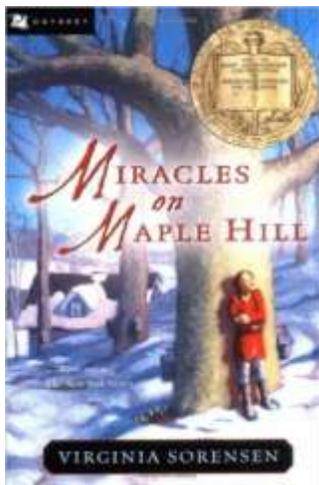


THE VOICES OF ROUTE 6 HEARD AROUND THE WORLD

US Route 6 in Pennsylvania has a rich history of talented writers, whose voices have been heard around the world either through the written word or in song. Budding writers can stand or sit in the places where these folks weaved their tales and gained their inspiration.

With an abundance of forests and streams, it is no surprise that the outdoors is the setting for many stories. Author Jim Kjelgaard, who grew up hunting and fishing around Galeton, Potter County, drew on childhood memories to pen the *Big Red* series which later became Disney movies. Famed outdoor writer, Nessmuck (George Washington Sears), even has a lake named after him near Wellsboro, Tioga County. Prospective writers can visit the Zane Grey Museum in Lackawaxen, Pike County to soak in the setting that inspired the adventure novelist.



The production of maple syrup in Pennsylvania inspired Virginia Sorensen to write her Newberry winning novel, *Miracles on Maple Hill*, while living in the Edinboro, Erie County area. Her story is told at the Hurry Hill Maple Museum.

Even the built environment along Route 6 has literary links. In recent years, the Scranton Public Theater was the setting for *That Championship Season*, a 1973 Pulitzer prize winning play by native Jason Miller.

The places along Route 6 have also inspired many songwriters. Stephen Foster from Towanda, Bradford County wrote the minstrel favorite, *Camptown Races*, supposedly about a racetrack nearby his hometown. Richard Smith, co-wrote the Christmas classic, *Winter Wonderland*, in his hometown of Honesdale, Wayne County. While not from the Route 6 Corridor, beloved country artist, Johnny Cash, co-wrote and sang *As Long as the Grass Shall Grow* about the loss of Seneca nation land due to the construction of the Kinzua Dam in Warren County.

Take a trip across Route 6 and visit some of these sites. Inspiration is right down the road. www.paroute6.com

