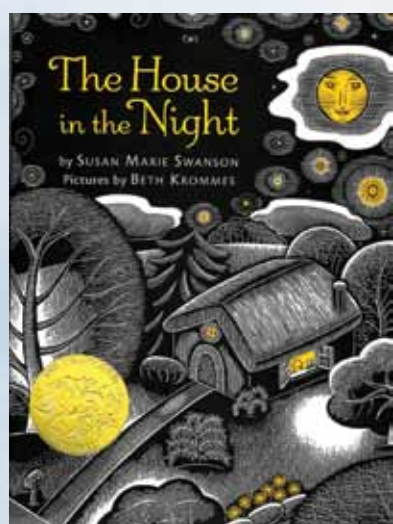


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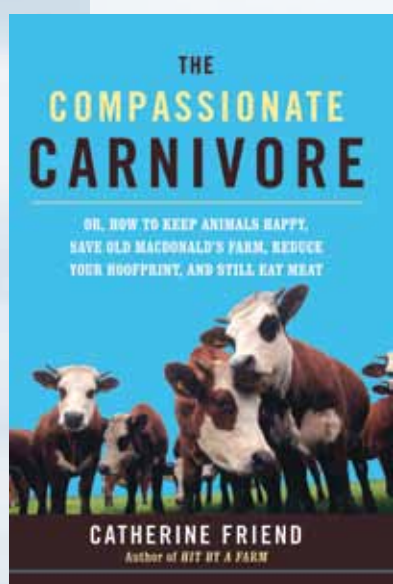
Children's Literature

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The House in the Night

Susan Marie Swanson

In this bedtime story, the rhythmic text and glowing pictures explore the origins of light that make a house a home. The book lifts up nighttime things that are both comforting and intriguing to young readers.



General Nonfiction

The Compassionate Carnivore:

Or, How to Keep Animals Happy, Save Old MacDonald's Farm, Reduce Your Hoofprint, and Still Eat Meat

Catherine Friend

The author's own personal farming and livestock journey offers critical and witty insight – for meat lovers and vegetarians alike – into how our meat is raised, where and from whom we buy it, and why a change in our meat choices is possible and desirable.



Genre Fiction

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Stalking Susan

Julie Kramer

Twin Cities investigative television reporter Riley Spartz discovers that a serial killer is targeting women named Susan, and is killing one on the same day each year. In her attempt to crack the case, Spartz goes up against an uncooperative news director and a politician who fears a serial killer story will hurt local convention business.



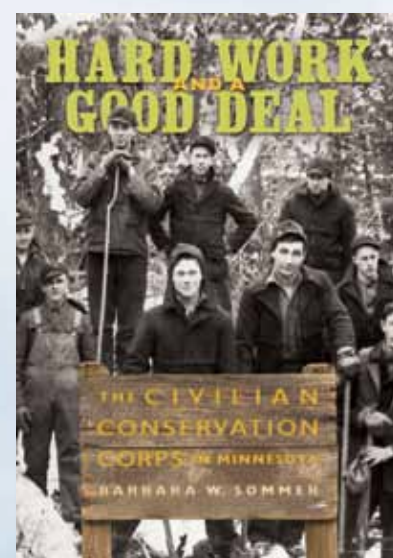
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The Latehomecomer: A Hmong Family Memoir

Kao Kalia Yang

Kao Kalia Yang immigrated to Saint Paul when she was six years old. This is the story of her family's harrowing escape from Laos, their life in refugee camps, and the hardships and joys that came with carving out a life in America.



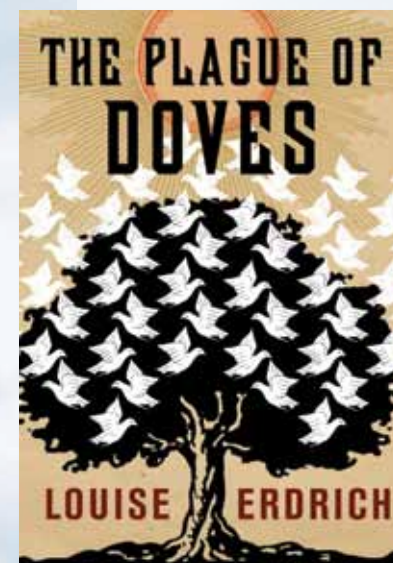
Minnesota

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Hard Work and a Good Deal: The Civilian Conservation Corps in Minnesota

Barbara W. Sommer

The Civilian Conversation Corps, borne out of FDR's New Deal at the height of the Great Depression, supplied jobs to more than 77,000 Minnesotans. Hundreds of interviews are included in this account of the workers' lasting legacy, still visible today.

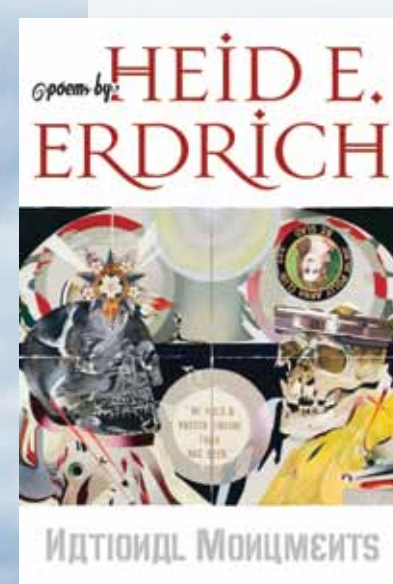


Novel & Short Story

The Plague of Doves

Louise Erdrich

The unsolved murder of a farm family haunts the small, white, off-reservation town of Pluto, North Dakota. Bound by love and torn by history, the stories of two communities come together in a wrenching truth that is revealed in the novel's final pages.

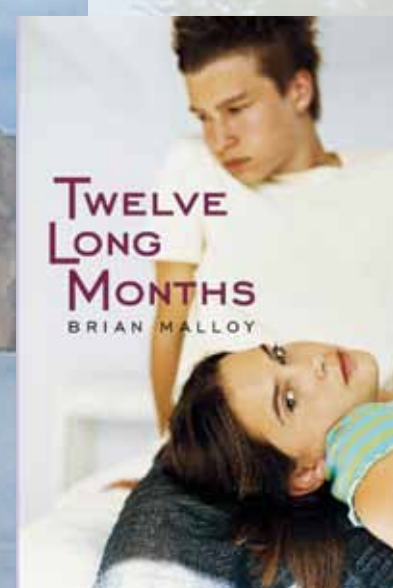


Poetry

National Monuments

Heid E. Erdrich

The depths of national identities and the real people who live them are explored through these poems. There are arguments with historians, archaeologists, William Carlos Williams, and the deeply rooted, conflicting myths of what being American is all about.



Young People's Literature

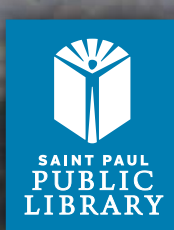
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Twelve Long Months

Brian Malloy

Molly Swain is hopelessly in love with Mark, the only thing she finds of interest in their small Minnesota town. She learns they will both be moving to New York following high school graduation, where she discovers that Mark's been keeping a secret, and she's not his type at all.

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