



1 Margaret Culkin Banning..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
2 Kelly Barnhill..... Children's Fiction  
3 Marion Dane Bauer..... Children's Fiction, Nonfiction  
4 Charles Baxter..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
5 Sandra Benitez..... Fiction, Memoir  
6 John Berryman..... Poetry  
7 Carol Bly..... Journalism, Fiction  
8 Robert Bly..... Poetry, Nonfiction  
9 Lois McMaster Bujold..... Science Fiction, Fantasy  
10 Frances Denmore..... Nonfiction  
11 Kato DiCamillo..... Children's Fiction  
12 Ignatius Donnelly..... Nonfiction, Speculative Fiction  
13 Bob Dylan..... Musician, Lyricist  
14 Charles Eastman..... Memoir, Nonfiction  
15 Leif Enger..... Fiction  
16 Heidi Erdrich..... Poetry, Nonfiction  
17 Louise Erdrich..... Fiction, Poetry  
18 F. Scott Fitzgerald..... Fiction  
19 Vince Flynn..... Fiction, Thrillers

20 Wanda Gág..... Children's Fiction  
21 Diane Glancy..... Poetry, Fiction  
22 Paul Gruchow..... Nonfiction, Memoir  
23 Judith Guest..... Fiction  
24 Patricia Hampl..... Nonfiction, Memoir  
25 Ellen Hart..... Fiction, Mystery  
26 Jon Hassler..... Fiction  
27 Pete Hautman..... Fiction, Children's Fiction  
28 Bill Holm..... Poetry, Memoir  
29 Helen Hoover..... Nonfiction, Children's Fiction  
30 David Housewright..... Fiction, Mystery  
31 Florence Page Jaques..... Nonfiction  
32 Marlon James..... Fiction, Fantasy  
33 Louis Jenkins..... Poetry  
34 Garrison Keillor..... Fiction, Poetry  
35 William Kent Krueger..... Fiction, Mystery  
36 Lorna Landvik..... Fiction  
37 Meridel Le Sueur..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
38 Sinclair Lewis..... Fiction

39 Maud Hart Lovelace..... Children's Fiction  
40 Frederick Manfred..... Fiction, Journalism  
41 Eugene Joseph McCarthy..... Nonfiction, Poetry  
42 Thomas McGrath..... Poetry, Fiction  
43 James McPherson..... Nonfiction  
44 Vilhelm Moberg..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
45 David Mura..... Poetry, Nonfiction  
46 Jim Northrup..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
47 Tim O'Brien..... Fiction, Memoir  
48 Beatrice Ojakangas..... Cookbooks  
49 Sigurd Olson..... Memoir, Nonfiction  
50 Gordon Parks..... Fiction, Photography  
51 Alexis Pate..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
52 Gary Paulsen..... Children's Fiction  
53 Bao Phi..... Poetry, Children's Fiction  
54 Robert Pirsig..... Fiction  
55 J.F. Powers..... Fiction  
56 O.E. Rulvaag..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
57 Calvin Rutstrum..... Nonfiction, Memoir

58 John Sandford..... Fiction, Mystery  
59 Charles M. Schulz..... Comic Strip  
60 Julia Schumacher..... Fiction  
61 Mabel Sealey..... Fiction, Mystery  
62 Eric Sevareid..... Journalism, Memoir  
63 Lavyrle Spencer..... Fiction, Romance  
64 Faith Sullivan..... Fiction  
65 Anton Treuer..... Nonfiction  
66 David Treuer..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
67 Brenda Ueland..... Nonfiction, Memoir  
68 Thorstein Veblen..... Nonfiction  
69 Gerald Vizenor..... Fiction, Nonfiction  
70 Donald Wandrei..... Speculative Fiction, Mystery  
71 Will Weaver..... Fiction  
72 Laura Ingalls Wilder..... Children's Fiction  
73 August Wilson..... Drama  
74 Kathleen Woodiwiss..... Fiction, Romance  
75 Kao Kalia Yang..... Memoir, Children's Fiction

## About the Map

The Minnesota Center for the Book is proud to present this collection of writers, from historical to modern times, whose contributions to the state's literary legacy are profound. While this is by no means a comprehensive list, writers were chosen who have had a meaningful impact on the state, its writing life, and in many cases, the world at large. The placement of the writers was chosen to express either the birthplace of the writer, the place with which the writer is associated, or the location where they spent a majority of their writing life in the state. The magnitude of Minnesota's literary legacy is hard to put down on paper, and this map is only one piece in honoring the historical and contemporary writers who call Minnesota home.

## Guidelines for Qualification

Writers were chosen to represent a broad range of geographic locations, heritage/backgrounds, genres, and styles, and include those who:

- Are/were groundbreaking in their literary style, genre, or age;
- Have/had significant national or international acclaim (as represented by garnering national or international literary prizes);
- Have had a strong influence on Minnesota's literary reputation; and/or
- Have created work which illuminates the meaning of what it is to be from or live in Minnesota.

## About the Minnesota Center for the Book

Minnesota Writers on the Map is a project of The Friends of the Saint Paul Public Library, as the Minnesota Center for the Book. The Library of Congress designated The Friends as Minnesota's Center in 2012, and in that role The Friends promotes reading, literacy, libraries, and the scholarly study of books throughout Minnesota.

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# MINNESOTA WRITERS ON THE MAP: SELECTED CHRONOLOGY

**1857**

Ignatius Donnelly begins the doomed utopian community, Nininger City, in Dakota County

**1889**

Charles Eastman graduates from medical school, becomes prolific author and speaker

**1867**

Laura Ingalls Wilder is born

**1912**

Gordon Parks is born

**1913**

Calvin Rutstrum begins first 100-day canoe trip in Minnesota

**1923**

Donald Wandrei begins work as a page at the Saint Paul Public Library

**1925**

F. Scott Fitzgerald's *The Great Gatsby* is published

**1928**

Wanda Gág publishes *Millions of Cats*, pioneering the modern picture book

**1930**

Sinclair Lewis becomes the first American to win the Nobel Prize in Literature

**1934**

Meridel Le Sueur publishes *I Was Marching*

**1934**

Frederick Manfred begins hitchhiking across America (it takes two years)

**1938**

Brenda Ueland publishes *If You Want to Write*

**1940**

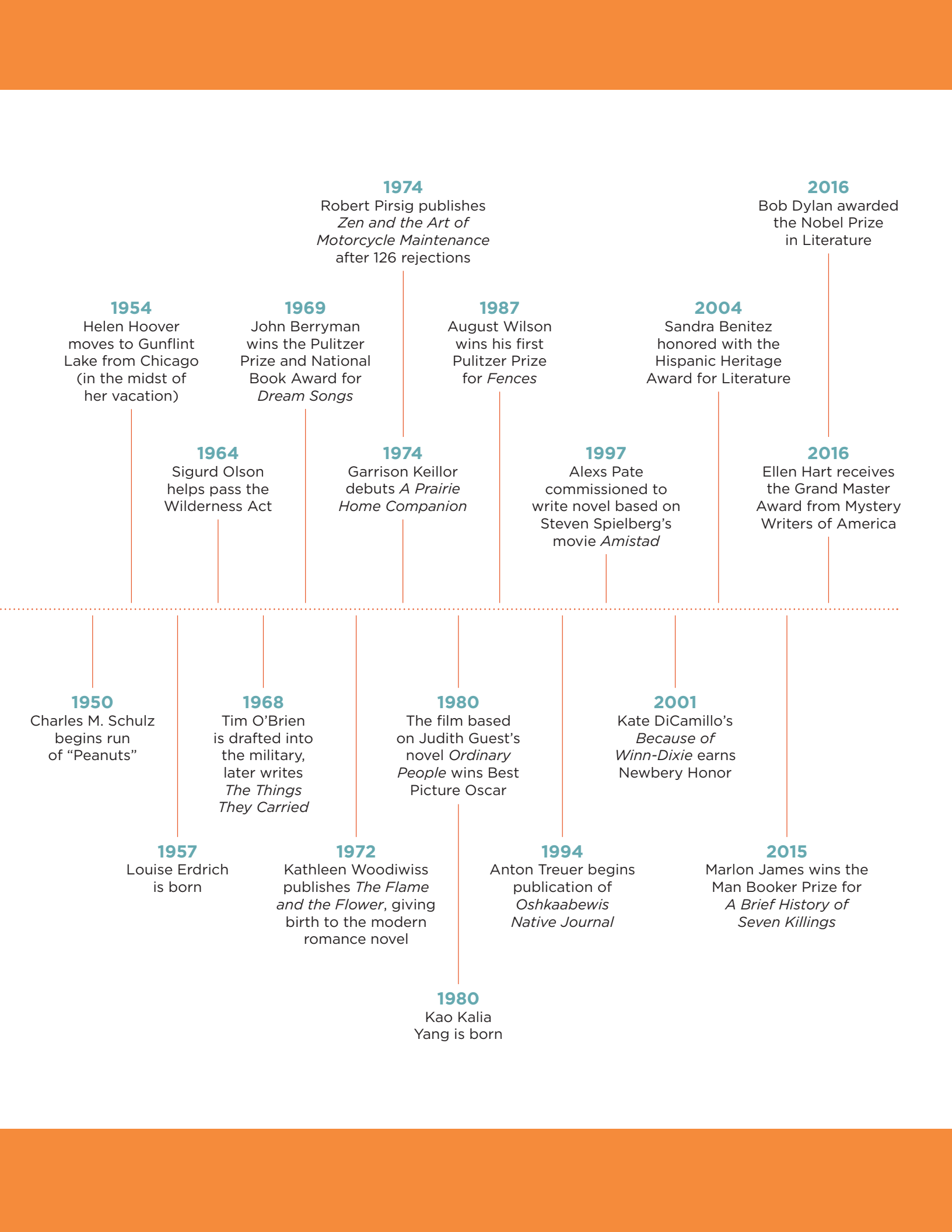
The first book in Maud Hart Lovelace's Betsy-Tacy series is published

**1943**

J.F. Powers is sent to Sandstone Prison for being a conscientious objector to WWII

**1944**

Eugene Joseph McCarthy serves as codebreaker for Military Intelligence in WWII



1974

Robert Pirsig publishes *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance* after 126 rejections

2016

Bob Dylan awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature

1954

Helen Hoover moves to Gunflint Lake from Chicago (in the midst of her vacation)

1969

John Berryman wins the Pulitzer Prize and National Book Award for *Dream Songs*

1987

August Wilson wins his first Pulitzer Prize for *Fences*

2004

Sandra Benitez honored with the Hispanic Heritage Award for Literature

1964

Sigurd Olson helps pass the Wilderness Act

1974

Garrison Keillor debuts *A Prairie Home Companion*

1997

Alexs Pate commissioned to write novel based on Steven Spielberg's movie *Amistad*

2016

Ellen Hart receives the Grand Master Award from Mystery Writers of America

1950

Charles M. Schulz begins run of "Peanuts"

1968

Tim O'Brien is drafted into the military, later writes *The Things They Carried*

1980

The film based on Judith Guest's novel *Ordinary People* wins Best Picture Oscar

2001

Kate DiCamillo's *Because of Winn-Dixie* earns Newbery Honor

1957

Louise Erdrich is born

1972

Kathleen Woodiwiss publishes *The Flame and the Flower*, giving birth to the modern romance novel

1994

Anton Treuer begins publication of *Oshkaabewis Native Journal*

2015

Marlon James wins the Man Booker Prize for *A Brief History of Seven Killings*