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NEW NOVEL FOCUSES ON HISTORIC DISPUTE BETWEEN LOGGERS, POWER COMPANIES

OREGON, WI, November 11 -- A boy's upbringing in dual cultures is at the heart of *Rivers Must Run*, a new historical, all-ages novel by Paul Kending.

In Wisconsin, he's called Jothan but the boy goes by the name of Ahmeek in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The mix of Italian-American and Native-American cultures becomes important as Jotham grows to manhood and must resolve a bitter dispute between loggers and construction workers who have come to dam the rivers for electric power.

*Rivers Must Run*, which is Kending's first novel, offers a slice of 19th Century history in an engaging story steeped in cultural contrasts.

Paul Kending is a former television broadcaster who taught for 28 years at the University of Wisconsin in Superior. He also has worked as a logger and his father owned logging camps in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

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**Rivers Must Run**

Fact Sheet

**TITLE:** *Rivers Must Run*

**AUTHOR:** Paul Kending

**PUBLICATION DATE:** May 1997

**PRICE:** Trade paperback: \$12.95

**FORMAT:** 5.5x8.5 trade paperback

**ISBN:** 1-878569-46-5

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**IMPRINT:** Badger Books Inc.

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**SUMMARY:** A novel about a boy who grows up in dual cultures during Wisconsin's logging era. His Native American/Italian American background plays a role in resolving a dispute between loggers and power companies who want to dam the rivers.

**DISTRIBUTION:** General bookstores or directly from Badger Books Inc. P.O. Box 192, Oregon, WI 53575 for \$12.95 plus \$3 shipping.



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## Paul Kending

Paul Kending of Hayward is a world traveler, a retired professor at the University of Wisconsin-Superior and a former television weatherman in Duluth. He also is the author of *Rivers Must Run*, a historical novel set in Wausau and upper Michigan in the late 19th Century.

He and his wife, Candy, often spend their winters traveling the country in their Winnebago. They also have lived in Thailand and other parts of the world.

Kending's parents operated in a Minnesota logging camp and he draws on that experience in his novel, which climaxes in a dispute between loggers and construction workers who have come to dam the rivers for electric power. *Rivers Must Run* is his first novel.