



# THE LIFE & TIMES OF ROWAN DALY

## by Rex Owens

With no living relatives, 18-year-old Rowan Daly leaves the only home she's ever known to be with her beloved, Eli. They settle in the mining town of New Hope. In 1934 the best paying job is dynamiting rock in the pit—a job Eli volunteers to do with disastrous consequences. When he's killed, Rowan is alone and abandoned with no way to support herself.

Rowan is recruited to be a Pack Horse Librarian and soon finds herself delivering books to hill families, facing her fears of abandonment, and learning about the unique rural folks she serves.

It's just the beginning for Rowan—being a Pack Horse Librarian changes her future, giving her a life she could never have imagined.

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### EARLY PRAISE FOR THE BOOK . . .

“Wonderfully written and meticulously researched, Rowan is a heroine to root for; Florence impossible not to love. This just may be Owens’ best book yet.” ~ Anna Taylor, Public Service Librarian, Sun Prairie Public Library

“. . . an extremely well-researched historical fiction novel that takes us into intriguing, difficult decades in U.S. history, beginning in the Great Depression and moving through the challenges of the home front during World War II and into the strife of the Civil Rights Movement. The Pack Horse Librarian project details were particularly captivating and educational.” ~ Valerie Biel, award-winning author

“. . . an irresistible read. Drama, suspense, pathos, love, and a sense of triumph reigns in this story. Rowan is a character you will love along with her dear friend, Florence. It was a thoroughly genuine read.” ~ Frank Peot, retired teacher



Rex Owens published his first novel in the Irish Troubles Series, *Murphy's Troubles*, in November 2013 the second, *Out of Darkness*, in June 2015 and the third, *Dead Reckoning* in April 2018. His fourth novel *The Life and Times of Rowan Daly* will be published in May 2021. All books are published by CKBooks Publishing. UW-Madison writing instructor, Christine DeSmet, describes his writing as cinematic. His fiction explores motives in making life-changing decisions and common themes in our human journey. Rex has a blog at [www.rexowens.us](http://www.rexowens.us) and hosts the award-winning radio talk show “My World and Welcome to It,” broadcast on the 1st and 3rd Monday every month at 10:30 am on 103.5 FM KSUN with live streaming at: [sunprairemediacenter.com](http://sunprairemediacenter.com). Rex supports local libraries by serving as the President of the Sun Prairie Public Library Board and President of the Dane County Library Services Board.