

More Hidden Treasures Found In Another Book

Everybody has a story to tell. The key is to find which parts people would like to read about. Local Michigan author Rick Sigsby has found that key in his fourth book, titled *Discovering Hidden Treasures Part II*.

A second compilation of his newspaper column Rick Off the Record, this book continues on with a glimpse at everyday people who have experienced interesting and in some cases, extraordinary lives. “The success of my first book, *Discovering Hidden Treasures* (published in 2007), convinced me to bring out a second edition,” said Sigsby. “And of course, the people I wrote about since then all wanted to know when the next book was coming out (laughing).”

Part II covers a wide variety of subjects including sports figures, politicians, business owners and even a monk and a college president. “It’s a bit strange, but almost to a person, the ones that say ‘why would you want to write about me’ turn out to be the most fascinating,” said Sigsby.

Since his weekly column began in the summer of 2006, Sigsby has roamed the Amish countryside; tried fox hunting; sat in a few Judges’ chambers (always pleading Not Guilty) and even discovered an outhouse with a satellite dish; all in search of a good story.

“When looking for something interesting to write about, I’m constantly reminded of the lines for Robert Frost’s poem *The Road Not Taken*:

Two roads diverged in a wood, and I-
I took the one less traveled by.
And that has made all the difference.

“I have been very lucky to find great people in mid-Michigan who have taken the road less traveled and been willing to share their experiences with us,” said the author.

Since the first *Discovering Hidden Treasures* and now *Part II* being published, Sigsby has written several other books. In 2008 there was the pictorial history book called *Images of America: Gladwin County* and in 2009, he wrote about the athletic greats from the Saginaw Valley Athletic Conference titled *The Valley of Athletes* (available at www.rsigsby.com)

Sigsby will be available to sign books at this year’s Gladwin Carriage Festival (Aug. 13-15) and has scheduled a Book Celebration at the Beaverton Tavern on August 18th from 1pm to 4pm. Many of the subjects from both *Discovering Hidden Treasures* books will be there and the public is invited to drop in to meet the author and the monk, the college president and some of the other hidden treasures.

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