

# **I NEED A GOOD BOOK!**

## **Books Set in Upstate New York**



### **The Risk Pool by Richard Russo**

A wonderfully funny, perceptive novel **The Risk Pool** is set in Mohawk, New York, where Ned Hall is doing his best to grow up, even though neither of his estranged parents can properly be called adult.

### **The Seduction of Water by Carol Goodman**

Iris Greenfeder, ABD (All But Dissertation), feels the “buts” are taking over her life: all but published, all but a professor, all but married. Yet the sudden impulse to write a story about her mother, Katherine Morrissey, leads to a shot at literary success.

### **Ironweed by William Kennedy**

In this Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, the third in Kennedy’s Albany cycle, Francis Phelan, ex-ballplayer, part-time gravedigger, and full-time bum with the gift of gab, has hit bottom.

### **I, Michael Bennett by James Patterson**

Bennett takes his ten kids and their beautiful nanny, Mary Catherine, on a much-needed vacation to his family’s cabin near Newburgh, New York.

### **Into the Wilderness by Sara Donati**

It is December of 1792. Elizabeth Middleton leaves her comfortable English estate to join her family in a remote New York mountain village.

### **The Lake of Dead Languages by Carol Goodman**

Twenty years ago, Jane Hudson fled the Heart Lake School for Girls in the Adirondacks after a terrible tragedy. Now Jane has returned to the school as a Latin teacher, but ominous messages from the past dredge up forgotten memories.

### **Vanishing Act by Thomas Perry**

Jane Whitefield is a Native American guide who leads people out of the wilderness—not the tree-filled variety, but the kind created by enemies who want you dead.

### **Winter Sisters by Robin Oliveira**

New York, 1879: An epic blizzard descends on Albany, devastating the city. When the snow finally settles, two newly orphaned girls are missing.

### **Seneca Falls Inheritance by Miriam Grace Monfredo**

In her historically authentic and cleverly entertaining first novel, Monfredo skillfully meshes life in Seneca Falls, N.Y., immediately before the First Women’s Rights Convention in 1848 with a page-turning suspense story.

### **The Church of Dead Girls by Stephen Dobyns**

childhood friends start to eye each other warily. And with the third disappearance, the sleepy little town awakens to a full-blown nightmare.

### **Mr. Splitfoot by Samantha Hunt**

Ruth and Nat are orphans packed into a house full of abandoned children run by a religious fanatic. To entertain their siblings, they channel the dead.

### **In a Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer-Fleming**

It’s a cold, snowy December in the upstate New York town of Millers Kill, and newly ordained Clare Fergusson is on thin ice as the first female priest of its small Episcopal church. Book 1 of a mystery series.

## **Did You Know This About These Great Writers and Upstate NY?**

**Mark Twain** summered in Elmira, NY, wrote a number of his works there and is buried there.

**Edna St. Vincent Millay** lived in, wrote in and is buried in Austerlitz, NY.

**Herman Melville** lived in Troy, NY until he was 27. Much of his earlier works were written here.

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