calls this new collection selections from his “commonplace book.” “It's where I write down favorite sentences from novels, stories, poems and songs, from plays and movies, from overheard



conversations,” he writes in the foreword. “Lines that made me sit up in my seat; lines that jolted me awake. About once a year, I'll say something I think is worthy of inclusion. I mostly end up deleting those entries.”

He's admittedly not usually a big fan of books of quotations, but says *Garner's Quotations* “is an attempt to break with the convention.” He has included just a

small part of “the material I've hoarded” and has arranged them “by feel,” not category. And the book is, he says with glee, a bit coarse, with more blasphemy than the usual books of quotations.

The book is a rollicking, irreverent, amazingly alive selection of unforgettable moments from forty years of wide and deep reading. *Garner's Quotations* is like no commonplace book you'll ever read.

Garner is an editor for the New York Times Book Review. His essays and criticism have appeared in The New Republic, Harper's, Slate and elsewhere. He is a founding editor of Salon.

While still a student at Middlebury College, Garner wrote book criticism for The Village Voice, music and theater criticism and was a stringer for the New York Times. He also is the author of *Read Me: A Century of Classic American Book Advertisements*. He began keeping his commonplace book while still in high school. “Into it I've poured verbal delicacies, ‘the blast of

a trumpet,’ as [Ralph Waldo] Emerson put it, and bits of scavenged wisdom from my life as a reader. Yea, for I am an underliner, a destroyer of books, and maybe you are, too.”

GUEST HOST DOUG STANTON

Stanton is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *In Harm's Way*, *12 Strong* and *The Odyssey of Echo Company*. His writing has appeared in Esquire, The New York Times, TIME, the Washington Post, and other national publications where he has been a contributing editor. Stanton attended Interlochen Arts Academy, Hampshire College, and received an MFA from the Writers' Workshop at the University of Iowa. An NWS co-founder, he lives in Traverse City, his hometown.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY
Event Underwriter:
A Generous Friend of NWS

JANUARY 21, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

ALAN LIGHTMAN

“Lightman's best book since *Einstein's Dreams* ... an important story of global women's rights.”

~ Annie Proulx

Alan Lightman is a novelist, essayist, physicist, and educator. Currently, he is Professor of the Practice of the Humanities at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).



As both a distinguished physicist and an accomplished novelist, Lightman is one of only a small number of people who straddle the sciences and the



humanities. He has lectured at more than 100 universities nationwide about the similarities and differences in the ways that scientists and artists

view the world.

Three Flames, Lightman's first work of fiction in seven years, portrays the struggles of one Cambodian farming family against the extreme patriarchal attitudes of their society and a cruel and dictatorial father. The tale is set in a rural community that is slowly being exposed to the modern world and its values. It will be up to Sreypov, the youngest daughter, to bravely challenge her father and strive for a better future. *Three Flames* is a vivid story of one family's yearning for freedom and of a young girl's courage to face down tradition.

Three Flames grows directly from Lightman's work as the founder of the Harpswell Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to advance a new generation of female leaders in Cambodia and all of Southeast Asia.

GUEST HOST KALYANEE MAM

Uprooted by war from her homeland in Cambodia, Mam's longing to “daohsray” or unravel what home means, has led her to work on films about war and refugees, about families threatened and displaced by the destruction of their land and their cultures. She is grateful to her mother and her family for teaching her that home lies in the jewels and wisdom of our ancestors. She now makes her home on the land of the Pomo and Coastal Miwok with her beloved David Mendez.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY
Literary Sponsors:
Northwestern Michigan College -
Extended Educational Services;
Red Dirt Road

MARTHA TEICHNER

“.. [A]n exquisite tale about heartbreak and healing.”

~ Jeannette Walls, bestselling author of *The Glass Castle*

Traverse City native Martha Teichner, now a correspondent for “CBS Sunday Morning,” brings her heartwarming book, *When Harry Met Minnie*, to the National Writers Series Feb. 4.

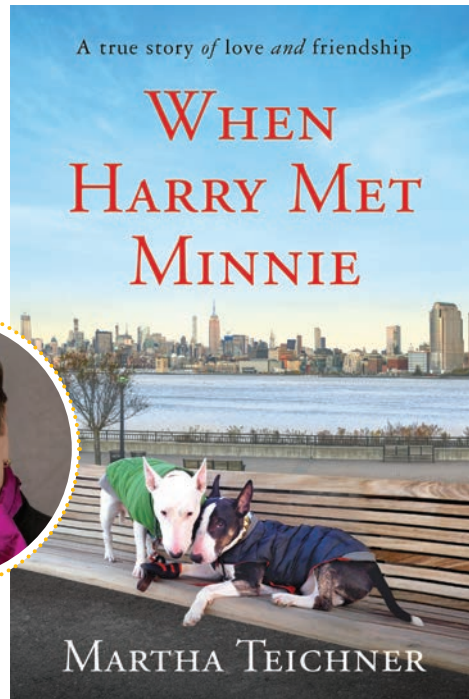


A chance encounter at the Union Square Farmer’s Market changed Teichner’s world forever. As fate would have it, her friend knew someone dying from the fall-out radiation of 9/11 and was desperate to find a new home for Harry, a bull terrier – the same breed as Teichner’s dear Minnie. Would Teichner consider giving Harry a loving new home?

In short order, boy dog meets girl dog. But there is so much more to this book. After Teichner agrees to meet Harry and his owner Carol, what begins as a transaction involving a dog becomes a deep and meaningful friendship between two women with complicated lives and a love of bull terriers in common. Through the heartbreak and grief of Carol’s illness, the bond that develops changes Teichner’s life, Carol’s life, Minnie’s life, Harry’s life; it changes Carol’s death as well.

In this touching narrative, Teichner considers the ways our stories are shaped by the people we meet, and the profound love we can find by opening our hearts to unexpected encounters.

Martha Teichner has been a correspondent for “CBS Sunday Morning” since December 1993. Since joining CBS News in 1977, Teichner has earned multiple national awards for her original reporting, including 11



Emmy Awards and five James Beard Foundation Awards. Teichner was also part of the team coverage of the Newtown, Conn., elementary school shooting which earned CBS News a 2014 duPont-Columbia Award. Teichner was born in Traverse City and graduated from Wellesley College in 1969 with a bachelor’s degree in economics. She attended the University of Chicago’s Graduate School of Business Administration. She lives in New York City.

GUEST HOST CYNTHIA CANTY

Canty was the host of *Stateside on Michigan Radio* since the show began in 2012, retiring in 2019. A lifelong resident of metro Detroit, she has been a television news anchor, producer and reporter. Her reporting and writing have earned her many awards, including an Emmy and honors from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, the Associated Press and the Detroit Press Club.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY
Event Underwriters:
Al & Susan Cogswell

RAISING THE LITERARY BAR SINCE 2010

- NWS broadcasts author events on IPR, Community Access Television, YouTube, and makes them available to public radio stations around the country. The NWS virtual events are all available on our website
- More than 69,000 people have attended 181 events since we started.
- Awarded \$52,000 in scholarships to 34 collegebound students.
- We’ve hosted more than 180 authors for onstage conversations over the past 10 years.
- Our Front Street Writers program, in partnership with Traverse Bay Area ISD and held at the Career-Tech Center, draws students from a five-county area who love to learn about writing.
- Sixty-three teams are engaged in a creative and fun Battle of the Books this year. This year 355 students will be quizzed on nine books.
- Each spring, we’ve hosted poetry workshops at Traverse Heights and Blair Elementary schools. This year, the poetry workshops will be held virtually and offered to all area students.
- NWS creates and promotes youth creative writing classes in partnership with Northwestern Michigan College.
- Publishes student writing of Front Street Writers, Blair and Traverse Heights poetry workshops, and NMC creative writing classes in the annual *NWS Literary Journal*.
- Co-founder Doug Stanton is the 2020 Stephen E. Ambrose Oral History Award winner and past Michiganiaan of the Year.
- Traverse City has been a “Book City” since 2015.



Traverse Heights poetry workshop



Bestselling author Marie Benedict meets with FSW students



Battle of the Books 2020 team finalist



Margaret Atwood signing books after her 2019 author event

FEBRUARY 25, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

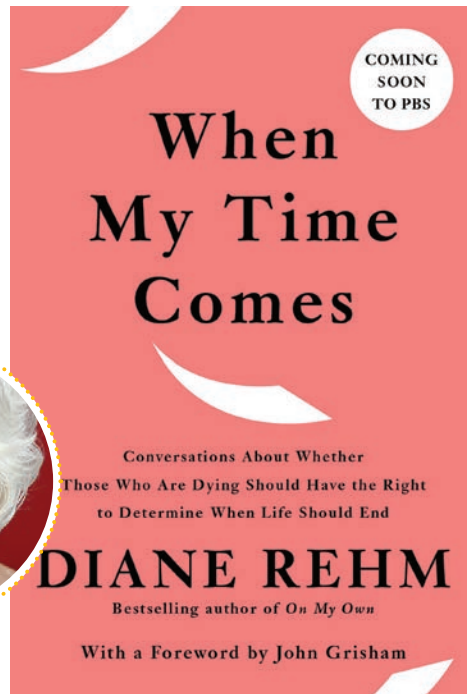
DIANE REHM

“A book of candor and compassion, addressing the cause of the Right-to-Die movement, of which she is one of our most inspiring champions.”

~ Amazon Books

For many years esteemed radio host and author Diane Rehm has been a fierce advocate for physician aid in dying. Now, in her book, *When My Time Comes*, just out in paperback, Rehm addresses one of the toughest subjects for families to talk about – death.

Through personal stories about her mother's death and her late husband's battle with Parkinson's Disease, Rehm examines patient autonomy, personal choice and physician aid in dying. She



talks with clergy, lawmakers, doctors and close friends about their views on legalizing life ending medicines.

Rehm gives voice to a broad range of people who are personally linked to the realities of medical aid in

dying. The book presents the fervent arguments – both for and against – that are propelling the current debates across the nation about whether to adopt laws allowing those who are dying to put an end to their suffering. With characteristic even-handedness, Rehm skillfully shows both sides of the argument, providing the full context for this highly divisive issue.

With a highly personal foreword by John Grisham, *When My Time Comes* is a response to many misconceptions of end-of-life care; it is a call to action – and to conscience – and it is an attempt to heal and soothe our hearts, reminding us that death, too, is an integral part of life.

Rehm hosted *The Diane Rehm Show*, distributed by NPR, from 1979 to 2016, when it had a weekly listening audience of 2.5 million. She now hosts a weekly podcast for NPR, *On My Mind*. She began her radio career in 1973 as a volunteer for WAMU 88.5, the NPR member station in

Washington, D.C. In 2014, President Barack Obama presented Rehm with the National Humanities Medal. She lives in Washington, D.C.

GUEST HOST CYNTHIA CANTY

Canty was the host of Stateside on Michigan Radio since the show began in 2012, retiring in 2019.

A lifelong resident of metro Detroit, she has been a television news anchor, producer and reporter. Her reporting and writing have earned her many awards, including an Emmy and honors from the Michigan Association of Broadcasters, the Associated Press and the Detroit Press Club.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Event Sponsor:
A Generous Friend of NWS

Event Underwriter:
Debbie Edson

Literary Sponsor:
Mission Point Press

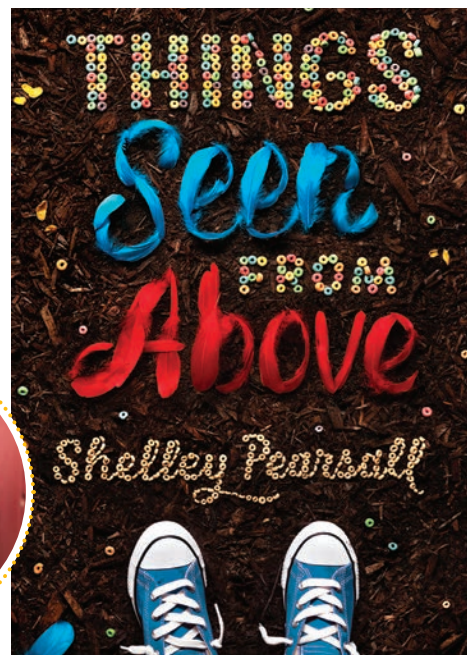
MARCH 14, 2PM • BATTLE OF THE BOOKS CHAMPIONSHIP

SHELLEY PEARSALL

“Readers will think about this novel after they've closed the book. It's full of heart ... encourages looking at the world through a new lens.”

~ School Library Journal

April is desperately looking for an escape from all the gossip and drama of the sixth grade lunch hour, so she signs up to be a Buddy Bench monitor for the fourth grade recess.



Joey Byrd is a fourth grade outcast who just wants to be left alone. He's a boy on the fringes, who wanders the playground alone, dragging his feet

through the dirt. What is the purpose of the mysterious lines he's drawing? Are they really as random as they seem?

Pearsall based her tale on a photo

taken of a young boy. Alone at recess, he was lying on the playground in the middle of a large picture that he'd drawn in the dirt.

Shelley Pearsall is the author of seven acclaimed books for middle grade and teen readers. Her inspiring and thought-provoking novels are used in classrooms nationwide, and she is a popular school speaker. Prior to becoming a full-time author, Shelley was a classroom teacher. She has also worked in the education departments of several parks and history museums where she created museum theater events and led public programs. She has a B.A. from The College of Wooster and a Master's in Education, M. Ed., from John Carroll University.

Shelley's first book, *Trouble Don't Last*, was published in 2002 and received the prestigious Scott O'Dell Award for Historical Fiction. *All of the Above*

and *The Seventh Most Important Thing* were named American Library Association Notable Books. Her newest novel is *Things Seen From Above* (February 2020). Shelley's books have appeared on numerous state reading award lists and received other honors.

We are thrilled to have award-winning author Shelley Pearsall as the featured guest of Battle of the Books.

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

eFulfillment Service
Hagerty Insurance
Lead Star
Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation
Hazelnut Kids
Robert & Anne Tucker
Rotary Charities
Sera & Rick Thompson

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH TRAVERSE
AREA DISTRICT LIBRARY

IMBOLO MBUE

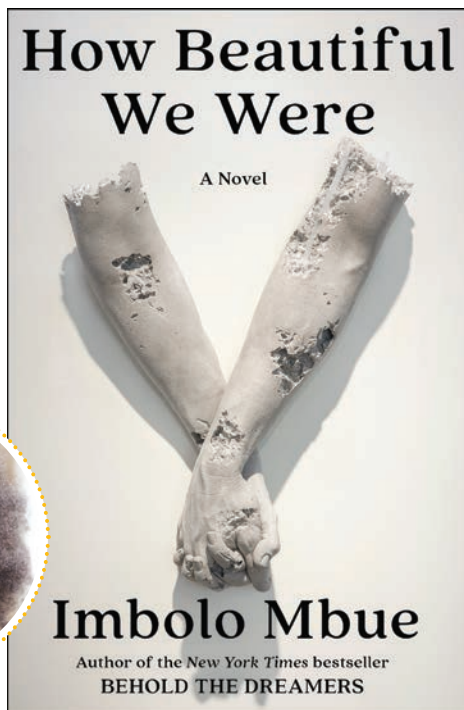
“The unforgettable story of a community on the wrong end of Western greed... a masterful novel by a spellbinding writer.”

~ David Ebershoff, author of *The Danish Girl*

Imbolo Mbue is the author of the New York Times bestseller *Behold the Dreamers*, which won the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction and the Blue Metropolis Words to Change Prize and was an Oprah's Book Club selection. Named a notable book of the year by The New York Times and The Washington Post and a best book of the year by close to a dozen publications, the novel has been translated into eleven languages, adapted into an opera and a stage play, and optioned for a movie. A native of Limbe, Cameroon, and a graduate of Rutgers and Columbia Universities, Mbue lives in New York City.

“We should have known the end was near.” So begins Imbolo Mbue's powerful second novel, *How Beautiful We Were*. Set in the fictional African village of Kosawa, it tells of a people living in fear amid environmental degradation wrought by an American oil company. Pipeline spills have rendered farmlands infertile. Children are dying from drinking toxic water. Promises of cleanup and financial reparations to the villagers are made—and ignored. The country's government, led by a brazen dictator, exists to serve its own interests. Left with few choices, the people of Kosawa decide to fight back. Their struggle will last for decades and come at a steep price.

Told from the perspective of a generation of children and the family



of a girl named Thula who grows up to become a revolutionary, *How Beautiful We Were* is a masterful exploration of what happens when the reckless drive for profit, coupled with the ghost of colonialism, comes up against one community's determination to hold on to its ancestral land and a young woman's willingness to sacrifice everything for the sake of her people's freedom.

GUEST HOST ROCHELLE RILEY

Rochelle Riley is the director of Arts and Culture for the city of Detroit. She is a former award-winning columnist for the Detroit Free Press. She's written two books and tours the country with *The Burden*, speaking about the burden that America bears because it refuses to deal with the aftermath of slavery. She's bringing her latest book, *That They Lived*, to the National Writers Series May 13.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Literary Sponsor:
Michigan Writers

Kudos to the National Writers Series

“The Stantons and everyone else behind the National Writers Series have done something miraculous in Traverse City: They have created an event with more community support, more local media, more pure excitement than in any other event I've ever seen.

Believe me, I've done more events than I can count – big and small, literally all over the world – but if I could only do one more for the rest of my life, it would be the National Writers Series.”

~ STEVE HAMILTON, award-winning author



LOOKING BACK - SOME AMAZING MOMENTS



Elizabeth Strout: 2017



Janet Evanovitch & Doug Stanton: 2012



Doug & Anne Stanton: 2018



Anne Patchett: 2016



Tom Brokaw: 2010



Mary Karr: 2010



John Bacon speaks to TC Central High School students: 2015



Karl Marlantes: 2019



Alice Walker: 2018



WE WILL BE BACK!

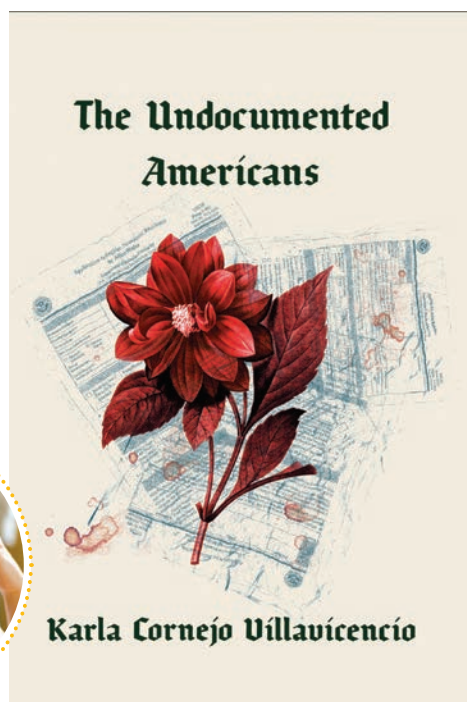
APRIL 8, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

KARLA CORNEJO VILLAVICENCIO

“Memorable... compelling... heart-wrenching... a welcome addition to the literature on immigration told by an author who understands the issue like few others.”

~ Kirkus Reviews

Karla Cornejo Villavicencio brings to light remarkable stories of hope and resilience in her searing debut, *The Undocumented Americans*.



her friends in the sad, “pull yourself up by the bootstraps” memoirs that permeated much of the existing literature.

Using a combination of reporting

and personal memoir, Cornejo Villavicencio travels the country at the risk of arrest and deportation to tell of the interior, hidden lives of undocumented immigrants in the United States. Looking well beyond the flashpoints of the border or the activism of the Dreamers, Cornejo Villavicencio explores the lives of the undocumented as rarely seen in our daily headlines.

Karla Cornejo Villavicencio has written about immigration, music, beauty, and mental illness for The New York Times, The Atlantic, The New Republic, Glamour, Elle, Vogue, n+1, and The New Inquiry, among others. She lives in New Haven with her partner and their dog.

Cornejo Villavicencio was born in 1989 in Ecuador. When she was 18 months old, her parents left her behind when they immigrated to the US. When she was four or five, her parents brought her to the United States; they lived in the New York

borough of Queens. She graduated from Harvard in 2011 and believes she is one of the first undocumented immigrants to do so. She is a PhD candidate in the American Studies program at Yale. She was an Emerson Collective fellow. Cornejo Villavicencio's book is now a National Book Award finalist.

GUEST HOST MYRIAM GURBA

is the editor-in-chief of *Tasteful Rude*, a Brick House Collective publication. She is also the author of the memoir *Mean*, a New York Times editors' choice. *O, the Oprah Magazine*, ranked *Mean* as one of the best LGBTQ books of all time and Publishers' Weekly describes Gurba as having a voice like no other.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Event Underwriter:
Debbie Edson

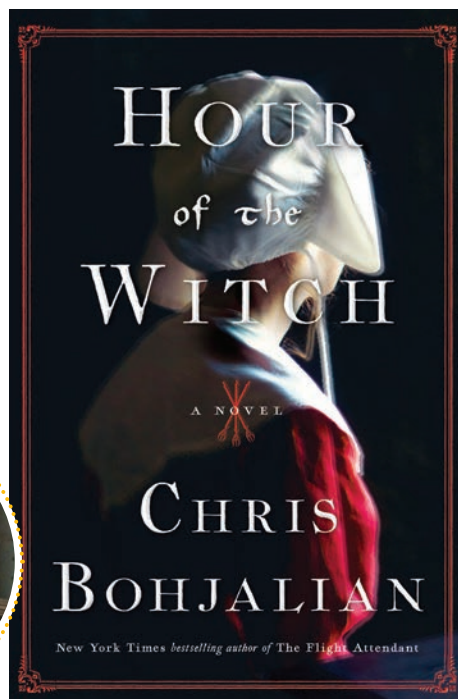
APRIL 22, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

CHRIS BOHJALIAN

“*Hour of the Witch*, a horror-inflected thriller by Chris Bohjalian. . .[is] a ‘cry against the paternalistic culture and the persecution of outsiders’—in other words, very 2020.”

~ Publishers Weekly

Chris Bohjalian is on a roll. He's the bestselling author of *The Flight Attendant*, the hit HBO Max series and his fifth book adapted to the screen. And he isn't slowing down. On April 22, he'll Zoom in to talk about his new historic thriller, *Hour of the Witch*.



is the twisting story of a young Puritan wife Mary Deerfield, who petitions for divorce from her cruel and abusive husband—only to end up on trial for witchcraft. His tale is inspired by the

first divorce filed in North America on grounds of domestic violence.

As a harsh winter descends and mass hysteria sweeps the New England coastline, Mary must race against the clock to convince a suspicious town ruled by the Puritanical fist of the Church to save her from her husband, or, more pressingly, the noose.

It's a timely historical novel about love, fear, feminine power, and the distrust of those in positions of power. And, because it is Chris Bohjalian, the book wouldn't be complete without an audacious, high-stakes twist at the end.

Bohjalian is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of 21 books. His most recent novel (just released), *The Red Lotus*, is a twisting story of love and deceit that debuted as a national bestseller. An American man vanishes on a rural road in Vietnam and his girlfriend, an emergency room doctor

trained to ask questions, follows a path that leads her home to the very hospital where they met. It is in development for a TV series.

His books have been chosen as Best Books of the Year by the Washington Post, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, the Hartford Courant, the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, Publishers Weekly, Library Journal, Kirkus Reviews, Bookpage, and Salon.

Chris graduated from Amherst College. He lives in Vermont with his wife, the photographer Victoria Blewer.

GUEST HOST TO BE ANNOUNCED

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Literary Sponsor:
A Generous Friend of NWS

MAY 13, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

ROCHELLE RILEY

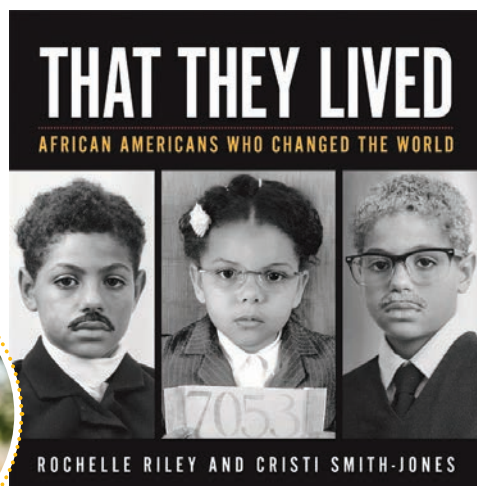
“The moment my son begins to read,
I will give him this fascinating book.”

~ Qasim Basir, filmmaker



Every famous person was once a child who, in some cases, overcame great obstacles to achieve success.

That's the enduring lesson of *That They Lived*, which features the biographies and photographs of famous African Americans, starting with the stories of their youth and how small experiences can help shape their entire lives. For example: Muhammad Ali's bike was stolen when he was just a twelve-year-old kid in Louisville named



Cassius Clay. What did the police officer who took the theft report suggest he do before catching up with the thief? Learn how to fight. And thus, a life – and the world – was changed.

Other stories featured in *That They Lived* include Bessie Coleman, the first African American female aviator, collected and washed her neighbors'

dirty laundry to raise enough money for college. Readers will also learn about famed musician Duke Ellington, who at the age of seven years old preferred (like many kids) playing baseball to attending piano lessons.

The book also features charming black-and-white photos of children dressed in the likeness of each story's famous subject, so children can learn they can be anything they aspire to be and that every famous person was once a child who, in some cases, overcame great obstacles to achieve success.

Written for young readers, this is a book that will also charm and inspire their parents.

Rochelle Riley is Director of Arts and Culture for the City of Detroit. She spent nearly 25 years as an award-winning Detroit Free Press columnist before leaving in 2019 to serve the City. She is also the author of four other books, including *The Burden*:

African Americans and the Enduring Impact of Slavery.

GUEST HOST LEONARD PITTS, JR.

Leonard Pitts, Jr. is a Pulitzer Prize-winning syndicated columnist and the author of several books, including the popular novels *Freeman*, *Before I Forget* and *The Last Thing You Surrender*. His other honors include: five National Headliner Awards from the Atlantic City Press Club; the President's Award and Journalist of the Year Awards from the National Association of Black Journalists and six Green Eyeshade Awards from the Society of Professional Journalists. He was born in Orange, Calif. and lives with his wife in the suburbs of Washington, DC.



GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Event Underwriter:
Anne Montgomery

MAY 26, 7PM • VIRTUAL WINTER/SPRING SEASON

MARY DORIA RUSSELL

“Historical fiction that feels
uncomfortably relevant today.”

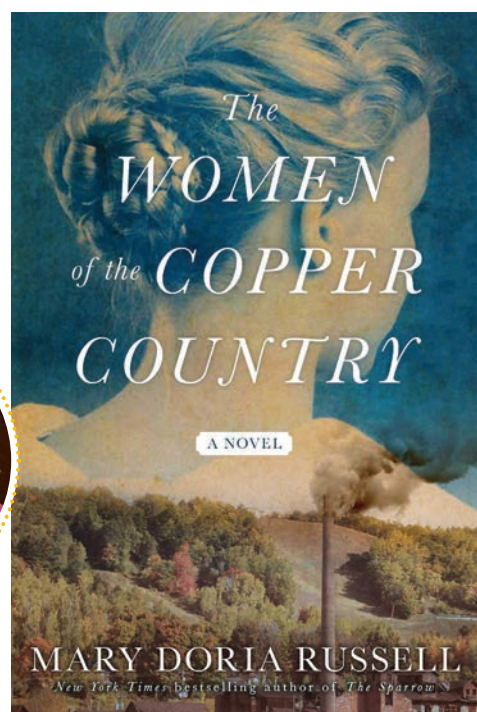
~ Kirkus Reviews



An inspiring historical novel about “America's Joan of Arc.” In *The Women of the Copper Country*

you will meet Annie Clements, the courageous woman who started a rebellion by leading a strike against the largest copper mining company in the world.

At the age of 25, Annie had seen enough of the world to know that it was unfair. She'd spent her whole life in the copper-mining town of Calumet, Michigan, where men risked their



lives for meager salaries while their wives cleaned the houses of the elite, dreading the fateful news of a deadly mine accident. When Annie—in July of 1913—decides to stand up for herself and the entire town of Calumet, she

touches off a violent, turbulent reaction that feels startlingly relevant to today.

Widely praised for her meticulous research, fine prose, and compelling narrative drive, Mary Doria Russell is the New York Times bestselling and award-winning author of *The Sparrow*, *Children of God*, *A Thread of Grace*, *Dreamers of the Day*, *Doc*, and *Epitaph*. Dr. Russell holds a PhD in biological anthropology. She lives in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

GUEST HOST KENDRA CARR

Kendra Carr joined IPR as the All Things Considered host in 2019. She previously worked at WMOM in Ludington as the News Director.



She grew up in western Michigan. A graduate of Cottey College, she went on to receive her bachelor's degree from Western Michigan University.

Kendra is an avid actress, participating in everything from Shakespeare to musical theater and beyond.

GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Literary Underwriters:

Lorraine Beers

For all my Scandinavian ancestors, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish and Danish, this one's for you.

Barbara Stark-Nemon

Kudos to NWS

“The National Writers Series is one of the classiest and most smoothly run author event programs around. The venue is stunning, the audience intelligent and primed to enjoy themselves, and the interviews always keen and insightful. Add to that the TLC and consummate professionalism Doug Stanton and his incredible team provide, and beautiful Traverse City as a location, and you have a winner! I hope to be asked back again and again.”

~ Paula McLain, author of *The Paris Wife* and *Circling the Sun*



THANK YOU! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

SUSTAINING SPONSOR

CORDIA
at Grand Traverse Commons

ARTS BENEFACTOR SPONSOR



nwmiarts.org

GRANTORS



This activity is supported in part by an award from the MICHIGAN COUNCIL FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, MICHIGAN HUMANITIES COUNCIL and the NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS.

MEDIA SPONSORS



SUPPORTING SPONSORS



AIRPORT SPONSOR

EVENT & LITERARY SPONSORS

DWIGHT GARNER

Event Underwriter:
A GENEROUS FRIEND OF NWS

ALAN LIGHTMAN

Literary Sponsors:



MARTHA TEICHNER

Event Underwriters:

AL & SUSAN COGSWELL

DIANE REHM

Event Sponsor:
A GENEROUS FRIEND OF NWS

Event Underwriter:
DEBBIE EDSON

Literary Sponsor:



IMBOLO MBUE

Event Sponsor:

MichiganWRITERS

ROCHELLE RILEY

Event Underwriter:
ANNE MONTGOMERY

KARLA CORNEJO VILLAVICENCIO

Event Underwriter:
DEBBIE EDSON

CHRIS BOHJALIAN

Event Underwriter:
A GENEROUS FRIEND OF NWS

SHELLEY PEARSALL BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

Event Sponsors:



**ANNE & ROBERT TUCKER
SERA & RICHARD THOMPSON**

Special Thanks to our Summer Gala Hosts

2020

Hosted on Zoom - special guest Susan Goldberg; wine provided by Larry Mawby

2019

Mission Table Restaurant with Hosts Terry & Wayne Lobdell

2018

Olivia & Marty Lagina

2017

Dana & Casey Cowell

2016

Brenda & Ross Biederman
Susie & Bill Janis
Susie & Bob Kuras
Diana & Richard Milock

2015

Anne & Robert Tucker

SUSTAINING DONOR - FRONT STREET WRITERS

\$15,000
Dawn & Kean Oh

FOUNDERS CIRCLE

\$10,000/year for 3 years
Brenda & Ross Biederman
Aubrey Adelle Bliss
Rota & David Bump
Dana & Casey Cowell
Cameron & Dan Farley
Susie & Bill Janis
Diana & Richard Milock
Jon & Marissa Wege

Gifts Donated in the Last Twelve Months to January 4, 2021

BESTSELLER LIST

\$5,000 - \$10,000
Begonia Charitable Fndn.
Daniel Edson
Debra Edson
Cameron & Dan Farley
Jon & Sue Kinne

NATIONAL BOOK AWARD

\$1,000 - \$4,999
Sam Abood
Laura Asiala
Lorraine & Mack Beers
Arleta Bernson
Richard & Susan Bingham
Bob & Marcy Branski
Clark & Karen Bunting
Leith & Gloria Butler
Tom & Pam Caldwell
Bob & Suzy Cline
Susan & Al Cogswell
Bill & Paula Cordes
Thom & Becky Darga
Michael & Brenda Earl
Renee & Don Fedrigo
Anonymous
Steve & Ann Fisher
Phyllis Foster
Bob & Nancy Giles
Ward & Mary Gillett
Carol & Bob Goff
Brad Graft
Gail & Robert Hetler
Chip & Shirley Hoagland
James & Diana Huckle
Jennifer & Brian Jaffe
Bill & Susie Janis
Angie Judge
Jamie & Paula Kemler
Paul & Carol Laporte
Wayne & Terry Lobdell
Janice & Michael London
Kathy Magliochetti

Gladys & Tom Maguire
John & Mary Melvin
Anonymous
Richard & Diana Milock
Anne Montgomery
Shirley & Dick Murray
Dawn & Kean Oh
Grant & Paulette Parsons
Linda & Max Proffitt
Peter & Chris Romeo
Paul Schmuckal & Catherine Radu
Jeanne & Jack Snow
Bonnie Stanton
Vicki Stanton
Sera & Rick Thompson
Robert & Anne Tucker
Kent & Nancy Walton
Janet Wolf

PULITZER CAN-DEMIC DONORS

\$250 - \$999
Charlene Abernethy
Keith & Carol Adler
Robert & Betty Adler
David & Jacqueline Amos
Gary & Mimi Appel
Paul & Judy Arnold
Dennis & Anne Arouca
Alison Arthur
Jeanne Ascione
Barbara & Joseph Backus
Stephen Bahlke
Thomas Barnes
Ross & Brenda Biederman
Eric Blackhurst
Alfred Bonney
David & Rota Bump
Linda Butka & Bryan Olshove
Bruce & Mary Byl
Susan & Charles Cady
Dick & Sue Campbell
Martha Campbell
Jennifer & Stan Carroll
Mike & Maria Carroll
Luba Childs
Elsa Clark
Camille Colatosti
Jeanne Corey & Paul Vezina
James & Margaret Costello
Saundra & Jack Crandall
Elodie Crawford
Marcia Curran
Rebecca D'Agostino & David Faling
Barbara Dancer
Nancy & William Davy
Chris Dennon
Mike Dettmer
Dan & Lindy Dingeman
Gail Drayton
Nancy Duke
Bob Eichenlaub & Becky Ewing
Deb & Neal Fellows
Mike & Mary Forness
Dina Foster
Anonymous
Christopher & Jennifer Gerling
Kathleen Glynn
Grand Traverse Pie Company
Pat Green
Jerrold Gretzinger & Meg Staley
Kim Hagerty & Antonio Simao
Elizabeth Hakola
Sondra Hardy
Jeanne & Michael Haynes
Thomas Hazelton & Cynthia Brzak
Joyce Hennessee
Marie & Doug Holem
Pam & Steve Horne
Michele Howard
Lola Jackson & Dily
Tosteson Garcia
Michael & Joanie Jackson
Jill & Jerome Jelinek
Ed & Ann Kalat
George Kleiber & Diane Dabich

Sharon & Jerry Knoppow
Susie & Bob Kuras
Suzanne & Jim Lamond
Harold & Pamela Lassers
Leslie Lee
Rorie Lewis
Val Lincoln
Susan Lio
Laurine Madison
Anne Magoun
Meredith McComb
William & Joan McCool
Ann McPhail
Paula Menees
Betsy Moore & Jay Wood
Benson & Bette Munger
David Murphy & Suzanne Peters
Kevin Nagy & Debbie Lewis
Susan Nehra
Alan Newton
Mary Oosterhouse
Robert & Diane Parsons
Cheri Pero
Michael Rodenberg
Bruce & Joyce Rogers
Pug Rundio
Bill & Madelyn Ryan
Christine Schneider
Patricia Schroth
Marc & Tracy Schwimmer
Jack Segal & Karen Puschel Segal
Patricia Sharpnack
Anne Marie & William Shuyler
Winnie Simpson
Alton & Kathy Smith
Bill Smith & Donna Weitz
Bonnie Smith
Gretchen & Bill Soutear
Doug & Anne Stanton
Kathleen Steeves
David & Karin Summers
Louise Taylor
Roberta Teahen
June Thaden
Stephen Tomlinson
Mary Kay Tripp
Dennis & Kathy Turner
Judy & Michael Twigg
Catherine Upjohn
Jill Vollbrecht
William & Toni Wagoner
Patricia & Ken Warner
Juanita & Noel Watson
Larry & Patricia Widmayer
Joan Williams
Karen & Jack Williams
Betsy & Richard Wilson
Gary & Jean Wolf
Colleen & Mick Zanotti

QUILL DONORS

\$101 - \$249
Joanie Abbott
Nathanael Adamson
Peter & Bernadette Albers
Catherine Anthony
Gregg Armstrong
Sharon Bacon
Ellen & Thomas Baird
Marilyn & Walter Baird
Karen Baker
Diana & Jeff Baribeau
Pat Bazley
Carl Benner
Marc Bertrand
Jennifer Bonifacio
Judith Bosma
Julie Botsford
Trish Brauning
Eric & Julia Braverman
Paul & Amanda Brink
Kathy & Hans Bruehl
Connie Bruski
Gerilyn Burden
Susan Buxton
Susan Cahn
Rita Cheyne
Valerie Church-McHugh
Bob & Cindy Clement
Dan & Linda Cline
Marilyn Cobb

THANK YOU! WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU

Barbara & Thomas Cole
Therese Cousins
Tanya Crosby
Beverly Cuthbert
Catherine Davidson
John DeSpelder
Diane Donley
Lee Ann Elston
Mary Fairgrieve
Linda Farrell
Mary Jo Ficarek
Ellen Flegenheimer-Riggle
Janet Fleshman &
John Snodgrass
Richard & Lin Foa
Sallie Foley
Barbara Franke
Susan Fritz
Andrew & Jo Anne Gerben
Judy & Don Goodrich
Kathryn Gray
Richard Grout
Jep & Mary Gruman
Janet Guidos
Tom & Victoria Gutowski
Michael & Mary Haley
Marietta Hamady
Perry Harmon &
Kristen Elliott
Carol & Keith Hartwell
Agnes Hayden
Teri Hedrich & Alfred
Stachel
Mike & Sharon Herron
Rose Hollander
Jean & William Howard
Cindy Hull
Lisa Huschke
Susan & Bruce Idema
Paul & Laura Jacobson
Gloria Johnson
Susan Jones
Sue & Charles Judson
Susan & Jeff Kessler
Andrea Ketchum
Diana Ketola
Sandra Kilmer
David Kirby &
Martha Topol
Margaret Kirkby
Jane Kirschke
Ruthanne Kladder
Brenda & Bob Knaack
Missy Knebel
Judith & Charles Kraus
Karen Kuehlhorn
Susan Labelle
Suzanne Landes
Mary Landry
Alison & Steve Lang
Marcia Lee
Michael Lehnert &
Denise Pelt
Dency Lippert
Laurie & Dan Lisuk
Eleanor Lynn
Lynne Lyons
Pamela Macpherson
Terence Malone
Theda Marinelli
Marty Mater
Richard Moore
Margaret Morse
Elizabeth Mostrom
Linda & Chuck Mueller
Michael Mulcahy
Karen Mulvahill
Susan Nichols
Kip & Janice Nickel
Wendy Nienhouse &
Steve Niergarth
Linda Pannuto
Nancy Parshall
Nate Payne
Richard Priehs
Margaret Quinn
Etta Rajkovich

Joan Rasmussen &
Morry Alter
Don Reinhard
Alice Rhyner
Yasmin Richmond &
Ruth Hoppe
Sheree Robinson
Mary Rodewig
Stephen Sanders
Sandy Seppala Gyr
Heather Shaw
Susan Shimmions
Jackie & Seamus Shinner
Sarah Shoemaker
Barbara Smith
Isiah & Marlene Smith
Sue & Jon Snow
Kristen Stages
Peggy Stanek
Barbara Stark-Nemon
Robbin & Bill Stott
Terrie Taylor
The 40 year Old Book Club
Dorothy Thompson
Sara Thompson
Sarah Thompson
Ron & Liz Tousain
Kathy Tucker
Elizabeth & Beau Vallance
Kathy Vance
Karen Viskochil
Candice & Dick Wallace
Christine & Richard Walter
Jan Warren
Cindy & Doug Weaver
Judith & Kennard Weaver
Dale & Tracey Westerman
Marsha Wheaton
Tonya Wildfong
Bonnie Willings
Ken Winter
Ruth Winter &
Tom Thibault
Jesse & Molly Wolff
Jeffrey & Michelle
Wonacott
Judith Wurges
Ellen Zienert
Barb Zupin

FRIENDS
\$50 - \$125
Lil Adler Ostendorf
Elaine Aldrete
Mary Allender
Cathy Alterio
Peggy Anderson & Ed
Hargis
Joan Antle
Emilia Askari
Jule Avery
Mary Bader
Diane & Michael Bair
Shirley Baker
Judy & Bruce Balas
Josephine Ballenger
Micha Bancroft
Michaeline Barnhart
Deena Barshney
Polly Basile
Patricia Bauer
Steven Baumgartner
Becky Beach
Jeff & Terry Beamsley
Becky Beauchamp & Barry
Levine
Danielle Beauvais
Carole & Dennis Becker
Katherine Belanger
Mary Belmonte
Mary Benedetto
Trine Bennett
Alan Bersin
Tom Beukema
Marika BeVier
Ulrich & Janice Binkert
David & Chari Binstadt
Ann Bird
Linda & Mike Birtles
Julie Blaney
Emily Bluemer
Margaret Bossenbery
Marge Bossenbery
Ann Bowman

Nicole Bradshaw
Arlene Brodsky
Jim & Candy Brody
Debbie Brosten
Dick & Sue Brovont
Bill & Theresa Brown
Fleda Brown & Jerry
Beasley
Irene Brown
Susan Brown
Susan Burks
Rhonda Busch
Bob Butz & Nancy Flowers
Peggy Byland
Kevin Cain
Anonymous
Cheryl Cardelli
Vicki Carpenter &
Phil Downs
Sandra & Bill Cartwright
Judith Case
Ross Childs
Beverly Christensen
Ann Clark
Courtnee Clark
Marsha Clark
Kim Clarke
Jill & Richard Claybour
Jeri Cleverdon
Dorothy & Robert Clore
Susan & John Harrison
Marylou & Don Coe
Cathy Colburn
Joseph & Deborah Conklin
Elizabeth Connelly
Diane & Dean Connors
Judy Cooper
Lane Corbin
Nancy Cotcamp
Daniel Cotter
Michelle Courval &
George Kinney
Mary Crawford
Donald Dahlstrom
Peter Damm
K Daniels
Sonia daSilva
Jacqueline Davidson
Shannon DeBruyn
Caroline DeGraaf
Kathryn Den Houter
Nancy & Dave Denison
Tom & Audrey DeVault
Michael & Annie DeVries
Joan Dewey
Maureen & Doug DeYoung
Connie Donovan
Stephen & Carola Drosdeck
Mary Ann Dulcich
Linda Dunigan
Mary Jo Durivage
Barbara Duvall
Celia Ebert
Ronda Edwards-Barth
Sally & John Ellinger
Judy Ellis
Marcia Endo
Elizabeth Erdmann
Jeanne Esch
Barbara Eschner
Christine Esper
Erin, Paul & Christina
Evans
James Ferro
Laura Fisher
Robin Fisher
Kevin Fitton
Joan Fitzgibbon
Ellen Fivenson
Donna & Michael Flynn
Jillian Foerster
Susan & Dick Ford
George Foster & Susan
Gugel
Janis Frazee
Catherine Frazer
Julia Freiburger
Belinda Friis
Rondi & Carlton Fry
Carol Galvin-Flood
Martha Garber
Janet Garvey
Tim Garvey
Lezlie Garvin

Lynn Geiger
Lisa Genesen
Roger Gerstle &
Marjorie Rich
Davis Giles
Amy Gillard
David & Leslie Ginsberg
Sharon Glenn
Lois Golightly
Rachel Goodstein
Steve & Pam Grace
Pamela & David Grath
Jill Greenfield
Michael Greer
Kathy Grinstein
John & Victoria Gudritz
Harry Gurthet
Kathleen Guy
Douglas Haberland
Matt Hagen
Carolyn Hahne
Gloria Halligan
Diane Hamilton
Peter Handley
Valarie Handy
Alice Hansen
Roger Hardnock
Mary & Phillip Harmeson
Judith Harnish
Marcia & Jim Harris
Susan & John Harrison
Alan Hartwick
Peggy Hasan
Neil Hawkins
Cynthia Hayes
Jane Hayes
James Heffner
Ann Hemming
Kristina Henke
Karla Herbold
Sharon & George Hermach
Debra & William Hershey
Reneae Hesselink
Marguerite Hickman
Karen Hildebrandt
Walter Hoegy
John Hoffmann
Susan & Michael Hornby
Brian & Vicki Howard
Barbara Hunter
Kay & David Ingraham
Katy Jackson
Karin Jacobson &
Robert Seeman
Michele Jacques
John & Kathleen Jahoda
Deyar Jamil
Kallie Jensen
Mike Johns
Deborah Johnson
Janice Johnson
Margaret Jones
Virginia Judge
Gail & Kevin Juett
Elisa Julien
Gloria Katz
Deborah Kearns
Tim Keenan
Katie Kellogg
Thomas Kelly
Kathy & Clifford Kelto
John & Connie Kerns
Pat Kessel & Barb
Gordon-Kessel
Robert & Karen Kingon
Valerie Kirn-Duensing
Chris Kitzman
Linda Koebert & Mike
Vickery
Elizabeth & Mike Kolarevic
Ann Krantz
Cheryl Kreger
Barbara Kriigel
Gretchen Kronk
Linda Perry
Dennis & Barbara Piskor
Rachel & Jason Plum
Ann & Tom Post
Nancy Postorino Reeves

Leavenworth
Candace Lee
Candice Lee
Colleen Lepper
Elizabeth Letts
Judy Levin
Marcy & Jordan Lindberg
Margaret Littin
Jean & Don Livingston
Anita Look
Bill Lorne
Christopher Loud
Patricia Mack
Stewart MacLeod
Kara Madien
Bruce Makie
Scott Mandel
Rebecca Mang &
Homer Nye
Jillian Manning
Lucas Marquette
Natalie Martin
Teresa Mathews
Jan Maxbauer
Debbie May
Kathryn & Phillip May
Barbara McBride
Sherry McNamara
Mark & Catherine
McPherson
Katheryn Meinschein
Millie Mellgren
Jan & Dave Merrell
Judith Mesack
Catherine Meyer-Looze
Barbara Mick
Carolyn Micklatcher
Phillip Mikesell
Alice & Frank Miller
Chris & Donna Miller
Jim Milligan
Megan Miranda
Emily Mitchell
Marsha Mixer
Guy Molnar & Matt
McCormick
Malisa Monson
Scott Monteith & Kathy
Baylis
Donna Moore
Jami Moore
John Moore
Kristin Moore
Kay Moreau
Gloria Morkin
Candace Morse
Karen Mountz
Tom Mountz
Nancy Muhlig
William & Cathleen
Murgan
Margaret Murphy
Greg Nachazel
Cheryl & Richard Naperala
Sarah Naperala
Christine & Randy Nelson
Kay Nemschoff
Bonnie Nescot &
Timothy Barr
Robert Nichols
Carolyn Nightingale
Kathleen Oconnell
Sue Olcott
Donna Olendorf
Lisa Oleson
Marjorie Oliver
Betsy Olson
Sarah Olson-Rosenbaum
Anne Marie &
David Oomen
Sharon & Patrick Oriel
Barbara Papazian
Peter & Sarah Payette
Huel Perkins
Linda Perry
Mary Peters
Lyn & Gary Petty
Sarah Pfeil
John Pfluecke
Tina Piotrowski
Dennis & Barbara Piskor
Rachel & Jason Plum
Ann & Tom Post
Nancy Postorino Reeves

Nancy Potter
Julie Povolito
Jane Purkis
Celeste Rabaut
Kristen Rabe
Jo Radant
Beth Raddatz
Mary Randall
Amy & William Ranger
Megan Raphael
Judith Reich
Bob & Kathryn Reidy
Phyllis Relyea
Amanda Remai
Maria Reynolds
Patricia Rice
Paula Richardson
Philip & Joan Richardson
Nora Robinson
Michael & Libby Robold
Joanne Rochow
Jane Rodgers
Ellen Rosewall
Jon & Elizabeth Roth
Katherine Roth
Deborah Rough
Kathleen Rowley
Laura Sabo
Jean Sarasin
Sara Satkowiak
Susan Sawyer
Ed & Amy Schindler
Lucy Schoener
Janice Schuler
Ann Schwandt
Sharon Scranton
Donald Seman
Laura Seymore
Karla Sherman
Heather Shumaker
Peg Siciliano
Arjun Singh
Charlotte Slater
Nancy Sloan
Ann & Mark Smith
Ed Smith & Mary Raz
Smith
Michelle Smith
Richard Smith
Ann Snyder
Kathleen Solotkin
Barbara Tamiris
Paul & Leslie Staroneck
Jane Stauffer
Patricia Stearns
Donna Stein
Ann Stephens
Lynn Stephenson
Ruth & Bob Stow
Tom Streasick
Karen Strom
Ryan Sullivan
Ann Swaney
Mike & Cindy Swift
James Tambling
Michael & Terry Tarnow
Katherine Telma
Deborah Temperly
Barbara Tessmer
Lisa Thauvette &
Brian Thelen
William Thauvette
Joanne Thomas
Margaret Tipsword
Geraldine Torno
Joe Torrence
Richard Tourre
Mary Treadway
Jocelyn Trepte
Gail Trill
Catherine Valovick
Howard & Trish Van
Houten
Roberta Vanderbreggen
Norm Veliquette
Doug Verellen
Liz VerSchure
Rhonda Voorheis
Pam Vredevoogd
Steve & Linda Wade
Mary Walsh
Sylvia Walworth
Janet Ward
Paula Ward

Jane Warriner
David Watt
Patricia Weber
Rose Wehrman
Karen Wells
John & Diane Wemlinger
Joanne Westphal
Norman & Mimi Wheeler
Ben & Erin Whiting
Richard & Rajkumari
Wiener
Joe & Glenda Wierzbicki

Elizabeth Williams
Carolyn Wolf
Alice Wolfe
Valerie Wright
Nancy Yarbrough
Pam Yee
FANS OF NWS
Under \$50
A complete list of NWS
FANS can be found on
the NWS website

BENEFACTORS FOR THE LIFE IN THE TIME
OF VIRUS ESSAY CONTEST
Laura Asiala (high school awards)
Michele Howard (elementary awards)
Meredith McComb (middle school awards)
Grant Parsons (adult awards)

Thanks to those who gave so generously to
our NWS college scholarship fund awarded in
partnership with the Grand Traverse Regional
Community Foundation:

- Leslie Lee
- Marcy & Bob Branski
- Anne Montgomery
- Judith Lang



A FEW OF THE NWS FALL AUTHORS ON ZOOM
From top row left to right: Larissa Fasthose; Christopher
Haugh, Albert Woodfox, Chasten Buttigieg, Bob Giles,
and Yaa Gyasi. You can watch them – and more – on
our YouTube Channel. Subscribe while you're there so
you don't miss another one.

THANK YOU
WE ARE SO
GRATEFUL!