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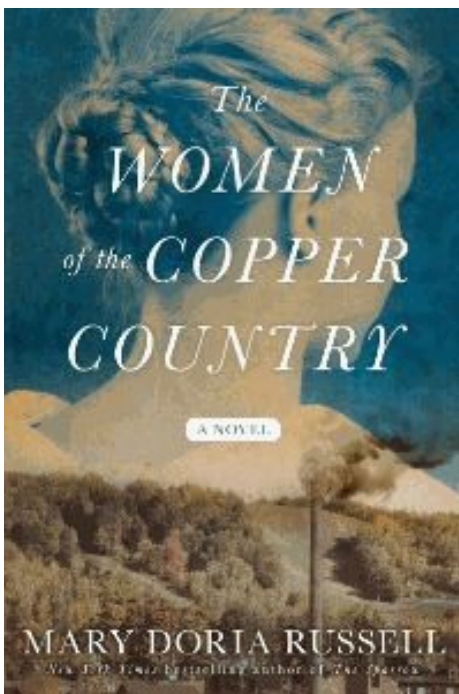
## 2021-22 Great Michigan Read

*One title, one state, and thousands engaged in literary discussion.*

Michigan Humanities' Great Michigan Read creates a statewide discussion around the humanities themes of a selected book. Through partnerships with libraries, schools, book clubs, and a wide range of other non-profit organizations, the Great Michigan Read facilitates statewide reading and programs to bridge communities around a common conversation.

### "The Women of Copper Country"

By Mary Doria Russell



"I'm so honored Michigan Humanities chose 'The Women of the Copper Country' for the 2021-2022 Great Michigan Read," said author Mary Doria Russell, who spent time in Michigan's Keewenaw Peninsula walking through the streets of Calumet, touring the mines and visiting local museums as she prepared to write her fictionalized account of the real-life Big Annie. "The copper strike itself has been studied and written about by historians and legal experts, but those accounts are not meant to engage the reader's emotions. That was my job – to combine imagination and empathy with research."



Author Mary Doria Russell holds a Ph.D. in biological anthropology from the University of Michigan and taught anatomy at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry. She lives in Cleveland, Ohio.