



BEST BOOKS *of Indiana*

2011 FINALIST
FOR NONFICTION

*Growing Up With
Bakers Corner*

Growing Up With Bakers Corner is a marvelous book that is well written and well documented. The stories throughout the book succeed in portraying not only what a remarkable woman was Mary Elizabeth Wilson, but also how far society, particularly rural Indiana, has changed in just two or three generations. This book is great addition to the select group of contest finalists because it is so terrifically Indiana in its very essence. The many references to Indiana places, themes and sentiments and how they have changed in less than a century really added to the reading experience, and the great nostalgic pictures brings back many memories. Editors Carol Stewart Longenecker and Ellen D. Swain should be commended on their ability to elegantly organize these many stories and anecdotal thoughts on everything from small-town Indiana culture to day-to-day activities into an engaging and fluid read.