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2013: THE YEAR IN REVIEW

2013 was a year of growth and tremendous change for Ohioana. Following are some of the highlights from the past year.

April “On the Road with Ohioana” begins with a trip to Paul Laurence Dunbar’s home in Dayton.

May The 7th annual Ohioana Book Festival attracts 100 authors and more than 3,000 visitors. Festival programming includes 15 outreach events around the state and 30 panel and roundtable discussions.

June Ohioana says goodbye to librarian Jen Johnson.

July Ohioana completes its first major digitization project as seven scrapbooks are scanned and posted on the [Ohio Memory](#) website.

August Ohioana welcomes new librarian Stephanie Michaels.

September Ohioana bids farewell to Executive Director Linda Hengst after 25 years of service and welcomes David Weaver to the directorship.

October The 71st annual Ohioana Book Awards are held at the Ohio Statehouse. Video of the ceremony, including a panel discussion with the winning authors, is available on [The Ohio Channel](#).

November Ohioana says goodbye to Beth Poley and welcomes a new office manager, Kathryn Powers.

December The final “On the Road with Ohioana” event of the year is held at Malabar Farm, home of Louis Bromfield. In 2013 Ohioana sponsored seven “On the Road” events around the state.

In addition to the milestones mentioned above, Ohioana hosted book club meetings, sponsored the annual “Connecting Readers and Hamilton County Writers” event with the Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and started a [blog](#). We also unveiled a new logo and tagline that clearly communicate our mission: “Connecting Readers and Ohio Writers.” Join us in the coming year as we continue to expand our programming!

The Director's Chair

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the Ohioana Library Newsletter for December! We are excited to introduce this new online publication. We decided to open with a look back at what has been a momentous year at the library. What a time it has been! We’re looking forward to an even more exciting year in 2014, when we will celebrate Ohioana’s 85th anniversary! You’ll also find reviews of two new books for young adult readers, a listing of new titles received last month, and a calendar showing what’s coming up in January.

I hope after reading you’ll let us know your opinion—please email us with comments and suggestions. We want this to be a newsletter that you find informative and entertaining, one that you enjoy reading and that makes you feel closer to the wonderful programs and events at Ohioana that friends like you make possible. From all of us at Ohioana, best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and a happy 2014!

David E. Weaver
Executive Director

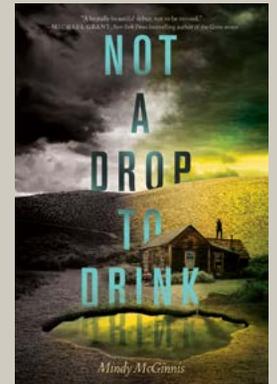
REVIEWS

What would you do if the world fell apart around you? The heroines of two recent YA releases by Ohio writers reexamine their beliefs and decide what is truly important.



Bickle, Laura. *The Outside*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (New York, NY) 2013. In this sequel to *The Hallowed Ones*, Katie has been banished from her Amish community for helping Alex, an outsider. They must now travel through a world where most of the population has fallen to a vampire plague and survivors are few and far between. When faced with a possible defense against the vampires, Katie must decide what she is willing to sacrifice to protect those she loves. Like its predecessor, *The Outside* is a well-executed blend of suspense and introspection. Conflicts with vampires, soldiers, and the elders of Katie's own Amish community provide plenty of action as Katie tries to remain true to herself in a strange new world. Bickle's willingness to explore questions of good, evil, and faith makes this unexpected genre combination a satisfying read.

McGinnis, Mindy. *Not a Drop to Drink*. Katherine Tegen Books (New York, NY) 2013. In a world where water is dangerously scarce, Lynn and her mother have not hesitated to protect their isolated pond with deadly force. When tragedy strikes, Lynn must decide whether compassion and humanity are more important than mere survival. McGinnis does a masterful job of creating a unique setting and characters with a writing style that is spare and direct...much like her main character. The shift in Lynn's world view as she begins to let other people into her life is gradual and believable. Although the story is sometimes gut-wrenching (have chocolate nearby as you read), you'll be glad you shared the journey.



NEW BOOKS

The following books arrived at the Ohioana Library in November. Look for them at your local library or bookstore!

Nonfiction

Bashor, Will. *Marie Antoinette's Head: The Royal Hairdresser, the Queen, and the Revolution*. Lyons Press (Guilford, CT) 2013. HC \$26.95. Léonard Autié was a barber who became Marie Antoinette's confidante. Using court documents and other sources, Bashor provides a unique perspective on the French Revolution. (HISTORY)

Cox, Julian. *Controversy and Hope: The Civil Rights Photographs of James Karales*. Univ. of South Carolina Press (Columbia, SC) 2013. HC \$39.95. From 1960-1971,

Karales documented a decade of incredible social change. His friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. gave him unique access to major events of the Civil Rights movement. (HISTORY)

Crook, Nathan. *A Culinary History of the Great Black Swamp: Buckeye Candy, Bratwurst & Apple Butter*. American Palate (Charleston, SC) 2013. PB \$19.99. By draining the Great Black Swamp, the settlers of Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan uncovered some of the most productive farmland in the U.S. Crook explores the history, culture, culinary traditions, and recipes of the region. (FOOD)

Gagel, Diane VanSkiver. *Ohio Photographers 1839-1900, 2nd ed.* Genealogical Publishing Company (Baltimore, MD) 2013. PB \$45.00.

This revised and expanded edition features information about the history of photography in Ohio, biographies, and a list of photographers who worked in the state during the 1800s. (HISTORY)

Giffels, David. *The Hard Way On Purpose: Essays and Dispatches from the Rust Belt*. Scribner (New York, NY) 2014. (Galley) PB \$15.00. Giffels was born in Akron in the 1960s, just as the golden age of Midwestern industry was ending. These essays describe coming of age in the Midwest and pay tribute to the area's unique culture. (ESSAYS)

Gish, Peggy Faw. *Walking Through Fire: Iraqis' Struggle for Justice and Reconciliation*. Cascade Books (Eugene, OR) 2013. PB \$28.00. Gish, a peace worker who spent time in Iraq, documents how

external forces and internal tensions impact the lives of everyday Iraqis. (CURRENT EVENTS)

Groom, Winston. *The Aviators: Eddie Rickenbacker, Jimmy Doolittle, Charles Lindbergh, and the Epic Age of Flight*. National Geographic (Washington, DC) 2013. HC \$30.00. This book tells the stories of three legendary pilots who led aviation into its golden age and then returned during WWII to face their most dangerous missions yet. (HISTORY)

Hatch, Thom. *Glorious War: The Civil War Adventures of George Armstrong Custer*. St. Martin's Press (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$28.99. Although Custer is remembered for the Battle of Little Big Horn, little has been written about his time in the Union Army. This book investigates Custer's Civil War service to paint a more complete picture of the famous soldier. (HISTORY)

Kern, Kevin F. and Gregory S. Wilson. *Ohio: A History of the Buckeye State*. Wiley-Blackwell (Malden, MA) 2014. PB \$39.95. Professors Kern and Wilson trace the history of Ohio from prehistoric times to the present day, covering everything from geology to political science. (HISTORY)

Longert, Scott. *The Best They Could Be: How the Cleveland Indians Became the Kings of Baseball, 1916-1920*. Potomac Books, Inc. (Dulles, VA) 2013. HC \$27.50. In 1915 the Cleveland Indians were struggling to survive. This book chronicles the team's rebirth and their journey toward the 1920 World Series. (SPORTS)

Moezzi, Melody. *Haldol and Hyacinths: A Bipolar Life*. Avery (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$26.00. When Iranian-American Moezzi was ill as a teenager, a community of friends and family supported her. But when she was diagnosed with bipolar disorder later in life, she was encouraged to keep silent. Here she speaks out about her experiences from both a medical and cultural perspective. (MEMOIR)

Mowery, David. *Morgan's Great Raid*. The History Press (Charleston, SC) 2013. PB \$19.99. In one of the longest offensives of the Civil War, Confederate general John Morgan led his cavalry through Kentucky, Indiana, and Ohio. This book describes the people, events, and tactics involved in this remarkable raid. (HISTORY)

Sroufe, Del. *Better Than Vegan: 101 Favorite Low-Fat, Plant-Based Recipes That Helped Me Lose Over 200 Pounds*. BenBella Books (Dallas, TX) 2013. PB \$19.95. A vegan diet is not automatically healthy. Chef and longtime vegan Del Sroufe advocates switching to a diet with minimal processed foods and sugars and shares 100+ healthful vegan recipes. (FOOD)

Williams, Geoff. *Washed Away: How the Great Flood of 1913, America's Most Widespread Natural Disaster, Terrorized a Nation and Changed It Forever*. Pegasus Books (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$28.95. In March of 1913, a series of tornadoes followed by flooding became the most widespread natural disaster in U.S. history. Williams has crafted an hour-by-hour account that tells the individual stories of those who experienced it. (HISTORY)

Willis, James A. *The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories*. Stackpole Books (Mechanicsburg, PA) 2013. HC \$24.95. This book includes more than 75 tales of "things that go bump in the night," from the Mansfield Reformatory to the Gore Orphanage. (PARANORMAL)

Fiction

Adams, Deanna. *Peggy Sue Got Pregnant: A Rock 'n' Roll Love Story*. Soul Mate Publishing (Macedon, NY) 2013. PB \$15.99. In 1957, teenager Peggy Sue gives her newborn daughter, Charlee, to an aunt and uncle to raise as their own. When a teenaged Charlee forms a band and becomes famous, Peggy Sue must decide whether keeping the secret is worth the price.

Andriacco, Dan. *The Disappearance of Mr. James Phillimore*. MX Publishing (London, England) 2013. PB \$16.95. When an investment guru is found dead, mystery writer Sebastian McCabe becomes not only an unofficial investigator, but also a suspect in the crime. Friends help McCabe as he tries to solve the mystery, which is eerily similar to one of Sherlock Holmes's untold tales. (MYSTERY)

Barlow, Tom. *Welcome to the Goat Rodeo: A Collection of Short Stories*. PageSpring Publishing (Columbus, OH) 2013. PB \$10.99. This story collection forces readers to explore their own limits as the protagonists explore theirs. How far would you go to find a treasure, help a child, or give a loved one her heart's desire? (SHORT STORIES)

Brinkman, Rosa. *Binded by Blood*. Tate Publishing (Mustang, OK) 2013. PB \$19.99. After the death of his wife, John feels alienated from his congregation and from God. As he struggles to find faith again, can he find love as well?

Chiaverini, Jennifer. *An Elm Creek Quilts Companion*. Plume (New York, NY) 2013. PB \$25.00. This guide to the Elm Creek Quilts series features book summaries, character biographies, quilt block illustrations, and a new short story.

Ervin II, Terry W. *Relic Tech*. Gryphonwood Press, 2013. PB \$14.99. When security specialist Keesay wakes up strapped to a hospital bed, he has no memory of the events that led him there. Why did he sabotage a top secret facility? How did he end up on a quarantined planet? Keesay hopes that hooking up his brain to an experimental piece of tech will prove his innocence... (SCIENCE FICTION)

Girard, Geoffrey. *Cain's Blood*. Touchstone (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$25.99. The U.S. government has created the ultimate bioweapon by cloning serial killers. When the most dangerous clones are set free, former soldier Shawn Castillo pursues them with the help of an unlikely ally—a young man who has just discovered he is the clone of Jeffrey Dahmer. (THRILLER)

Keller, Julia. *Bitter River*. Minotaur Books (New York, NY) 2013. HC \$25.99. For prosecutor Bell Elkins, investigating a teenager's death presents unique challenges. Bell is also missing her own daughter, who now lives with her ex. Navigating the clues behind the murder and her own relationships will lead

Bell down a complicated path. (MYSTERY)

Kish, Matt and Joseph Conrad. *Heart of Darkness*. Tin House Books (Portland, OR) 2013. HC \$24.95. Kish, the creator of *Moby Dick in Pictures*, tackles Joseph Conrad's iconic novel. His images are deliberately abstract to show that this is not just the story of Europe and Africa, but of mankind.

Kuhlmann, Jillian. *The Hidden Icon*. Fable Press LLC (Plainville, CT) 2013. PB \$13.99. Eiren has always been able to sense the thoughts and feelings of others. When she learns that her power stems from a terrible darkness, she surrenders herself to her kingdom's enemy. The journey to the enemy's homeland is dangerous, but exploring the dark roots of her powers is even worse. (FANTASY)

Pope, Paul. *Battling Boy*. First Second (New York, NY) 2013. PB \$15.99. Monsters roam the streets of Acropolis at night, and the only hero who could stop them is dead. When a new hero rises, no one is more surprised than the twelve-year-old Battling Boy himself. (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

Resnick, Mike. *The Doctor and the Dinosaurs*. Pyr (Amherst, NY) 2013. PB \$18.00. In this Weird West tale, Doc Holliday (with the help of Geronimo, Teddy Roosevelt, and Buffalo Bill Cody) must save two paleontologists from Comanches, living dinosaurs—and each other. (SCIENCE FICTION)

Selcer, David. *Dead But Still Ticking*. Cozy Cat Press (Aurora, IL) 2013. PB \$14.95. Just as attorney Winston Barchrist is ready to

end his law practice, he receives a \$5 million check from fellow attorney Robert Steinglass. When Steinglass is killed before he can explain the check, Winston must find the answer...before he turns up dead himself. (MYSTERY)

Smiles, Terri-Lynne. *Choices*. PlotForge Ltd. (Columbus, OH) 2013. PB \$15.00. Kinzie can control the decisions of those around her. Now on the run from a shadow organization that wants to use her ability for its own ends, Kinzie struggles to identify the true evil behind it all and find a way to stop it. (SCIENCE FICTION)

Smith, Jeff. *RASL*. Cartoon Books (Columbus, OH) 2013. HC \$39.95. When art thief and ex-soldier RASL finds the lost journals of Nikola Tesla, he also finds history's greatest and most dangerous secret. He'll need all his skill to stay ahead of government agents and the universe itself. (GRAPHIC NOVEL)

Tyler, Tara. *Pop Travel*. Curiosity Quills (Dulles, VA) 2013. PB \$14.99. In 2080, "pop travel" teleporters are a safe way to travel... until private detective J.L. Cooper uncovers a deadly flaw. Cooper doesn't know who to trust with the evidence, so goes straight to pop travel's creator. However, the creator has plans of his own. (SCIENCE FICTION)

Weisgarber, Ann. *The Promise*. Mantle (London, England) 2013. HC \$27.54. In 1900, Catherine marries Oscar and moves to Galveston Island. But the island is remote, Oscar's son grieves for his dead mother, and the housekeeper has feelings of her own for Oscar. When the storm of the century hits

the island, all three are tested as never before. (HISTORICAL)

Yoho, R.G. *Nightfall Over*

Nicodemus. White Feather Press (MI) 2013. PB \$15.95. Former slave Damon Gates is just trying to buy a few head of cattle when he is captured by three outlaws. Also in the area are a legendary Texas gunman and the former lawman pursuing him. What will happen when their paths converge? (WESTERN)

Young Adult

Alpine, Rachele. *Canary*. Medallion Press (Aurora, IL) 2013. PB \$9.99. When Kate begins to date a star basketball player, she experiences the perks that come with being a popular athlete. But when another player assaults her at a party, Kate's father, the coach, tries to protect the team at her expense. If Kate speaks, she'll destroy her family, the team, and the school...but if she stays silent, will the secret destroy her?

Arnett, Mindee. *Avalon*. Balzer + Bray (New York, NY) 2014. (Galley) PB \$17.99. Far away from First Earth, mercenary Jeth Seagrave just wants to earn enough money to buy back his parents' ship and get his sister to safety. When Jeth finds information that both the crime bosses and the government

will kill for, he must decide exactly what he's willing to pay for freedom. (SCIENCE FICTION)

Charlton-Trujillo, e.E. *Fat Angie*. Candlewick Press (Somerville, MA) 2013. HC \$16.99. Angie is getting hit from all sides: her war-hero sister is presumed dead, her corproate-lawyer mother is pressuring her to lose weight, and she is relentlessly bullied at school. Then a new girl arrives in town; she's beautiful, popular, and sees Angie for who she really is. This gutsy book lets teens know it's okay to be themselves.

Goldsmith, Suzanne. *Washashore*. Lucky Marble Books (Columbus, OH) 2013. PB \$9.99. Clementine and her family have left their home to live on Martha's Vineyard for the winter. As an outsider, Clementine struggles to fit in. However, when she rescues a wounded bird and meets a boy named Daniel, everything changes.

Kohler, Christine. *No Surrender Soldier*. Merit Press (Blue Ash, OH) 2014. PB \$17.99. It is 1972 on Guam, and 15-year-old Kiko's world is crumbling. His brother is missing in action in Vietnam, he is not popular at school, and he has just discovered his mother was raped by a Japanese soldier during WWII. When Kiko discovers an

elderly Japanese soldier living in the jungle near his house, he sees a chance to gain some control over his life—but at what cost? (HISTORICAL)

Middle Grade & Children's

Flower, Amanda. *Andi Unexpected*. Zonderkidz (Grand Rapids, MI) 2013. HC \$10.99. After the death of her parents, Andora "Andi" Boggs goes to live with her eccentric young aunt in the family home and discovers that another Andora once lived there. As Andi tries to find out who the first Andora was and why she disappeared, she must decide who to trust in her new home. (MYSTERY)

Meyer, Karen. *Whispers at Marietta*. Sable Creek Press (Glendale, AZ) 2013. PB \$9.99. Rachel wishes her family had never come to the Ohio frontier. Despite the death of her baby brother and tense relations with the Shawnee, can she learn to make a new home there? (HISTORICAL)

Van Vleet, Carmella. *Explore Electricity!* Nomad Press (White River Junction, VT) 2013. PB \$13.95. This book introduces children to the world of electricity via narrative text and experiments. (NONFICTION/SCIENCE)

COMING SOON

Ohioana Book Award nominations due December 31, 2013

The Ohioana Book Awards began in 1942, and are awarded each year in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, juvenile books, and books about Ohio or an Ohioan. For more information and a nomination form, visit www.ohioana.org/awards/book.asp.

Walter Rumsey Marvin Grant applications due January 31, 2014

The \$1,000 Marvin Grant is awarded each year to an unpublished author age 30 or younger. For more information and an application, visit www.ohioana.org/awards/marvin.asp.