## BOOKS Author recalls the glory days of 1950s baseball and boys 1950a television and a w

The Herces of Henley's We By Mike Worden (Gold Leaf Press, \$14.95) BY HUGH GALLAGHER STAFF WRITER

Could a 't catch, could a 't n't throw, could a 'thi. If you were a boy in 1950's Ameri-ca that was the saddest thany of all when baseball mal/v mattered, and I was awful. By the time I got to junior high school, I railized I wouldn't be a Kaline, Kuenn or even third string on the school team. So for two years I was the team equip ment manager and scorekeeper.

At the other is a start of the second start we are sense beneficial was the team equip-ment manager and scorekceper. Despite the humiliation, 1 rouldn't help loving the game. Mike Worden, 56, a retriced teacher from Rosseville, has hap-pier memories of those golden haseball years. His warm, semi-autobiographical story recounts the adventures of 12 14-year-old haseball players in southside Warren and their 1957 summer season. In addition to baseball, the book also recalls the early years of rock and roll, first dates,

1950s tolevision and a wealth of other nostalgic tugs. The boys all have colorful nick-names (all real baseball players have nicknames). They're a brainier bunch than my boyhood brainier bunch than my boyhood companions - writing poetry and devising "all poet" basoball teams, discussing world affairs with a soldior home on leave, engaging in endloss games of wordpley and discussing the fino points of baseball rules and his-tory. Two of the players are the adults here except occasionally in the stands and a kindly bene-fuctor.

Worden imagines himself as Mickey Warden, first baseman and team leader. His best friend is Sneaky, the weakest player and smartest guy on the team -co-manager, statistician, equip-ment manager, historian and

ment manager, historian and poct laureate. Mickoy tolls'the story in an unusual, but endearing, first-person, come-join-us style that-reador a quasi member of the reader a quasi member of the team. Mickoy, like most 14-year-olds, is both a male chauvinist and always "in love" with some girl. But girls are secondary to baseball.

Worden writes about a trip to Michigan and Trumbull and the near religious experience of four young boys as they enter what was then Briggs Stadium, where the grass was ogreen it seemed unreal. Worden's description will stir many fond memories. As he writes, truly, "The Eiffel Tower, the Taj Mahal and the ancient pyramids may be some-thing to behold, but they don't play ball there."

thing to bonot, but they don't lay ball there. His descriptions of the boys' games is dotailed, sometimes humorous (trick plays), dramatic and from atk's eye view. Despite some anachronisms and too much sophistication (especially in the word games), Wordon tells his story well. For-anyone who grew up in Datroit the story has special appeal, but anyone who romembers when baseball was king will relate.

If you'd like to talk "the game" with the original Mickey, Wor-den will be signing his books at several area bookstores 8 p.m. Saturday, May 23, Barnes & Noble, Bioomfield Hills: 2 p.m. Saturday, June 6, Barnes & Noble, West Bloomfield; 7:30 p.m. Friday, June 12, Barnes & Noble, Northville and 2 p.m. Sat-urday, June 20, Barnes & Noble, Rochester Hills.

# Photos capture state's beauty



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thre the behaviour and endetween and wildlife. The first is "Sand Dunes of the Great Lakes" by photographer C.J. Elfont and writer Edna A. Elfant, Co-founder and director of Midwest Photographic Work-shopa, C.K. Elfont has published his photographs in numerous magazines ("Siera, "Travel and Leisauro" and exhibited in gal-leries across the United States. His wife, Edna, has written for publications such as "Michigan Detroit." An earlier collaboration by this Huntington Woods couple is a hook about Michigan water-guils exited "Roor of Tunder, Whisper of the Wind." Slender but over-size, "Sand

**BOOK HAPPENINGS** 

FIED) Royal Oak author and playwright Toreso Szymanski will sign "When the Dead Speak, "1 µ.m. Sunday, May 17, musician Brian Menke performs 4:30 µ.m. Sunday, May 17, Dr. Roger Morrell tectures on "Meet Your Brain, "7 µ.m. Tues-day, May 191 Ann Riptoy Bigns "Denth of a Politeol Plant, "7 p.m. Friday, May 22; Lylo Cruccolle visith 11 a.m. Scturday, May 30; at the store, 31150 Southfield Road, (248)/644-1515. BORDERS (BIRMINGIALM, WOOD-WARD) FIFLOV

WARD) Books with Cook, Herry Cook Isads book discussion, 1 p.m. Sunday, May 17; Peter Kaleilla Harden States Science Science

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practitionors with specifics regarding lone size, shutter speed, and aperture. As a result of spending 14 years visiting the same family of deer near their home in Milford, the two photo-artist have culti-vated the trust and friendship of its members. The rewards for such patience and dedication, both in Milford and elsewhere, are vivid, intimate photos that show animals either in repose or the two photo-artist hours and show animals either in repose or walked into a dried mildweed plant, "which," writes Sams, "copleted, sending through the same valked into a dried mildweed plant, "which," writes Sams, "copleted, ending fully seeds drifting through the air above his head." There are action shot: non-blo, and two territorial egrets in mid-flight, one long neck stretched in attack, the other arched in avoidance. Qui-eter moments are catured in images of two baby fores hug-ging each other and the serence pase of a percepting, whose tiny by my face is surrounded by a Tima Turne variations highlight photograph brid, and twicks in a variaty of differ, and ducks in a variaty of differ, and the is made as of sunflowers that immedi-a set of surrounded by a Tima Turnes of the abilight writeworths per. "Images of the state model in variaty of differ, and the serence as of sufflowers that immedi-ately recal sprightly deffidils in Writsworths per. "Images of the state and mages of the Wild" can be found at Border's, Barnes and Noble, and independent boots stores. Or call 1-800-487. "Zer.

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Quality Child Care," 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20; Bill Arm-strong discusses "Catalytic Man-agement," 2 p.m. Saturday, May 23 at the store 34300 Woodward Ave., Birmingham (248)203-0005. BARNES & NOBLE (NORTHVILLE)

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