

Local author releases sequel

1000 Islands – "Thou Torturest Me," a sequel to R.M. Doyon's novel, "Upcountry," and a story set in northwestern New York, has been released.

"Thou Torturest Me" returns readers to the fictional village of Morgantown, and the tragic lives of the Schumacher family. It is a sultry Labor Day weekend in 2010 and

the clan is gathering by a large lake in the shadows of the Adirondacks to celebrate a milestone in Hubie Schumacher's life.

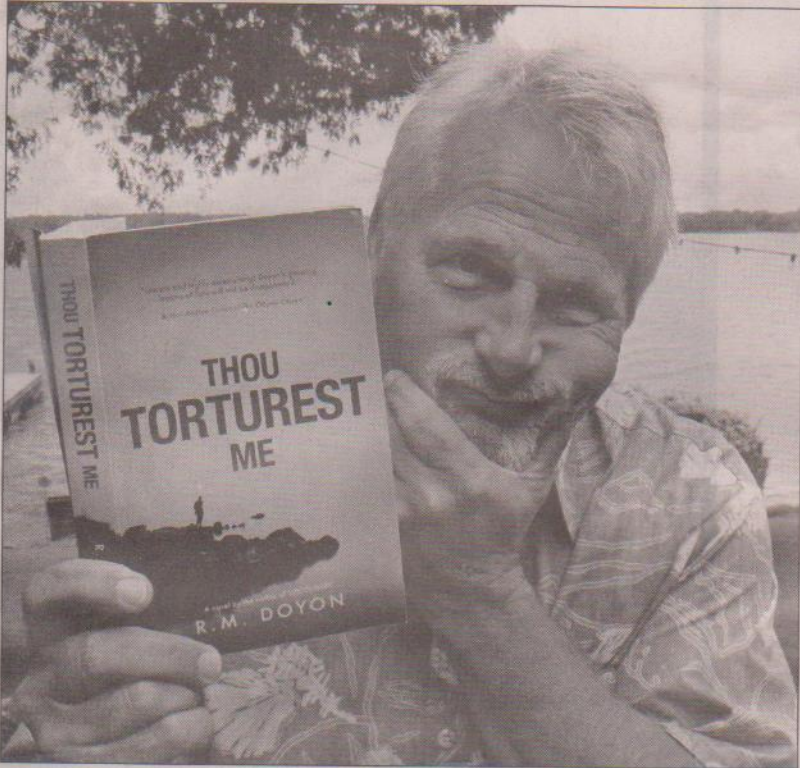
Immediately, Doyon introduces readers to the enigmatic world of the old order Amish, who have arrived from Ohio by the thousands, searching for inexpensive land and freedom from temptation. But

temptation does result, setting in motion a romance between Hubie's alluring and athletic niece, and a handsome young Amish man, sparking a bigotry-driven clash of cultures that rapidly escalates into violence and strife.

Doyon, a former journalist with United Press International who spent nine summers on the St. Lawrence River near Morristown, says his new novel poses some interesting questions: What if a young Amish man fell in love with an 'English' girl? What would be the ramifications? How would the vastly different cultures react?

In a narrative that takes readers on a journey through the decades-long malaise of post-industrial New York, "Thou Torturest Me" weaves fiction with fact: from a large brooding lake called Remington Pond to familiar locales such as Clayton, Syracuse, Watertown, Lowville and the Tug Hill Plateau. It is a fast-paced story fueled by prejudice, principle and passion.

The book is available at Corbin's River Heritage in Clayton and online at www.rmdoyon.com.



"Thou Torturest Me" has been released by local author R.M. Doyon and is a sequel to "Upcountry."

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