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A new novel, *Under Ground* goes deep into Iron Range history

Due out in July, novel explores a crucial moment for labor rights through the eyes of one young immigrant woman.

A new novel by Minnesota author Megan Marsnik tackles the 1915 mining strike that changed the face of the labor movement.

Originally serialized in 2015 in the Minneapolis Star Tribune, *Under Ground* is told from the perspective of a passionate immigrant woman, who brings the reader along on a journey through the birth of the labor movement and an exploration of immigrant rights.

Under Ground tells the story of young Katka Kovich, who leaves the only home she's ever known for a new life across the ocean. Soon she finds herself on the rough and tumble Iron Range, where she joins a community of poor immigrant workers who are brutally exploited by the mining company. This spellbinding tale of an immigrant uprising chronicles the attack on labor unions, the dehumanization of workers, and the use of fear to dismantle civil liberties. While the themes are monumental and echo to today, the experience of this young woman grounds the reader in the human face behind all movements. Young Katka reminds us that there are things worth dying for, but more importantly, there are things to live for.

Megan Marsnik was born and raised in Biwabik, a small town on Minnesota's Iron Range settled primarily by Eastern European and Scandinavian immigrants. Marsnik earned her MFA in writing and poetics from Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado, where she won the Jack Kerouac Award for outstanding prose. She teaches creative writing and philosophy in Minneapolis.

Under Ground was selected by the Star Tribune for their annual summer serial in 2015, but the book had not been released in hard copy until now. Published by Flexible Press, the newly edited and updated print version contains additional content plus restored material that had to be edited out for newspaper publication.

Under Ground is now available at Amazon.com, and it will be available from Ingram for wholesale to retailers starting July 2019.

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