

Extra! Stories from the Past

Submitted by Trevor Martinson

The newest sub-collection of [North Dakota Memories](#) is "Extra! Stories from the Past." The sub-collection is stylized with an exclamation point because of its connection with newspapers (as in "Extra! Extra! Read all about it!"). The new sub-collection contains newspaper clippings of interesting stories relating to North Dakota's past.



The sub-collection started out as a spot to host clippings that support [online exhibits](#), which is why there are a few relating to the [Liberty Memorial Building](#). However, the sub-collection is expanding from there.

There are currently about 15 articles spanning from 1912 to 1935. Five newspapers are currently represented: *Bismarck Tribune*, *Fargo Forum and Daily Republican*, *Grand Forks Herald*, *Sioux County Pioneer*, and *Ward County Independent*.

Topics include the Liberty Memorial Building, politics, tragic deaths, accidents, and arrests. Keep in mind that the sub-collection does not include the full newspaper, only select articles. "[Extra! Stories from the Past](#)" is available online on Digital Horizons.

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Beanstack Reading Challenges

Read Across America (March 2026)

Ages: All

March's Beanstack challenge is *Read Across America*. This task involves logging minutes as participants explore new stories and adventures from coast to coast.



Spring Into Reading (April 2026)

Ages: All

The upcoming challenge for April is *Spring into Reading*. This topic encourages readers to put some spring in their step and dive into reading! *Spring into Reading* tracks minutes read.



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2026 Romance

Romance on the high seas is the theme of Katherine Center's *The Shippers*. JoJo is tired of her lackluster love life and her sister's cruise ship wedding party seems like the perfect opportunity for her to break her losing streak. Luckily her first crush happens to be one of the guests and her estranged childhood best friend, Cooper, makes an unexpected appearance just in time to help her scheme. Obviously, the plan is for her and Cooper to pretend to be a couple to make her crush jealous, an operation that has no chance in ending with JoJo desperately in love with the man who used to always be there for her.



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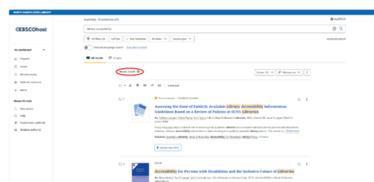
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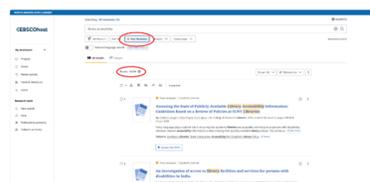
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BITS OF TRIVIA

By Stacey Goldade

Book Dedications

With Valentine's Day just occurring, I thought it might be nice to write about book dedications. Many times, a book is dedicated to a beloved person, like the author's spouse, parent or child. Book dedications have been printed in books since the classical age. In the past, publishers did not always pay authors. Authors were paid by a patron (a wealthy investor) and the books were dedicated to that person. Modern book dedications can be touching, silly, or beautiful; and at least one proposed marriage. *The Invisible Hook: the Hidden Economics of Pirates* by Peter Leeson asked: "Ania, I love you; will you marry me?" Reportedly, she said "yes". Here are some other interesting dedications:

*This book is dedicated to everybody you hate.
Sorry. Life's like that sometimes.*

- *The Fourth Protocol* by Frederick Forsyth: "For Shane Richard, aged five, without whose loving attentions this book would have been written in half the time."
- *Austenland* by Shannon Hale: "For Colin Firth: You're a really great guy, but I'm married, so I think we should just be friends."
- *Murder Road* by Simone St. James: "For anyone who was told they're weird because they read too much. Because you're not, and you don't."

Many people probably skip over the dedication when they read a book, but there are some interesting ones out there.

Digital Collection Spotlight

By Trevor Martinson

Concordia Revealed

The "Concordia Revealed" collection consists of over 2,000 photographs taken of life on and surrounding Concordia College from the creation of the college to the present day. Included in this collection are photographs that show many aspects of student life including dorm living and free-time activities, and campus activities such as sporting events, theater productions and classes. Look through this collection to see the evolution of Concordia's campus, buildings and student body through the decades as revealed through these photographs. This digital collection is provided by Concordia College and is available on [Digital Horizons](#).



[View the Collection](#)

New Items At The ND State Library

Nonfiction Books

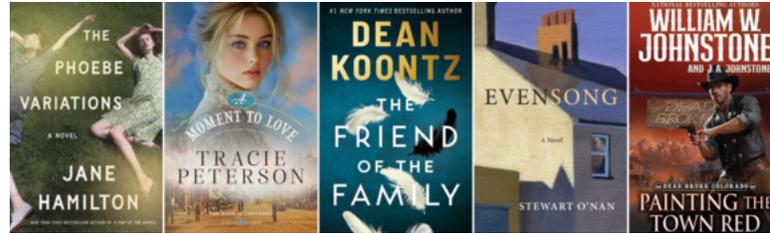


"The Traitors Circle" by Jonathan Freedland; "Race Against Terror" by Jake Tapper; "The Martians" by David Baron; "Polar War" by Kenneth R. Rosen; "Wonderful Mothers and Their Favorite Recipes" by Paulette Bullinger & Kevin Kremer

Fiction Books



"Other People's Houses" by Clare Mackintosh; "Next Time Will Be Our Turn" by Jesse Q. Sutanto; "The Witching Hours" by Heather Graham; "Their Amish Courtship Secret" by Jo Ann Brown; "The Man From Dakota" by Peter Brandvold



"The Phoebe Variations" by Jane Hamilton; "A Moment to Love" by Tracie Peterson; "The Friend of the Family" by Dean Koontz; "Evensong" by Stewart O'Nan; "Painting the Town Red" by William W. Johnstone & J.A. Johnstone



"Blue Roan Colt" by Dusty Richards with Velda Brotherton; "Good Hair Days" by Grace Helena Walz; "Regretting You" by Colleen Hoover; "Undercover in Amish Country" by Lenora Worth; "Summer on Lilac Island" by Lindsay MacMillan



"Woman Down" by Colleen Hoover; "Shattered Amish Identity" by Mary Alford; "The Whistler" by Nick Medina; "Some Bright Nowhere" by Ann Packer; "Robert Ludlum's The Bourne Revenge" by Brian Freeman



"Menu of Happiness" by Hisashi Kashiwai; "Follow My Voice" by Ariana Godoy; "The Bell Tolls at Traeger Hall" by Jaime Jo Wright; "The Future Saints" by Ashley Winstead; "The Second Chance Cinema" by Thea Weiss

E-Magazines



Quiltmaker; Country Style; Home Beautiful; The Simple Things; Adirondack Explorer

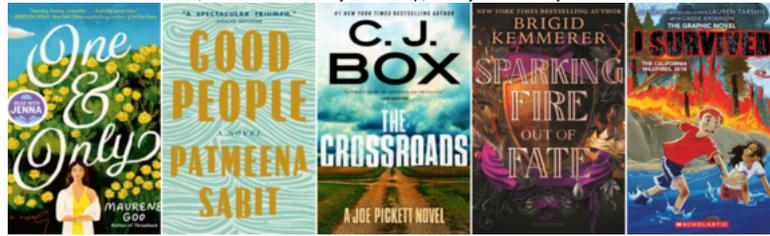


Horse Deals; Delicious; Women's Weekly; The Absolute Sound; Trains

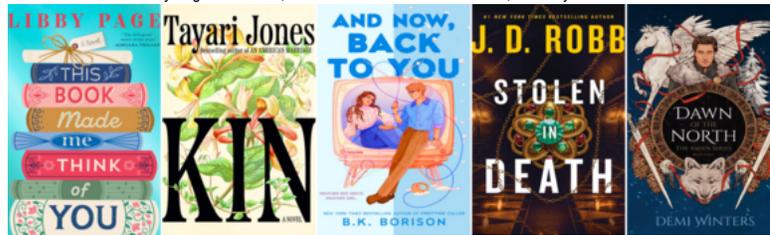
Fiction E-Books



"Mists Over the Channel Islands" by Sarah Sundin; "Keeper of Lost Children" by Sadeqa Johnson; "Two Can Play" by Ali Hazelwood; "Worse Than a Lie" by Ben Crump; "Honey Bee Mine" by Sarah T. Dubb

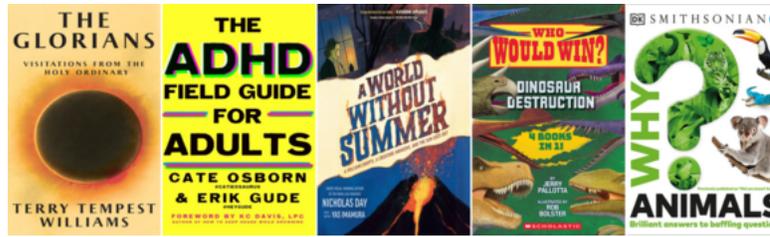


"One & Only" by Maurene Goo; "Good People" by Patmeena Sabit; "The Crossroads" by C. J. Box; "Sparking Fire Out of Fate" by Brigid Kemmerer; "I Survived The California Wildfires, 2018" by Lauren Tarshis



"This Book Made Me Think Of You" by Libby Page; "Kin" by Tayari Jones; "And Now, Back To You" by B.K. Borison; "Stolen in Death" by J. D. Robb; "Dawn of the North" by Demi Winters

Nonfiction E-Books



"The Glorians" by Terry Tempest Williams; "The ADHD Field Guide for Adults" by Cate Osborn & Erik Gude; "A World Without Summer" by Nicholas Day; "Dinosaur Destruction" by Jerry Pallotta; "Why? Animals" by DK Smithsonian

Fiction E-Audiobooks



"Where the Wildflowers Grow" by Terah Shelton Harris; "Braving the Truth" by Rachel Held Evans; "A Box Full of Darkness" by Simone St. James; "Hypergifted" by Gordon Korman; "We're Not Safe Here" by Rin Chupeco



"The Astral Library" by Kate Quinn; "How To Kill a Guy in Ten Dates" by Shailee Thompson; "It's Not Her" by Mary Kubica; "When I Kill You" by B. A. Paris; "Throne of Nightmares" by Kerri Maniscalco

Nonfiction E-Audiobooks



"You With The Sad Eyes" by Christina Applegate; "The Blood Countess" by Shelley Puhak; "Kid Olympians: Winter" by Robin Stevenson; "The Amazing Generation" by Jonathan Haidt & Catherine Price; "A World Appears" by Michael Pollan

New Items Added to Digital Horizons

A highlight of the items added to the various digital collections of the North Dakota State Library.

North Dakota Memories

- Arnegard Baseball Club Minutes, 1915
- Arnegard Commercial Club minutes [1914-1932]
- Candidates for Burleigh County Sheriff, N.D., June 1934 [newspaper article, 1934]
- Check from Arnegard Commercial Club, 1928
- Mrs. E. Roulier of Velva, Poisons Little Daughter, Then Suicides [newspaper article, 1920]
- Nonpartisan League ticket, N.D., February 1924
- Proposed State Capitol Grounds [newspaper article, 1920]
- State Building is Damaged by Blaze [newspaper article, 1933]
- The Censorship Craze [newspaper article, 1927]



Political Prairie Fire

- Caught in the Trap [political cartoon, 1919]
- Getting Rid of the Parasites [political cartoon, 1918]
- Governor Recommends That the Legislature Pass Necessary Appropriations and Adjourn [newspaper article, 1921]
- Independent Voters' Assn. is New Name [newspaper article, 1918]
- L. L. Twichell Now Speaker of House [newspaper article, 1921]
- New Warden to Assume Duties This Saturday [newspaper article, 1920]
- Report of the N.D. Industrial Commission, 1925



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Book Club Kit

"Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine" by Gail Honeyman

"Meet Eleanor Oliphant: she struggles with appropriate social skills and tends to say exactly what she's thinking. Nothing is missing in her carefully timetabled life of avoiding unnecessary human contact, where weekends are punctuated by frozen pizza, vodka, and phone chats with Mummy. But everything changes when Eleanor meets Raymond, the bumbling and deeply unhygienic IT guy from her office. When she and Raymond together save Sammy, an elderly gentleman who has fallen, the three rescue one another from the lives of isolation that they had been living. Ultimately, it is Raymond's big heart that will help Eleanor find the way to repair her own profoundly damaged one. If she does, she'll learn that she, too, is capable of finding friendship—and even love—after all."



This kit includes ten books, a discussion guide, and a sign-in sheet. For more information, check out our Library Kits Unboxed video at <https://www.facebook.com/reel/1195979275892938>.

Reserve This Kit

Empowerment for Single Parents

Submitted by AI Peterson

Parenthood is a winding path filled with enchanting moments, anxiety, unbridled joy, stress, and unexpected challenges. Embarking on this journey alone, as a single parent, can amplify these emotions and add unique complexities to the mix. With no partner to share the daily ups and downs, single parents often bear the brunt of societal judgment, navigate complicated conversations about the absent parent with their child, and grapple with heightened stress levels. Universal Class has created this course to serve as a beacon of light, illuminating the way forward with actionable strategies, compassionate insights, and practical solutions tailored for those navigating the world of single parenting. Celebrate the distinct joys that a single-parent family can offer, while mastering the skills to overcome the unique challenges you face. If you are facing the realities of single parenthood, then this course is a great resource.

By taking this ten-lesson course, you will equip yourself with sensitive, yet direct methods to handle intricate conversations with your child, fostering a safe and understanding environment. You will learn ways to recognize the underlying behavioral patterns of children raised in single-parent households and build a harmonious bond based on trust and mutual respect. Participants will also discover ways to strike a balance between personal aspirations, professional responsibilities, and parental duties while equipping themselves with strategies to manage financial responsibilities head-on and recognize the importance of self-care amidst the hustle of single parenthood.

As always, Universal Class courses are self-paced and taken at your convenience on your time. To sign up for this and other great Universal Class courses, go to <https://northdakotastatend.universalclass.com/> to get started. Use the search box or find this course in the *Parenting and Family* category.

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