

Free Press columnist's book named one of 20 notable Michigan books

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More than 300 books were considered for the honor and only 20 were chosen. The program seeks books that are "most reflective of our state's diverse ethnic, historical, literary, and cultural experience." "War As They Knew It" is available nationwide wherever books are sold. The Library of Michigan is part of the state's Department of History, Arts and Letters. Judges were a mix of academics, media types and other book lovers. More info is at www.michigan.gov/notablebooks. What follows is the library's list and info from its press release, which gives a synopsis of each of the books.

"Sirens of Chrome: The Enduring Allure of the Auto Show Model," by Margery Krevsky (Momentum Books) A fascinating glimpse at the "real" auto show models, Sirens of Chrome illustrates the history of models and female imagery in sales advertisements and promotions, dating back to the origins of the auto industry. Many of the photographs are of Detroit's auto show over the years and come from the National Automotive History Collection at the Detroit Public Library.