

Sixties Girl Lost on the Prairie

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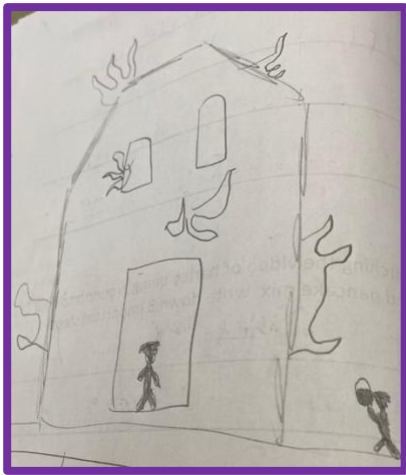
Meet Me At the Pub!

I'm really looking forward to Saturday, June 24th when I'll be reading from my book *Sixties Girl* and talking about it with Andrew Unger the author of the novel *Once Removed* and Mitch Toews whose short story collection *Pinching Zwieback* will debut this fall. We will be at [The Public](#) a Steinbach brewhouse at 7 pm. I hope you will consider joining us for a fun evening. We will be talking about stories we've written set in fictional versions of Steinbach. The event is free but there will be books and beverages for sale.

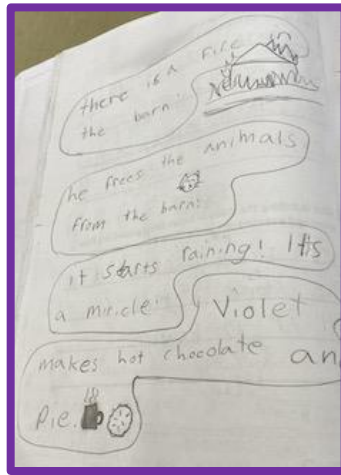
Keeping Company with MYRCA Nominees

Last year my book *Lost on the Prairie* was nominated for a Manitoba Young Readers Choice Award. How delightful to see both of my novels on a shelf at McNally Robinson just below two of the nominees for this year's award- *The U-nique Lou Fox* by Jodi Carmichael and *Peanut Butter and Chaos* by Anita Daher.





Student illustration of a scene from *Lost on the Prairie* where a barn starts on fire.



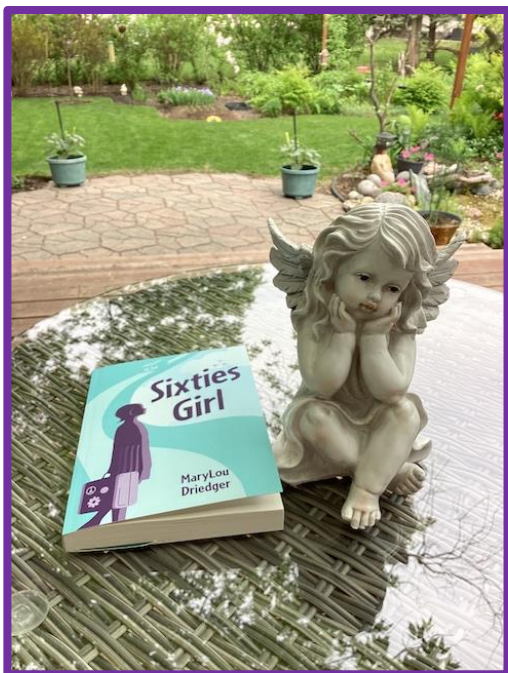
Student summary of the barn fire scene

It's So Rewarding!

I've been busy going to classrooms again to talk about *Lost on the Prairie*. At Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary School's Bedson Campus I visited Kristy DeFehr's marvelous grade three class.

Kristy had made these great booklets for the kids to respond to *Lost on the Prairie* as she read it aloud to them. The students had to give opinions, describe settings and characters, create illustrations, ask questions, and do summaries.

Seeing this kind of interaction with my novel by kids is SO REWARDING!



Lovely photo of my book in her garden from my friend Barb Lane.

A Delightful Review!

Huge thanks to Betty Koop who wrote a delightful review of my book *Sixties Girl* in the Manitoba Mennonite Historical Society newspaper Heritage Posting.

Here are a few things she had to say.

The book is so well written!

I find it interesting that many of the stories in the book are set in a place called 'Rocky Creek.' A take-off on Steinbach?

*There are so many poignant and engaging stories in *Sixties Girl* that you will want to read for yourself.*

You can read more reviews of *Sixties Girl* [here](#).



Where Are My Books?

Recently I found a website where authors can see which libraries in North America are carrying their books. Right now, *Lost on the Prairie* can be found in nearly 80 different library collections in places like Goshen Indiana, Fargo North Dakota, Ottawa Ontario, and Halifax Nova Scotia.



Thanks Debbie!

My friend Debbie Jackson made this pop-up card for my book *Sixties Girl*. I just love it. She wove the bottom of the card because in my book a grandson and grandmother's stories weave in and out of the plot.

The suitcase is included because that's where Grandma Laura keeps her 1960s treasures. The soccer ball is featured because Laura's grandson Will is a soccer goalie. The snowflakes represent a chapter in the book that is set during a snowstorm and the dog's paw is a nod to a canine named Mendelssohn who figures in the plot line.

The card has many other meaningful symbols as well. I can't believe how carefully Debbie read my book and all the work she went to creating this special card. I will treasure it!



With my dear friends Glenys, Esther, and Debbie at the launch of *Sixties Girl*.

Thank you for your interest in my writing!

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Happy to see the latest issue of the magazine *Prairie Books Now* highlighting *Sixties Girl*.

