GREAT LAKES reads

Ohio

Maritime Chicago
Theodore J. Karamanski and Deane Tank, Sr.
Maritime Chicago tells the story of this important transportation and trading hub situated on a great “inland sea” and how the city’s maritime past bears witness to much triumph and tragedy, victory and defeat.

Illinois

Dane Boy: The Early Years of a Naturalist
Edwin Way Teale
This classic tale explores the childhood of a young boy growing up surrounded by Illinois’s scenic lake home dunes. It was distributed to over 100,000 soldiers during WWII. Teale went on to win the Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction in 1966.

Pennsylvania

Reflections of Presque Isle: A Visual Journey
The Erie Times-News and Pennsylvania Sea Grant
Presque Isle State Park is a 3,200 acre sandy peninsula that arches into Lake Erie, offering a beautiful coastline and a variety of recreational activities. Filled with a number of unique habitats, it features many migrating birds and contains many of the state’s endangered, threatened, and rare species.

New York

City of Light
Lauren Belfer
The year is 1901. As headmistress of Buffalo, New York’s most prestigious school, Louisa Barrett is at ease in a world of men, protected by the titans of her city. But in this city of seething intrigue and dazzling progress, a battle rages between politicians, power brokers, and industrialists for control of Niagara.

Wisconsin

Meet Me Halfway: Milwaukee Stories
Jennifer Morales
Set in one of the nation’s most highly segregated cities, Meet Me Halfway tells stories of a community with a tumultuous and divided past, and captures a real Bad City’s struggle to establish a common ground and a collective vision of the future.

Wisconsin

The Greatest Lake: Stories from Lake Superior’s North Shore
Conor Mihell
By exploring the connection between people and place on the rugged coastline of Lake Superior, Mihell weaves first-hand experiences as an outdoor adventurer with compelling character studies of cottagers and entrepreneurs, personal essays, and environmental reporting.

Michigan

The Waters of Michigan
Dave Lubbers and Dave Dempsey
This collection presents a truly unique view and understanding of the waters of Michigan. As vast as the Great Lakes, as serene as the inland lakes, and as long and lazy as sleek and fast as the numerous byways that run between and among them.

Minnesota

The Long-Shining Waters
Danielle Sosin
Frigid, lethal, and wildly beautiful, Lake Superior is as alluring as it is dangerous. Featuring three women living on its shores in three different centuries, Sosin’s novel illuminates the mysterious powers of the greatest of the Great Lakes.

Ontario

The Lake Effect
Les Roberts
Every Oleanander understands this lake effect, a weather condition that brings plenty of snow, especially in November when election time rolls around. Milan Jacovich, the genial Cleveland private eye, has never been a political animal, but he’s in for a lot rougher time of it than simply poll-watching.

Indiana

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