

RITA CLEARY - RESUME

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NOVELS

Sorrel, (finalist Best First Novel, Western Writers of America) Sunstone Press, Santa Fe, NM 1993. Presently re-submitted for resale.

Gold Town, nominated Best Western Novel, Western Writers of America, Western Heritage Award, Small Press Book Awards, Mountains and Plains Book Awards) Sunstone Press, Santa Fe, NM 1995.

Spies and Tories, (nominated James Fenimore Cooper Prize for historical fiction) Sunstone Press, Santa Fe, NM 1999
 The rights to these three novels have reverted to the author and are unavailable for purchase.

River Walk (first of a four book series on Lewis and Clark, St. Louis to Mandans), hardcover from Five Star Western of Thorndike Press, Waterville, ME 2000, mass-market paper from Leisure, large-print from Centerpoint.

Charbonneau's Gold (second in the Lewis and Clark series, Mandans to Pacific) hardcover from Five Star Western of Thorndike Press, Waterville, ME. 2003, mass-market paper from Leisure, large-print from Centerpoint.

Calling the Wind, (third in the Lewis and Clark series, Pacific back to Mandans) hardcover from Five Star Western of Thorndike Press, Waterville, ME. 2005, mass-market paper from Leisure due in '07, large-print from Centerpoint.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

"Because of Them" True West Magazine, Phoenix, AZ. September 2005.

"Charbonneau Reconsidered" feature article, We Proceeded On, Great Falls, MT, February 2000.

"Horsetradin' ", Short story published in anthology entitled **"First Five Star Western Corral,"** Five Star Western of Thorndike Press, Waterville, ME. 2001.

"Sidesaddle," Short story published in anthology entitled **"No Place for a Lady,"** Five Star Western of Thorndike Press, Waterville, ME. 2002.

For Roundup Magazine: **Bi-monthly President's Column** and various Articles

Professional Activities

Western Writers of America, current President, formerly V.P. and Membership

Chair and member since 1993
 Women Writing the West, Founding member
 Spur Award and Western Heritage Award Judge
 Represent Western Writers at, Western History Assn. Convention, Mountains
 and Plains Booksellers Convention (Denver, CO) Festival of the West (Phoenix
 AZ).

Awards: New York State Woman of Distinction 2006, cited by the New York
 State Assembly.
 Finalist, Spur Awards, Best First Novel.

Speaking appearances: Locust Valley Library, Locust Valley High Young
 Authors' Day, Portledge School Graduation, Nassau County Museum of Art
 Revolutionary War Re-enactment, Independent Schools History Teachers'
 Annual Meeting, C.W. Post Library Association, Molloy College, Doubleday-
 Babcock Senior Center, Manhattanville College, Sacred Heart Academy
 Greenwich, CT., Cedar Swamp Historical Society, Western Writers of America
 Annual Convention, Tread of Pioneers Museum, Steamboat Springs, CO.
 Book signings and slide presentations at various bookstores.

Education:

Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, B.A. cum laude in French literature.

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, M.A.T. cum laude in French.

Columbia University, New York, NY, Teachers Institute for Advanced
 Placement Teaching of French.

Historic and Civic Activities

Western Writers of America
 Western History Association
 Lewis and Clark Heritage Trail Foundation
 New York Historical Society
 Oyster Bay Historical Society
 Montana Historical Society
 Missouri Historical Society
 The Townsend Society of America
 The Friends of Raynham Hall Museum
 Harvard/Radcliffe Club of Long Island

Recreational Activities

Horseback Riding – I've ridden all my life, showed hunters and jumpers, rode
 reining and cutting horses – love to trail ride about the west.
 Research trips to important sites and events for my writing.
 Golf with husband and friends.
 Gardening – exercise outdoors daily.