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2010 MACKINAC READS

Horse Soldiers

Meet Author Doug Stanton

Thursday, July 8 at 4 pm

Mackinac Island Library

We find that many people come to the Straits of Mackinac to rediscover a slower, more leisurely way of life, and reading is a big part of that lifestyle. This year we wanted to pick one great title that we readers can talk about and bring people together to hear from the author. We are unveiling our first MACKINAC READS title: *Horse Soldiers* by Traverse City author Doug Stanton.

Our home-grown Michigander wrote an engrossing tale of present day soldiers in Afghanistan whose convoys consist of soldiers on horses instead of in tanks and military vehicles. *Horse Soldiers* was selected the 2009 *Publishers Weekly* Book of the Year, which is one of the highest honors in the industry.

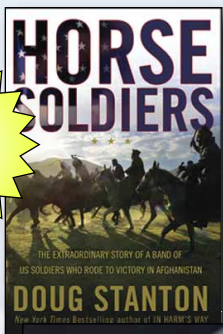
Horse Soldiers is the dramatic account of a small band of Special Forces soldiers who secretly entered Afghanistan following 9/11 and rode to war on horses against the Taliban. Out-numbered forty to one, they pursued the enemy across mountainous terrain and, after a series of intense battles, captured the city of Mazar-i-Sharif, which was strategically essential if they were to defeat the Taliban.

Deeply researched and beautifully written, Stanton's account of America's quest to liberate an oppressed people touches the mythic. The Horse Soldiers combined ancient strategies of cavalry warfare with twenty-first-century aerial bombardment technology to perform a seemingly impossible feat. Moreover, their careful effort to win the hearts of local townspeople and avoid civilian casualties proved a valuable lesson for America's ongoing efforts in Afghanistan.

"Not just an epic war story, *Horse Soldiers* is a beautifully written, intimate portrait of the men and women who lived the battle on the fields of fire — and at home, too. Their secret mission against the Taliban was intelligent, brave, and undertaken with great care for the good people of Afghanistan. Doug Stanton's superb account is an invaluable insight for policy makers and the public for years to come." — Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*

Doug Stanton is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *In Harm's Way: The Sinking of the USS Indianapolis and the Extraordinary Story of Its Survivors*. A former contributing editor at *Esquire*, *Sports Afield*, and *Outside*, Stanton is now a contributing editor at *Men's Journal* and has written on travel, entertainment, and adventure, during which time he nearly drowned in Cape Horn waters, played basketball with George Clooney, and took an acting lesson from a gracious Harrison Ford. Doug is the founder of the National Writers Series, a year-round book festival in downtown Traverse City, Michigan (www.NationalWritersSeries.org).

Join us July 8 at the library to listen to Doug Stanton talk and answer questions about *Horse Soldiers* and his upcoming book, also set in Afghanistan.



★ Calendar of Events ★

Mackinac Island

Sunday, May 30, 2-4 pm

Charles W. Jansen

Dreams of Mackinac

Jansen has realized the dream of owning property on Mackinac Island and embraces the Mackinac Island lifestyle in *Dreams of Mackinac*. This beautiful book features more than 75 color photographs.

Thursday, June 3, 11:30 am

Book Talk, Live from Mackinac Island!

Laura Baratto & Bridget Piecarz

Lilac Tree Hotel Conference Room

Laura and Bridget return to talk books and share great door prizes. Come join the fun!

Sunday, June 6, 11 am-12:30 pm

Jennifer Powell

What I Saw on Mackinac Island

St. Ignace resident Jennifer Powell will sign her delightful new children's counting book.

Tuesday, June 15

Kris Radish

Hearts on a String

Noon – Author Luncheon at the Iroquois Hotel

2-3 pm In-store Book Signing

See page 2 for details.

Wednesday, June 16, 1-3 pm

Ed Reavie

St. Ignace Car Culture

Saturday, June 19, 11 am-1 pm

Inez Ross (and her sister)

Persuaded: A Great Lakes Story

will talk and sing about her book.

Saturday, June 19, 1-3 pm

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Saturday, June 26, 2-4 pm

Wendy Webb

The Tale of Halcyon Crane

Meet the author of this Mackinac Island-inspired ghost story.

Tuesday, July 6, 4 pm

Nick and Robbyn Frankenhuyzen

Itsy Bitsy and Teeny Weeny

Mackinac Island Public Library

There will be a reception and booksigning at the Mackinac Island Public Library for Nick and Robbyn Frankenhuyzen on July 6 at 4 pm. The library will be hosting a showing of the original artwork for their book

Itsy Bitsy and Teeny Weeny which will run through the month of July. On July 30, they will give a book talk at the library at 4 pm as well.

Thursday, July 8, 4 pm

Doug Stanton

Horse Soldiers Rochelle Carithers

Mackinac Island Library

See feature story on this page.

Saturday, July 10, 2:30-4:30 pm

Rochelle Carithers

The Purple with Pink Polka Dot Ponies

A fun story of ponies with wings and magical powers, perfect for girls ages 9-12.

DATE TBD

Mary Mahur

Actors Talk About Shakespeare

A treasury of talents, tactics, and tales from veteran performers who return often to Shakespeare from careers in film and television.

Mackinaw City

Thursday, June 17, 1-3 pm

Ed Reavie

St. Ignace Car Culture

Friday, June 18, 6:30-8 pm

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Tom Powers

In the Grip of the Whirlwind: The

Armistice Day Storm of 1940

Incredible stories of great courage, narrow escapes, tragedy, faith, odd twists of fate, and the dogged perseverance of those who were caught in the hurricane-like storm that ripped through the upper Midwest.

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