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MINERAL POINT, Wis. — Dive into another Star Lake mystery with award-winning author Sara Rath in her newest novel, "<u>Accidental</u> <u>Summer</u>" published by Wisconsin publisher Little Creek Press. The third in Rath's popular "Star Lake" Northwoods saga, "Accidental Summer" invites readers to travel "North of Highway 8" with reporter Jenny Burgess, as she reinvestigates the 100-year-old gruesome murder of a "Lady of the Evening" and discovers a dark and unfamiliar side of Wisconsin's history.

Weaving historical truth with modern-day suspense, Rath throws her middle-aged protagonist quite literally into an "accidental summer" spent recuperating at The Last Resort with its rugged owner and a cast of hardened and eclectic Northwoods characters. "Accidental Summer" is an unveiling of both the Northwoods' sordid sex trafficking past and present and of the Northwoods itself. The novel centers around Jenny's investigation into the true mystery tied to a time when Chicago gangsters roamed the Pinery, and teenaged girls—

kidnapped and brought North—were kept in stockades and made to serve miners and lumberjacks. Following the crumbs of a mystery past, Jenny and her Star Lake companions wind their way through neglected cottages, strip clubs, and the local archives to a modern-day Northwoods that no one can afford to ignore.

REVIEWS

"Once again, Sara Rath has written a page-turner of a novel set in the present but brimming with historical authenticity. ... Fast-paced, fluidly written, chock full of sharply drawn and loveable characters, salted with some dashes of mystery and romantic entanglement, [It] is a fun read while drawing our attention to a serious and persistent social problem."

Alan Berolzheimer, Managing Editor, Vermont Historical Society

"Visiting the North as Sara Rath re-creates it is a welcome treat." Jim Fleming, Host, "A Chapter A Day," Wisconsin Public Radio, in his review of an earlier Star Lake book

BOOK LAUNCH—Aug. 16, Spring Green, Wis.

Join Sara Rath at 6 PM on Friday, Aug. 16, 2024, for a fun-time summer celebration of her newest novel, "Accidental Summer" at Arcadia Books in Spring Green, Wis.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: "Accidental Summer" is the third in the Star Lake series of novels by award-winning **author Sara Lindsay Rath**. A native of Manawa, Wis., Rath earned her undergraduate degree in English from UW-Madison and has an MFA in writing from Vermont College. She is the recipient of fellowships from the Wisconsin Arts Board, the MacDowell Colony, and the Ucross Foundation. She still visits the family cabin near Mercer, where generational ties familiarized her with the natural world of the Northwoods. Married for over 32 years to Del Lamont, their combined family embraces six children, 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Learn more at <u>www.sararath.com</u>.

FIND THE BOOK: "Accidental Summer" (Paperback: \$17.95, ISBN: 9781955656726) is available for wholesalers through Ingram Content Group and is available through bookstores and libraries everywhere and online retailers, including www.littlecreekpress.com. It is one of many books about Wisconsin published by Little Creek Press, Mineral Point, Wis.

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