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Biographies of the Participants

Paul Greci is the award-winning author of four Alaska wilderness survival novels and is a 2023 recipient of the Alaska Literary Award. His first novel, *Surviving Bear Island* (Charlesbridge) was the Alaska Reads book for 2022-23, and his second novel, *The Wild Lands* (Macmillan) was a 2022 State of Alaska Battle of the Books selection. Both *Surviving Bear Island* and *Follow The River* (Charlesbridge) are nationally recognized as Junior Library Guild picks. *Surviving Bear Island* is also a Scholastic Reading Club pick. *Hostile Territory* (Macmillan) was named a Best Book of the Year by the *Anchorage Daily News*. Paul has spent most of his 34-year teaching career working with struggling and reluctant readers in Fairbanks, Alaska, and when writing his stories, he aims to engage this population as well as avid readers of all ages. His forthcoming novel, *Down The Mountain* (Charlesbridge), is the third book in the *Surviving Bear Island* series.

To learn more about Paul and his books, visit his website paulgreci.com, and follow him on Instagram and Facebook.

Rosemary McGuire is a life-long Alaskan, who was for years a commercial fisherman. She now works in the Arctic and Antarctic as a research technician. Her collection of short stories *The Creatures at the Absolute Bottom of the Sea* was published by the University of Alaska Press in 2015. Her coming-of-age memoir, *Rough Crossing*, won the River Teeth Nonfiction Book Prize in 2016, and was published in March 2017 by the University of New Mexico Press. Both books were named among the 10 best of the year by an Alaskan author. Her most recent book, "Cold Latitudes," an essay collection, was published by the University of Alaska Press in 2021.