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## Book Festival Announces Pulitzer Winner for 2018 Festival

The Chippewa Valley Book Festival announced today that it has secured, for the second year, a Pulitzer Prize winning author for its 19<sup>th</sup> annual fall Festival. Fraser will help inaugurate the new Pablo Center at the Confluence's RCU Theatre when she presents, as she is one of the first events to be held at the new arts center, which will open just weeks before the festival.

**Caroline Fraser** is the winner of the 2018 Pulitzer Prize for Best Biography for her story of ***Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder***. An accomplished researcher, author and historian, Fraser is also the editor of the Library of America edition of Laura Ingalls Wilder's *Little House on the Prairie* books and author of *Rewilding the World* and *God's Perfect Child*. Her writing has appeared in *The New York Review of Books*, *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *London Review of Books*, among others. *Prairie Fires* was also named one of the *New York Times*' 10 Best Books of 2017 and was nominated for both a National Book Critics Circle Award in Biography and a Plutarch Award by the Biographers International Organization.

*"A deeply researched and elegantly written portrait of Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of the Little House on the Prairie series, that describes how Wilder transformed her family's story of poverty, failure and struggle into an uplifting tale of self-reliance, familial love and perseverance."*

Pulitzer Committee, 2018

Fraser's event will take place on Tuesday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m. at the new **RCU Theatre** at the **Pablo Center at the Confluence**. Tickets will be \$10 and will be available on our website later this summer.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Chippewa Valley Book Festival will run October 15 - 25, 2018 in locations across the Chippewa Valley. See the website for times, authors and locations. [cvbookfest.org](http://cvbookfest.org)

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Media, including photos and more info on Ms. Fraser: <http://cvbookfest.org/media>

Quote from Ms. Dekan:

"Rain does not follow the plow." Caroline Fraser, *Prairie Fires*

"Bringing the Pulitzer Prize author Caroline Fraser to the Chippewa Valley is a great opportunity for our community. Fraser's biography, ***Prairie Fires: The American Dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder*** is a theme that resonates across the generations. In our youth we read The Little House books or watched the TV show. This fall we invite everyone to hear about the history behind that life at one of the first shows in the Pablo Center. I am very excited about Pablo and the cultural programs that it will bring to the area."

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