A Michigan Author
Homecoming

Richard Ford
A Piece of My Heart (1976)
The Ultimate Good Luck (1981)
The Sportswriter (1986)
Rock Springs (1987)
Wildlife (1990)
Women With Men: Three Stories (1997)
A Multitude of Sins (2002)
The Lay of the Land (2006)

Jim Harrison
Wolf (1971)
A Good Day to Die (1973)
Farmer (1976)
Legends of the Fall (1979)
Warlock (1981)
Sundog (1984)
Dubia (1988)
The Woman Lit By Fireflies (1990)
Julip (1994)
The Road Home (1998)
The Beast God Forgot to Invent (2000)
True North (2004)
The Summer He Didn’t Die (2005)
Returning to Earth (2007)

Thomas McGuane
The Sporting Club (1969)
The Bushwhacked Piano (1971)
Ninety-two in the Shade (1973)
Panama (1978)
An Outside Chance (1980)
Nobody’s Angel (1981)
To Skin a Cat (1987)
Nothing But Blue Skies (1992)
Some Horses (1999)
The Cadence of Grass (2002)
Gallatin Canyon (2006)

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Richard Ford (MSU BA '66), raised in Jackson, Mississippi, broke into the literary world in 1976, with *A Piece of My Heart*. He is best known for his three novels featuring Frank Bascombe: *The Sportswriter* (1986), *Independence Day* (1995), and *The Lay of the Land* (2006). For many, Ford has captured the essence of Baby Boomer masculinity in his Bascombe character. The second Bascombe novel received the Pulitzer Prize and the PEN/Faulkner award. Ford's short stories, notably the *Rock Springs* collection, have also received wide acclaim. He now resides in Maine. The published works and papers of Richard Ford reside in the MSU Libraries as part of the Michigan Writers Collection.

Jim Harrison (MSU BA '60, MSU MA '66), raised in Grayling and Haslett, published poetry before his first novel, *Wolf*, which appeared in 1971. Soon after, his relationship with McGuane brought him to Hollywood, where Jack Nicholson would become a friend and patron. Nicholson's financial support allowed him to write his best-known work, the novella *Legends of the Fall*, published in 1979 (leading to a movie adaptation). Harrison's work includes fiction, screenplays, poetry, and essays. Much of his writing is set in Michigan. His next novel, *The English Major*, will reach shelves this October. Harrison spends most of his time in Montana. The published works of Jim Harrison are held in the MSU Libraries as part of the Michigan Writers Collection.


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