

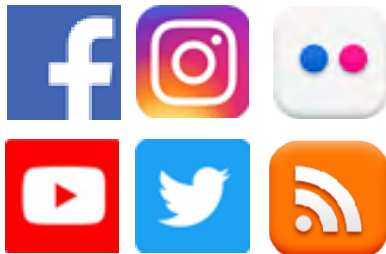
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## HAPPY RETIREMENT, SUE!

If you've called the State Library in the past, you've probably had the pleasure of speaking with Sue Clark at the reference desk.

Sue began her career at the State Library in the Technical Services Department on February 1, 1980, before moving to the Reference Department, where she has devoted her time to helping patrons and librarians across the state by phone and e-mail.

Sue's last day at the State Library was on March 29. We wish her a heartfelt thank you for her dedication to the patrons and librarians of North Dakota. She will be missed, but we hope that she has a great time on her new adventure!

**Happy Retirement, Sue!**



## NEW BOOKS IN THE STATE LIBRARY'S COLLECTION

### Picture Books

*A Friend for Henry* by Jenn Bailey

Henry would like to find a friend at school, but for a boy on the autism spectrum, making friends can be difficult, as his efforts are sometimes misinterpreted, or things just go wrong -- but Henry keeps trying, and in the end he finds a friend he can play with.

*Right This Very Minute: A Table-To-Farm Book About Food and Farming* by Lisl H. Detlefsen

A delicious celebration of food and farming sure to inspire readers of all ages to learn more about where their food comes from -- right this very minute! Here are the stories of what farmers really do to bring food to the table.

### Middle Grade Books

*Wild Life* by Cynthia DeFelice

Erik is shipped off to North Dakota to live with Big Darrell and Oma, grandparents he barely knows after his parents are deployed to Iraq. In this story of adventure and survival, Erik learns about the challenges and satisfactions of living off the land, the power of family secrets, and the pain of losing what you love.

*Eventown* by Corey Ann Haydu

The world tilted for Elodee this year, and now it's impossible for her to be the same as she was before. Not when her feelings have such a strong grip on her heart. Not when she and her twin sister, Naomi, seem to be drifting apart.

### Young Adult Books

*On the Come Up* by Angie Thomas

As the daughter of an underground hip hop legend who died right before he hit big, Bri wants to be one of the greatest rappers of all time -- and has massive shoes to fill.

### Adult Books

*Complete Guide to Bible Journaling* by Joanne Fink

Bible journaling is a new way to engage with scripture through art. This book is your go-to guide to the latest lettering, drawing, painting, and crafting techniques for bringing God's Word to life.

*Making Motherhood Work* by Caitlyn Collins

The work-family conflict that mothers experience today is a national crisis. The author draws on interviews conducted over five years with 135 middle-class working mothers to explore how women navigate work and family.

*Finding Dorothy* by Elizabeth Letts

Hollywood, 1938: The moment Maude Gage Baum hears Judy Garland rehearsing the first notes of "Over the Rainbow," she recognizes the yearning that defined her own life story: from her youth as a suffragette's daughter to her coming of age as one of the first women in the Ivy League, from her blossoming romance with Frank to the hardscrabble prairie years that inspired *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*.

### Genealogical Resources

- Rural and village cemeteries of Barnes County, ND
- Cemeteries of Eddy County, ND
- Cemeteries of Foster County, ND
- Cemeteries of Kidder County, ND
- Cemeteries of Sheridan County, ND
- Rural & Village Cemeteries of Stutsman County, ND
- Most cemeteries of Jamestown, Stutsman County, ND: (all Jamestown cemeteries except Highland Home)
- Cemeteries of ND, Stutsman County. Highland Home Cemetery of Jamestown
- Cemeteries of ND. Volume 29, Wells County
- Cemeteries of Valley City, Barnes County, ND

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### EBOOKS

*Necessary Lies* (Diane Chamberlain)

*The Litigators* (John Grisham)

*NOS4A2* (Joe Hill)

*Girl, Stop Apologizing* (Rachel Hollis)

*The Hummingbird* (Stephen P. Kiernan)

*Devil's Daughter* (Lisa Kleypas)

*Heroine* (Mindy McGinnis)

### AUDIOBOOKS

*Death on the Nile* (Agatha Christie)

*China Rich Girlfriend* (Kevin Kwan)

*For the Love* (Jen Hatmaker)

*The Glass Castle* (Jeannette Walls)

*Skinwalkers* (Tony Hillerman)

*Church of the Small Things* (Melanie Shankle)

*No Traveller Returns* (Louis L'Amour & Beau L'Amour)

These titles, along with many others, are available on [RBDigital](#).

## “KILLING ROMMEL” BY STEVEN PRESSFIELD

Reviewed by Trevor Martinson

No, this book isn't another entry in Bill O'Reilly's *Killing* series. This book is a work of historical fiction. It's written by Steven Pressfield, a prominent figure in the genre.

Pressfield has written other historical novels, pertaining to ancient Greece, which I have also read. These include the outstanding *Gates of Fire* and the riveting *The Virtues of War*. In *Killing Rommel*, Pressfield jumps forward 2,000 years and writes a story about tank warfare in North Africa during World War II. With things going badly for the British, they devise a desperate plan—send a small, armored, and mobile unit behind enemy lines to kill the German commander, Field Marshal Erwin Rommel (aka the “Desert Fox”).

Like most of Pressfield's novels, the story begins with a narrator recounting the story of someone else. In this story, the perspective is from a young lieutenant named Chapman.

I listened to the e-audio version of this novel, and I became so engrossed with the story (due to its realism, Pressfield's writing, and actor Alfred Molina's narration) that I thought the first part of the book was a true story. I thought the author was personally sharing Chapman's story, and then he'd dive into the fictional part later on. It took me a couple chapters to realize my error.

Because the novel is written in memoir format, the dialogue is sparse and the plot is simple. Also, many characters quickly come and go throughout the book. As a result, it is difficult to fully invest in them. Despite its flaws, the book is an enjoyable read (or listen). Pressfield once again doesn't disappoint.

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