

 Greetings!

For more than twenty five 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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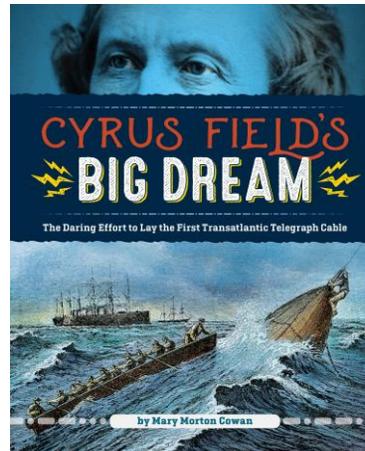
I enjoy speaking to school and community groups about my books and my writing.

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

Calkins Creek, 2018



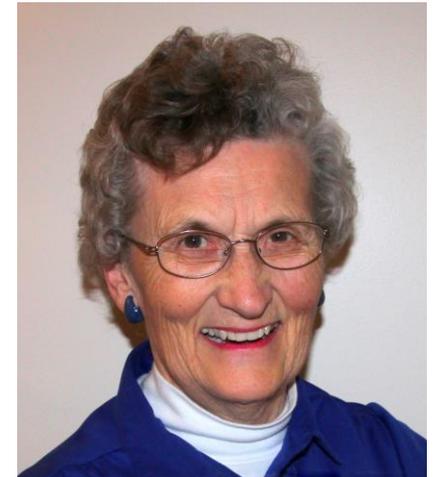
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National Museum of American History,
Smithsonian Institution

“Her well-paced, vivid account makes for a read that is at times gripping. ... An inspiring portrait of a man with a dream and his steadfast determination to achieve it.”

—Kirkus Reviews

*a Nat'l Science Teachers Assoc. Best STEM Book
a Junior Library Guild selection*



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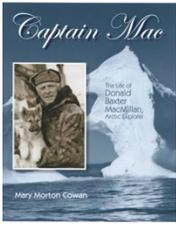
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Earlier Published Books

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

Calkins Creek, 2010

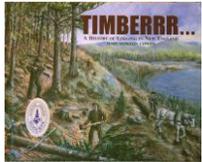
Winner, National Outdoor Book Award, Society of School Librarians International Honor Book Award, and other honors



A lively account of MacMillan's adventurous career.

Timberrr... A History of Logging in New England. Millbrook Press, 2003

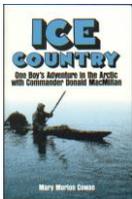
A Lupine Award Honor Book



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.

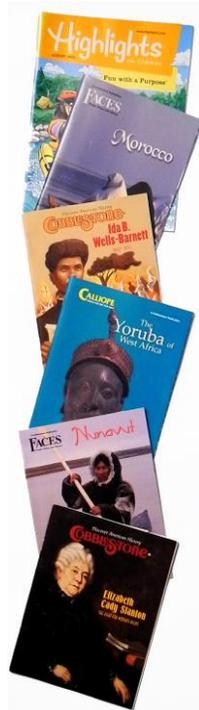
Cricketfield Press, 1995
Softcover, 1997



Historical novel of a teen-age boy who joins the crew of an Arctic expedition with

Commander MacMillan, aboard the Schooner *Bowdoin*.

Magazine Articles



Nearly 100 of my articles, stories, and activities have been published in children's magazines—including Highlights for Children, Cobblestone, Calliope, Faces, Dig into History, AppleSeeds, and Jack and Jill. Several have been reprinted in magazines, textbooks and anthologies, some are included in reading comprehension programs and educational testing services, and a few are online. Two have been published 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 'Cool' Inventor"—Frederick M. Jones (COBBLESTONE) [published as a Readers' Theater book by Rosen, 2019]

"A Walk in the Woods" (APPLESEEDS)

"We WILL Vote: A Play in Four Scenes" (COBBLESTONE) [published as a Readers' Theater book by Rosen, 2019]

"Minoan Art: An Ancient Triumph" (CALLIOPE)

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

"Ransom for a King" (DIG INTO HISTORY)

"An Ancient Disk's Secret Message" (HIGHLIGHTS)

"Navigating by the Stars: Make A Cross-Staff and Find Your Latitude" (CALLIOPE)

BOOK TALKS

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

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 3-adult)

Timberrr... A History of Logging in New England. (grades 3-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)