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Madison Chefs
Stories of Food, Farms, and People

LINDSAY CHRISTIANS
PHOTOGRAPHY BY CHRIS HYNES

A snapshot of an extraordinary time to dine—and a glimpse of where food culture might go

“The career path of these remarkable humans reads like a wildly creative menu planning session. Christians discovers what makes them prevail through feast and famine. Madison is a class act for supporting their restaurants. This book makes me hungry.”
—Odessa Piper, founder of L’Etoile

Why do Salvatore’s tomato pies have the sauce on the top? Where did chef Tami Lax learn to identify mushrooms in the woods? How did Morris develop its signature ramen?

Farm to table is a cliche, but its roots among the farmers and chefs of south-central Wisconsin are deep, vibrant, and resilient. From brats and burgers to bibimbap, Madison’s food scene looks substantially different than it did just a decade ago. Though the city has always been ahead of the locavore movement, a restaurant boom in the 2010s radically changed the dining landscape. Even when individual eateries close or chefs move on, their ideas, connections, and creativity have lasting power. Much larger cities have been unable to match the culinary variety, innovation, and depth of talent found in Wisconsin’s state capital.

Lindsay Christians’s in-depth look at nine creative, intense, and dedicated chefs captures the reason why Madison’s food culture remains a gem in America’s Upper Midwest. This beautifully illustrated book will leave you salivating—or making reservations.

LINDSAY CHRISTIANS is the food editor and arts writer at The Capital Times and the cohost of The Corner Table, a podcast about food and drink in Madison. Her writing has appeared in Growler, Eating Well, the Chicago Tribune, and Zagat, among others. CHRIS HYNES is an advertising and commercial product photographer specializing in lifestyle, food, fashion, and people.

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Twelve Ways to Save Democracy in Wisconsin

MATTHEW ROTHSCHILD

A user’s guide for restoring power to the people

“No one’s more qualified than Rothschild to write a book exposing how Wisconsin government morphed from being a shining light for the nation into one of the country’s most antidemocratic states. He gives us an easy-to-follow plan on how we can restore the state’s reputation for honest and innovative leadership.”—Dave Zweifel, editor emeritus of The Capital Times

Wisconsin, once a progressive stronghold led by Robert La Follette and others, inaugurated far-reaching reforms that broadened public involvement in civic affairs. A wave of innovative social programs aimed at making the state more egalitarian followed. In recent decades, however, the Badger State has become a laboratory for antidemocratic maneuvers that have increased the political influence of the superrich and corporations while decreasing the power of voters.

From tightening campaign finance laws and banning gerrymandering to rooting out structural racism and moving toward economic equality, each chapter focuses on one of the dozen reforms that are required to heal democracy within the state. Rothschild provides an in-depth rationale for each, dismantling the counterarguments against them and exploring the complexities involved in implementing them. He offers concrete proposals and action items for grassroots organizers and concerned community advocates to restore constituent control of state politics. This pocket-sized handbook is essential for politically aware citizens as well as journalists and watchdogs who see Wisconsin as a crucial battleground state and political bellwether for the nation.


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Correctional

RAVI SHANKAR

Poet, translator, professor, formerly incarcerated person

“A brave voyage of discovery, Correctional is a real odyssey, barely making it home after navigating treacherous cultural and psychological waters. Thanks to Shankar’s brilliant writing and admirable honesty, we relive his harrowing, but eventually inspiring, personal saga. And his deep insights into our justice system are alone worth the price of admission.”

—H. Bruce Franklin, author of Crash Course: From the Good War to the Forever War

The first time Ravi Shankar was arrested, he spoke out against racist policing on National Public Radio and successfully sued the city of New York. The second time, he was incarcerated when his promotion to full professor was finalized. During his ninety-day pretrial confinement at the Hartford Correctional Center—a level 4, high-security urban jail in Connecticut—he met men who shared harrowing and heart-felt stories. The experience taught him about the persistence of structural racism, the limitations of mass media, and the pervasive traumas of twenty-first-century daily life.

Shankar’s bold and complex self-portrait—and portrait of America—challenges us to rethink our complicity in the criminal justice system and mental health policies that perpetuate inequity and harm. Correctional dives into the inner workings of his mind and heart, framing his unexpected encounters with law and order through the lenses of race, class, privilege, and his bicultural upbringing as the son of South Indian immigrants. Vignettes from his life set the scene for his spectacular fall and subsequent struggle to come to terms with his own demons. Many of them, it turns out, are also our own.

RAVI SHANKAR is an award-winning author and editor of more than fifteen books and chapbooks of poetry. He is the founder of Drunken Boat, one of the world’s oldest electronic journals of the arts, and has been featured in the New York Times, BBC, NPR, and PBS NewsHour. He lives in Providence, Rhode Island, with his partner and their dogs, Annie and Rishi.

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A Memoir

COURTNEY KERSTEN

Why did my mother die on International Star Wars Day?

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When she isn’t eavesdropping on family gossip or gazing at taxidermy squirrels in smoky dives, Courtney Kersten charts the uncertainty of her midwestern homeland by looking to the stars and planets. As a teen she had plunged deep into the worlds of signs, symbols, and prophecy. But as her mother—her traveling companion into these spheres—lies dying, Kersten must learn to navigate without the person who always lit the way. Their last journey together, to swim in a Wisconsin lake, is a bittersweet, darkly comic, poignant climax to this transformative memoir.

COURTNEY KERSTEN is an essayist and educator. A native of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, she teaches creative writing at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Her essays can be found in River Teeth, Hotel Amerika, DIAGRAM, the Sonora Review, Black Warrior Review, and the Master’s Review.

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ALISON TOWNSEND

An intimate psalm for “the kingdom of ordinary things”

“Truly a love song to wild, shining places. It is a lonely, lovely memoir of a life shaped by a mother’s early death, a story from the time when the Earth still had the strength to save her children.”—Kathleen Dean Moore, author of Earth’s Wild Children

When Alison Townsend purchased her first house, in south-central Wisconsin, she put down roots where she never imagined settling. To understand how she came to live in the Midwest, she takes a journey through personal landscapes, considering the impact of geography at pivotal moments in her life, vividly illuminating the role of mourning, homesickness, and relocations.

With sparkling, lyrical prose, The Green Hour undulates effortlessly through time like a red-winged blackbird. Inspired by five beloved settings—eastern Pennsylvania, Vermont, California, western Oregon, and the spot atop the Wisconsin hill where she now resides—Townsend considers the role that place plays in shaping the self. She reveals the ways that a fresh perspective or new experience in any environment can incite wonder, build unexpected connections, and provide solace or salvation.

Mesmerizingly attentive to nature—its beauty, its fragility, and its redeeming powers—she asks what it means to live in community with wildness and to allow our identities to be shaped by our interactions with it: our story intertwined with its story.

ALISON TOWNSEND is the award-winning author of two poetry collections, The Blue Dress and Persephone in America, and a volume of prose, The Persistence of Rivers. She is a professor emerita of English at the University of Wisconsin–Whitewater.

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Kenny Fries embarks on a journey of profound self-discovery as a disabled foreigner in Japan, a society historically hostile to difference. As he visits gardens, experiences noh and butoh, and meets artists and scholars, he also discovers disabled gods, one-eyed samurai, blind chanting priests, and A-bomb survivors. When he is diagnosed as HIV positive, all his assumptions about Japan, the body, and mortality are shaken, and he must find a way to reenter life on new terms.


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The Wongs of Beloit, Wisconsin

BEATRICE LOFTUS MCKENZIE

A story of immigrant success, tragedy, and community-building

“The details of how something like Chinese exclusion or the Nixon rapprochement with China affected the members of a family are fascinating and breathe new life into what is usually a few sentences in a textbook. That the setting is the small-town Midwest unsettles the long-standing focus on California and on urban centers in both Asian American history scholarship and narratives.”—Ji-Yeon Yuh, Northwestern University

Through family interviews, original photographs, and national records, Beatrice Loftus McKenzie traces the many lives of a resilient multigenerational family whose experiences parallel the complicated relationship between America and China in the twentieth century. In the early 1900s, Charles Wong moved from Guangdong Province to the United States and opened the Nan King Lo Restaurant in Beloit, Wisconsin. Soon after, his wife, Yee Shee, joined him to build the “Chop House” into a local institution and start a family. When the Great Depression hit, the Wongs shared what they had with their neighbors. In 1938, Charles’s tragic murder left Yee Shee to raise their seven children—ages one through fourteen—on her own. Rather than return to family property in Hong Kong, she and her children stayed in Beloit, buoyed by the friendships they had forged during the worst parts of the 1930s.

The Wongs thrived in Beloit despite facing racism and classism, embracing wartime opportunities, education, love, and careers within the U.S. McKenzie’s collaboration with descendent Mary Wong Palmer reveals a poignant story of Chinese immigrant life in the Upper Midwest that adds a much-needed Wisconsin perspective to existing literature by and about Asian Americans.

BEATRICE LOFTUS MCKENZIE is an emeritus professor of history and was the William and Gayle Keefer Professor of Public Humanities from 2017 to 2021 at Beloit College.

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“Playing with Dynamite pulled me in from the very first page.”—Trudy Hale, Streetlight Magazine

“A warm, engaging read about the ways in which memory distorts our understanding of family.”—Kirkus Reviews

“Sharon Harrigan has written a thrilling memoir about searching for the truth about her dad. . . . Both about the danger—and relief—of finding the truth, it’s also a gorgeously written page-turner.”—Caroline Leavitt, best-selling author of Cruel, Beautiful World

Sharon Harrigan’s father was larger than life, a brilliant but troubled man who blew off his hand with dynamite before she was born and died in a mysterious and bizarre accident when she was seven. The story of his death never made sense. How did he really die? And why was she so sure that asking would be dangerous? A series of events compel her to find the answers, collecting other people’s memories and uncovering her own. Her two-year odyssey takes her from Virginia to Detroit to Paris and finally to the wilds of northern Michigan where her father died. There, she discovers the real danger and has to confront her fear.

Playing with Dynamite is about the family secrets that can distance us from each other and the honesty that can bring us closer. It’s about a daughter who goes looking for her father but finds her mother instead. It’s about memory and truth, grieving and growing, and what it means to go home again.

SHARON HARRIGAN teaches at WriterHouse, a nonprofit literary center in Charlottesville, Virginia. She is the author of Half. Her essays and short fiction have appeared in the New York Times (Modern Love), Narrative, and Virginia Quarterly Review.

“...a daughter embarks on an odyssey to find her father, to find herself, and to find her way home. She is by turns, both Tedeschi and Olsen, and her story is both epic and intimate.”—André Eyre

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The Geography of Wisconsin

JOHN A. CROSS AND KAZIMIERZ J. ZANIEWSKI

A comprehensive study of landforms, cultures, and people

“Written by Wisconsin’s ‘dean of geography,’ and with cartographic contributions by Dr. Zaniewski, The Geography of Wisconsin is a tour de force—a must-have for anyone interested in the state’s prehistoric and contemporary environmental and human landscapes. This book will stand the test of time as one of the most important contributions to geographic study written about the Badger state.”—Christopher R. Laingen, author of American Farms, American Food

This accessible survey of Wisconsin geography is sure to delight scholars, students, and enthusiasts alike. A beautiful array of nearly 250 photographs and easy-to-read maps illustrate key geographical concepts and structures.

Aware that geography is shaped as much by settlement patterns and people as by geology and weather, John A. Cross and Kazimierz J. Zaniewski have created an up-to-date and authoritative overview of the Dairy State’s lands and life. The Geography of Wisconsin will remain a valuable reference for decades to come.

JOHN A. CROSS is emeritus professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh. He is the author of Ethnic Landscapes of America and has published widely on topics related to the geography of Wisconsin. He is the recipient of a National Science Foundation grant.

KAZIMIERZ J. ZANIEWSKI is emeritus professor of geography at the University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh. His coauthored books include World Regional Geography, The Internationalization of European Sports Teams and the Issue of National Citizenship, and Atlas of Ethnic Diversity in Wisconsin.

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American Parables

DANIEL KHALASTCHI

Red-blooded, hot-blooded morality plays for our beloved American underbelly

“Vivid, bleak, and startling, American Parables is an allegorical masterpiece of mordant irony I plan to carry with me in this uncertain post-JAN6 era.”
—Carmen Giménez Smith

Daniel Khalastchi’s third collection provides an uncompromising exploration into the political and societal disturbances facing America today. Electioneering, lack of affordable health care, the increase in mass shootings, and the continued fight for equal rights are juxtaposed against an unlikely sense of hope and optimism. Lurking behind each page is the ever-present issue of immigration, with specific focus on the escape of the author’s father from Iraq and the pressures linked to living as an Arab Jew in the middle of the United States.

Through unnerving gallows humor and radical honesty, these poems redefine the American experience by asking the reader to consider what it means to live in the shadow of a perceived sense of freedom and to have faith when believing feels hopeless. Khalastchi’s perspective as an Iraqi Jewish American brings sharp focus to the holistic uncertainties of religion, politics, assimilation, illness, love, and loss—with absurd, visceral, and wry acclaim.

I type into
the internet your high school
and find rubble. Your daughter
has the flu. We are sick
with disappointment but
everyone is fine.
—Excerpt from “First Generation: Our Escape”

DANIEL KHALASTCHI is the author of Manoleria and Tradition, and his poems have appeared in The Believer Logger, Colorado Review, The Iowa Review, and The Rumpus. He lives in Iowa City, where he directs the University of Iowa’s Magid Center for Undergraduate Writing; he is also the cofounder and managing editor of Rescue Press.

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Winner of the Felix Pollak Prize in Poetry, selected by Carmen Giménez Smith

Come Clean

JOSHUA NGUYEN

I keep my hands ‘til you come into the water

“Come Clean looks at the vast landscape of history through the desire for Marie Kondo’s order and a cure for imposter’s syndrome, in a book that’s as current as it is timeless.”—Carmen Giménez Smith

Joshua Nguyen’s sharp, songlike, and often experimental collection compartmentalizes past trauma—sexual and generational—through the quotidian. Poems aim to confront the speaker’s past by physically, and mentally, cleaning up. Here, the Asian American masculine interrogates the domestic space through the sensual and finds healing through family and in everyday rhythms: rinsing rice until the water runs clear, folding clean shirts, and attempts at re-creating an unwritten family recipe. Yet past wounds remain present like permanent marker under layers of paint or spilled fish sauce set into car upholstery. Infused with the Shinto-inspired organizing practices of KonMari and the catchy nihilism of Mitski’s songs, the poems in Come Clean unpack, organize, and tidy up life’s messy joys and hurtful chaos with intimacy, grace, and vulnerability.

No matter how smattered my insides,
I am relieved that I left my room tidy—
One less ugly sight.

I always wanted to die clean & pretty
while my dreams made music in the night.
—Excerpt from “Last Words”

JOSHUA NGUYEN is a Vietnamese American writer, a collegiate national poetry slam champion (CUPSI), and a native Houstonian. He is the author of the chapbook American Lục Bát for My Mother. He is a PhD student at the University of Mississippi, where he also received his MFA.

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South of Luck

JIM GUHL

A city kid picks up some country smarts

“This is an author who knows how to write fiction. Guhl successfully captures the rural Wisconsin atmosphere during World War II. The story is engaging, the characters are humorous and believable. Even Milltown developed its own likeable personality. I truly enjoyed this very clever book.” —Sara Rath, author of The Waters of Star Lake

It’s the summer of 1945, and sixteen-year-old ruffian Milo Egerson has been shipped from his Minneapolis home to his great-uncle Ham’s farm in rural northwestern Wisconsin. Though his mother puts on a smile and says it’ll do him good to be out in nature, they both know otherwise. Milo’s stepfather, the one who gave him that jagged scar, is set to be released from Stillwater Prison soon and has already promised to finish what he started.

Hoping there are enough miles between the Twin Cities and dusty Milltown, Milo sets about trying to make the most of life without running water and electricity while trying to better understand his own place in the world and what it all means. His tough-guy act softens as he blends into the community and befriends an endearing group of small-town folks. And that’s lucky for him, because to stay safe, he’s going to need all the help he can get.

JIM GUHL is the award-winning author of Eleven Miles to Oshkosh and many short stories. He lives in Hudson, Wisconsin.

“Combining elements of a taut thriller and a coming-of-age tale with the spot-on details of a historical novel, South of Luck brings to life a small midwestern town and a cast of diverse characters grappling with personal demons as well as the larger-than-life torsions that descended on mid-twentieth-century America.”

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“Beautiful and expansive. The Book of Casey Adair captures the tumult of the early 1980s, which set the stage for a new brand of queer activism. The way Ken Harvey tells Casey’s story gives the novel a bracing tenderness. I loved this book, and it will stay with me for a long time.”
—Jake Wolff, author of The History of Living Forever

In the fall of 1980, young Casey Adair begins a year of postgraduate theater research in Spain, then on the verge of a military coup. As he attends plays and dinner parties, visits gay bars, and becomes increasingly involved in protests, Casey’s correspondence reveals intimate confessions and new understandings. He falls in love with a man named Octavio, gets a role in a major theatrical production, and revels in the awakening of his own sexuality and social consciousness. Then, a visit from his college friend Poppy leads to an emotionally charged evening that changes their lives forever.

Three years later Casey is an educator in Boston, trying to balance finding his voice as an AIDS activist, dealing with an intolerant headmaster, and rebuilding a relationship with his daughter. As dear friends fall ill to the virus, he struggles to understand how his many identities—father, teacher, caretaker, dissident, lover, husband—can coexist. In a world that asks so much of us, what is our responsibility to others and ourselves?

KEN HARVEY is the author of the memoir A Passionate Engagement and short story collection If You Were with Me Everything Would Be All Right, which won the Violet Quill Award for Best Gay Fiction of the Year.

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On a chilly Monday in late spring, Sheriff Dave Cubiak is at the Green Arbor Lodge for lunch when a scream from a nearby medical conference disrupts the scene. Leaping into action, he finds the ninety-three-year-old director of the prestigious Institute for Progressive Medicine collapsed on the floor, dead of a suspected heart attack. As Cubiak interrogates the witnesses, he’s struck by the inconsistencies in their stories. Some evade questions while others offer contradictory statements. Then suddenly another scream pierces the air . . .

Past and present merge as long-buried secrets rise to the surface. The resourceful sheriff must rely on his skills and wits, along with the advice and memories of friends and family, to uncover the dark truth behind the institute. Dedicated and new fans alike will find themselves captivated by this intelligently plotted story as Cubiak untangles the twisted threads of an intricate mystery.

PATRICIA SKALKA is the author of Death Stalks Door County, Death at Gills Rock, Death in Cold Water, Death Rides the Ferry, and Death Washes Ashore, all books in the popular Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery series. She divides her time between Milwaukee and Door County, Wisconsin.

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“McGinley spins a chilling tale. This fast-paced police procedural spotlights the darker side of human nature and peers into the hearts and souls of those pledged to uphold the law. A rare treat for mystery readers.”
—Patricia Skalka, author of the Dave Cubiak Door County Mystery series

As he finishes a cup of his morning coffee, retired cop and former detective Pat Donegal gets a curious call from the Kickapoo County Chief Deputy Hennie Duggan. A gruesome discovery of human remains on a ridge portends grisly possibilities that neither man wants to consider. Donegal, physically and emotionally hungover from a rough break-up, is known for his unorthodox methods and a tendency to bend the rules. Even though Duggan chafes at his style, he knows he needs a skilled investigator like Donegal to have his back.

As strange details continue to emerge, the detectives enlist the help of city cop and data expert Shea Sommers. As the team crisscrosses the state to chase a few promising leads, their search expands beyond local guides and neighbors to members of a sinister, secret hunting society. When Duggan mysteriously disappears—and becomes a suspect himself—Donegal must take over the investigation. He soon realizes the case might not only be unsolvable but could land him in prison—or an early grave.

Jerry McGinley is the author of six novels and a poetry chapbook. He is the founder and editor of the Yahara Prairie Review and Lake City Lights.

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GERT TINGGAARD SVENDSEN is a professor in comparative politics at Aarhus University and is known worldwide for his research on trust. He was appointed knight of the Order of Dannebrog, one of Denmark’s highest civic honors, in 2016.
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CHARLOTTE APPEL AND NINA CHRISTENSEN

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Scandinavian societies have historically, and problematically, been understood as homogenous, when in fact they have a long history of ethnic and cultural pluralism due to colonialism and territorial conquest. After World War II, Sweden, Denmark, and Norway all became destinations for an increasingly diverse stream of migrants and asylum seekers from war-torn countries around the globe, culminating in the 2015–16 “refugee crisis.” This multidisciplinary volume opens with an overview of how the three countries’ current immigration policies developed and evolved, then expands to address how we might understand the current contexts and the social realities of immigration and diversity on the ground.

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GEORGE L. MOSSE (1918–99) was a legendary scholar, teacher, and mentor. A refugee from Nazi Germany, in 1955 he joined the Department of History at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, where he was both influential and popular. Mosse was an early leader in the study of modern European cultural and intellectual history, the study of fascism, and the history of sexuality and masculinity. Over his career he authored more than two dozen books.
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In 1933, George L. Mosse fled Berlin and settled in the United States, where he went on to become a renowned historian at the University of Wisconsin–Madison. Through rigorous and innovative scholarship, Mosse uncovered the forces that spurred antisemitism, racism, nationalism, and populism. His transformative work was propelled by a desire to know his own persecutors and has been vital to generations of scholars seeking to understand the cultural and intellectual origins and mechanisms of Nazism.

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In the first half of the twentieth century, Jewish immigrants and refugees sought to rebuild their lives in Chile. Despite their personal histories of marginalization in Europe, many of these people or their descendants did not take a stand against the 1973 military coup, nor the political persecution that followed. Chilean Jews’ collective failure to repudiate systematic human rights violations and their tacit support for the military dictatorship reflected a complicated moral calculus that weighed expediency over ethical considerations and ignored individual acts of moral courage.

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SUSANNE A. WENGLE is the Nancy R. Dreux associate professor of political science at the University of Notre Dame and the author of Post-Soviet Power: State-Led Development and Russia’s Marketization.

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