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## **Marquette, Michigan's Role in American History Told in New Book**

*Marquette, Michigan, recently hailed as one of the top communities in America to live, long known for its beautiful architecture and important role as a shipping port, now comes to life in a new history and tour book by native son Tyler R. Tichelaar.*

Marquette, MI, February 15, 2011—From the discovery of iron ore to the famous Theodore Roosevelt libel trial at its courthouse and its recently being hailed as a model for the rest of America by President Barack Obama, Marquette, Michigan has long held an important role in American history as revealed in the newly published book Tyler R. Tichelaar's "My Marquette: Explore the Queen City of the North—Its History, People, and Places" (ISBN 9780979179051, Marquette Fiction, 2011).

In the last decade, Marquette, Michigan has become known as a top distinctive destination in the United States, been featured in articles in major publications like the "Washington Post," and been held up as a model of entrepreneurship for the nation by President Barack Obama. What the rest of the world is only now discovering about Marquette, seventh generation resident Tyler R. Tichelaar and his fellow Marquettians have long known about the historic little city on Lake Superior's shore that they call home.

What makes Marquette so special is now revealed in Tichelaar's new book "My Marquette" a personal history and tour of "The Queen City of the North." Join Tichelaar as he explores Marquette's history through its Lower Harbor, the Downtown, the historical homes, beautiful Presque Isle Park, its sandstone architecture, the lakeshore, and its people, past and present. Whether it's the First National Bank—in its day the most expensive building per square foot ever constructed—built by Louis Kaufman who also funded the Empire State Building, or St. Peter's Cathedral, known as the world's most beautiful sandstone building and home to the remains of Bishop Frederic Baraga, the nineteenth century snowshoe priest whose canonization for sainthood is underway, you'll never forget your personal tour of Marquette.

Tichelaar's own ancestors were among Marquette's early residents, and he shares their pioneer stories as well as tales of courage and dastardly deeds. Hear about the church scandal that resulted in the downtown catching on fire during the great blizzard of 1938. Learn why the Longyear family decided to move their sixty-five room mansion by train in 1903 out of Marquette, and enjoy over 360 images of Marquette's past and present, reflecting why its beauty and history make it so celebrated today.



Reviewers and residents are raving about “My Marquette.” Irene Watson of Reader Views states, “Tichelaar’s thorough research and dedicated passion to preserve the history shines through in ‘My Marquette.’ His personal mission to preserve the past and bring it into the present is commendable, but what is more so acclaiming is him leaving a legacy for the families of Marquette.” Debbie Glade, author of “The Travel Adventures of Lilly P. Badilly” states, “‘My Marquette’ will be a beneficial resource for many years to come, as author Tyler Tichelaar has obviously done years of research to compile this vast treasure of information about the Marquette area,” and Laura Fabiani, reviewer and author of “Daughter of Mine,” states, “I have read all of Tyler R. Tichelaar’s books....After reading Tichelaar’s books I wanted to visit Marquette—and so did many of his readers, which is one of the reasons he wrote the non-fiction book ‘My Marquette.’ It is an insider look into the author’s personal love of his city as he explores its history and in particular how it relates to his family and to his novels.”

## About the Author

Tyler R. Tichelaar, seventh generation Marquette, Michigan resident, is the author of numerous novels, including his popular “The Marquette Trilogy.” His historical novels led to requests from readers to write a history of Marquette, which he has fulfilled in his new book “My Marquette,” a history and tour guide of Marquette and Tichelaar’s personal memoir of growing up in his hometown. Tichelaar has a Ph.D. in Literature from Western Michigan University, and Bachelor and Master’s Degrees from Northern Michigan University. He is the regular guest host of the Authors Access Internet Radio Show and the President of the Upper Peninsula Publishers and Authors Association. He owns Superior Book Promotions, a professional book review, editing, and proofreading service. Tichelaar lives in Marquette where the roar of Lake Superior, mountains of snow, and sandstone architecture inspire his writing.

“My Marquette: Explore the Queen City of the North—Its History, People, and Places” (ISBN 9780979179051, Marquette Fiction, 2011) can be purchased through local and online bookstores. For more information, visit [www.MarquetteFiction.com](http://www.MarquetteFiction.com). Publicity contact: [Tyler@MarquetteFiction.com](mailto:Tyler@MarquetteFiction.com). Review copies available upon request.

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