

# Barb Barton Bio

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## Longer version:

Barb Barton is the author of the books *The Amazing Adventures of A Midwestern Girl* and *Manoomin: The Story of Wild Rice in Michigan*. As a lifelong Michigander and an endangered species biologist by training, Barton finds boundless inspiration in the region's rich history. *Manoomin* traces the interwoven stories of the Anishinaabek, European colonizers, and the role native wild rice has had in shaping their shared histories. The first book of its kind, *Manoomin* won a 2018 Michigan History Award in the University Press/Commercial Press category as well as a 2019 Michigan Notable Book Award. For Barton, storytelling and cultural preservation are one in the same. In addition to her non-fiction books, Barton has authored articles about the complex relationships between people and food for *Michigan History Magazine* and The Historical Society of Michigan's *Chronicle* magazine. Barton also travels the state as a public speaker--and sometimes folk musician--continuing the oral traditions that have informed her research and writing. The author is currently on a book tour for *Manoomin* and is available for booking in the Midwest region.

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