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## "GATES ALONG MY PATH"

By Karen Board Moran 181 pages Lulu

This is a collection of different and well-researched stories all molded into one. It is a history book may that may awaken bad memories for the orphans split from their siblings and indentured to separate families. It is a book about women's rights and the story of women who cared and built a place to care for orphans and did the best they could. It is a story of women in politics. And it is a history of life in Massachusetts during the 1850s.

Set in Worchester, Mass., it is the story of Eliza McLoughlin, who was born in Ireland about 1842, and came to America with her family. Shortly after they arrived, she lost both parents. In her seventh year, she was accepted by the Children's Friend Society, a home for orphans, and three years later tried to escape, not because she wanted to but because her big sister was running away from her indentured position. So, Liza (her Americanized name) left with her big sister and a plan to take a train to Lowell, Mass. When the train arrived, she hid under a bench seat in the front of one of the cars while the train was still in Worchester and stayed there for the next 142 pages. As she is in her hiding place, she remembers and describes for the reader her life story.

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## WINTER READING

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If you were an orphan, you will connect with these children. If you are a historian, this is a fascinating read of life in the Northeast during the 1850s. If you are interested in woman's rights and stories of brave women who carried the banner, this is for you. Actually it an interesting book for any reader. And it is filled with historic photos.

The book can be purchased at www.lulu.com (click on the bookstore link) or from the author, and soon it will be on Amazon.com.

Karen Board Moran will be signing her book on Monday. See information under Book Events at the end of this column.

- Ned Lord

## BOOK EVENTS

**Book signing** 

Karen Board Moran, author of "Gates Along My Path," will speak and sign books at Posada Java from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 25.