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Mick Carlon is a thirty-year veteran English and journalism teacher at the high and middle school levels, and the author of the middle-grade novels *Riding on Duke's Train* and *Travels with Louis*. He is a frequent contributor to *Jazz Times*.

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