

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT MICHIGAN NOTABLE BOOKS

1. How many titles do you review a year for each program?

This varies, and can range from 250 up to 400 titles per year. We review as many of the Michigan-related books that are published each year, as possible. Let us know of any books we should review. Note that new editions (2nd, 3rd, etc.), revisions, and previously published books are not considered. See How To Submit or Recommend Books for more specific information. (http://www.michigan.gov/hal/0,1607,7-160-17447_39583-92127--,00.html)

2. How broad is your selection?

We review anything that is related to Michigan and the Great Lakes (with a focus on the Michigan-aspect). We try to review as many of the Michigan-based writers (fiction) as possible. Where the subject is non-fiction and not related to Michigan or the Great Lakes, it is not considered. Fiction that is not strongly Michigan-related is still considered.

3. May I use the Michigan Notable Books seal on my website or my book?

If you are a publisher who wishes to use the medallion on the dust jacket, please contact michigannotablebooks@michigan.gov for pricing information & permission to use.

You have permission to use without asking us, IF you are an honored author selected for the program, if you're writing a review of the Michigan Notable Books or blogging about the program, or if you have a Michigan Notable Book author coming to visit. We're very honored by people using it. Do indicate that the current year and the copyright notice (Copyright the Library of Michigan). Ask if you have other questions about the medallion.

4. How do I find out the addresses/phones/email contacts for the authors listed here?

Check out the MIAI directory (<http://www.hal.state.mi.us/authors/>) or ask michigannotablebooks@michigan.gov. There are some authors who do not want their direct contact information given out, and we will let you know if that is the case.

5. Why wasn't my book selected?

The program is very competitive and there are just twenty slots on the list.

6. Why do you ask for so many copies?

The committee numbers approximately 10-16 members in any given year. More copies ensure that more committee members can review the titles at any given time. Whatever number of copies you can submit are appreciated and will help with reviewing. It is not a requirement to submit copies to be considered, but being able to review the actual book helps with our evaluation process.

7. How can I be on the committee? How do you select the committee members?

Please feel free to let us know that you're interested in being on the committee. (michigannotablebooks@michigan.gov). We aim for a good representation of book lovers, varieties of background, and representatives from different areas of Michigan. Members serve for approximately 3-year terms, so only a few slots open up each year.

Our committee includes booksellers, book reviewers, journalists, librarians, Michigan historians, archaeologists, writers, editors, and anyone who is interested in books and in Michigan.

8. What does it take to be a committee member?

We ask that people try to commit to three years of service on the committee if possible. It is not a requirement that all 300 plus books a year be read from cover to cover, which helps greatly! We do need people who can cultivate a good reviewing capacity, in terms of evaluating books. We need people who are good readers, and who are willing to try out books they might not normally read, from sports books, poetry, children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction of all sorts.

9. How is the program supported?

By sponsors & grants. We apply for appropriate grants and much appreciate our sponsors. The sponsors donate money for the reception honoring the authors, for the printing costs of the poster, medallions, and bookmarks, and for the author tours. For more information and to support our efforts, please contact the Library of Michigan Foundation or moorej10@michigan.gov

10. How can my library be considered for participating in the tour?

Please send questions on this to michigannotablebooks@michigan.gov