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ABOUT THE PUBLISHER

Sandra A. Novacek was born and raised in the Detroit, Michigan area and found her true calling as a librarian as a young girl, when she developed a checkout system for the Nancy Drew mysteries she loaned to her friends.

After earning a BA in English from Michigan State University and a Masters in Library Science from Wayne State University, Sandra worked as a high school English and theater teacher near Grand Rapids, Michigan. She then became director of the U.S. Army Education Center in Pruem, Germany before assuming her first librarian position at the Library of Michigan.

In 1975, she began a distinguished career as director of the Cromaine Library in Hartland, Sandra also served her profession on a national and state level through leadership positions with the American Library Association (ALA), Michigan Library Association (MLA), and Friends of Michigan Libraries (FOML). Among the positions, Novacek served as editor of library PR books for ALA, President of MLA, and editor of the FOML friends manual.

In 1996, a former library patron introduced Sandra to Charles Novacek, widower, artist and retired engineer who spoke seven languages and had a fascinating life story. The couple enjoyed a whirlwind courtship. Sandra left her library post and settled with Charles in a high-rise overlooking Detroit's riverfront, later moving to a historic building near Detroit's cultural center. There Charles began work on his memoir.

After her husband's death, Novacek decided by chance to attend a library program featuring noted Chinese author Da Chen speaking on writing and publishing memoir. Arriving early she spoke to him about Charles' life and manuscript and his determination to have it published before his death. Da Chen's message to her was: "He gave you love, now you must give him immortality." These words and the memory of Charles have kept her moving forward to publish ***Border Crossings: Coming of Age in the Czech Resistance***. The memoir is planned for release by Ten21 Press, Detroit in October, 2012 in hardcover, paperback and eBook formats.

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