

 Greetings!

*For more than thirty years I have been writing for children, and have completed several courses focusing on that genre. A Maine native, I graduated from Westbrook High School and Bates College, where I concentrated my studies in English and Music. I am a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and of Maine Writers and Publishers Alliance.*

*I have long been involved in child development and education. For years I lived in Rochester, New York, where I taught piano and organ lessons, assisted in school reading and writing programs, worked with children and teens in informal educational youth organizations, wrote curriculum for youth leaders, and served as a library aide. Since moving back to Maine, I have taught adult education writing courses and served as a career mentor for middle school and high school students. I have presented many programs: library conferences, teachers' conferences, community groups, workshops with students in public and private schools, and senior college classes. My husband and I live near Portland. We have two children and four grandchildren.*

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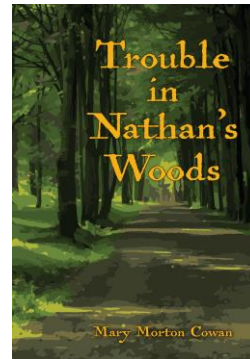
I enjoy speaking to school and community groups about my books and my writing.

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## *Trouble in Nathan's Woods*

Maine Authors Publishing, 2023  
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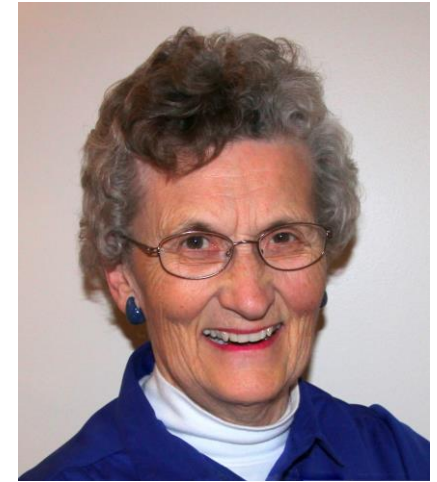


War rages in Europe in 1917, but eleven-year-old Nathan learns that enemy spies lurk in New Hampshire, where he lives in his family's lumber camp—and they intend to burn these woods! Convinced that Pa's new German teamster is a spy, Nathan and his friend Orey desperately try to thwart his plan and save the lumber camp. Will they succeed?

This story was inspired by my family history. The Mortons owned Paris Manufacturing Company, in South Paris, Maine, where they manufactured wooden sleds, skis, and other products. They operated a lumber camp in New Hampshire and my father spent his early childhood living in the camp.

### **Praise from Chris Van Dusen, Children's author/illustrator:**

“Life in an early 1900s New England logging camp is described so well in this book, you can practically smell the sawdust. Packed with adventure, mystery, and historical facts, any outdoor loving 12-year-old is going to be **hooked from page one.**”



## *Mary Morton Cowan, Award-winning Children's Author*



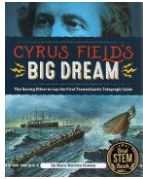
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## Earlier Published Books

### *Cyrus Field's Big Dream: The Daring Effort to Lay the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable*

Calkins Creek, 2018

a National Science Teachers Assoc. Best STEM Book  
a Junior Library Guild selection



“...the story of one of the great achievements of the nineteenth century.”

—Bernard S. Finn, curator emeritus,  
National Museum of American History,  
Smithsonian Institution

### *Captain Mac: the Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer.*

Calkins Creek, 2010

Winner, National Outdoor Book Award  
and other honors

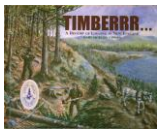


A lively account of MacMillan's adventurous career.

### *Timberrr... A History of Logging in New England.*

Millbrook Press, 2003

A Lupine Award Honor Book

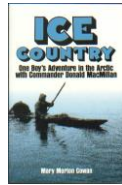


A vivid portrayal of logging history and methods from colonial times to the present day.

### *Ice Country: One Boy's Adventure in the Arctic with Commander Donald MacMillan.*

Cricketfield Press, 1995

Softcover, 1997



Historical novel of a teen-age boy who joins an Arctic expedition, aboard the Schooner *Bowdoin*.

## Magazine Articles

Nearly 100 of my articles, stories, and activities have been published in children's magazines. Several have been reprinted in textbooks and anthologies, some are included in reading comprehension programs and educational testing services, and a few are online. Two have been published by Rosen Publishing as Readers' Theater books.

I write about many topics. A few of my favorites are:

“Bringin’ In the [log] Drive”  
(HIGHLIGHTS)

“Fetching Summer: A Mi’kmaq Folktale” (FACES)

“A Walk in the Woods” (APPLESEEDS)

“Christmas, Victorian Style” (CALLIOPE)

“A ‘Cool’ Inventor”—Frederick M. Jones  
(COBBLESTONE) [Readers’ Theater book, 2019]

“We WILL Vote: A Play in Four Scenes”  
(COBBLESTONE) [Readers’ Theater book, 2019]

“Minoan Art: An Ancient Triumph”  
(CALLIOPE)

“Tough Beginnings: The Early Years of Ida B. Wells” (COBBLESTONE)

“An Ancient Disk’s Secret Message”  
(HIGHLIGHTS)



## BOOK TALKS

for Schools and Community Groups  
(include an illustrated presentation, reading and discussion)

*Trouble in Nathan's Woods* (grades 4-8)

*Cyrus Field's Big Dream: The Daring Effort to Lay the First Transatlantic Telegraph Cable.* (grades 4-adult)

*Captain Mac: the Life of Donald Baxter MacMillan, Arctic Explorer.* (grades 4-adult)

## CALLING ALL TEACHERS!

### Writing Workshops for grades 4 and up

“Digging Up Stuff” (finding sources for writing projects)

“Writing It Right” (writing and re-writing)

“Fiction or Nonfiction?” (discovering their differences)

“Writing a Report” (making factual research come alive)

“Telling Someone's Life Story” (researching and writing biography)

“Reliving history” (includes vintage photos and other visuals)

“Creating Characters” (a group activity using characterization worksheets)

### Workshops for Younger Children (grades 2-3)

“Magazine Magic” (reading from my magazine stories and articles)

“Finding Facts” (ways to find information for earliest report writing)