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Past surveys have shown that new talking book borrowers often found out about our service from other talking book borrowers. You are doing a wonderful deed when you tell a family member, a neighbor, or a friend about talking books. Let them know that visual impairment or physical disability doesn't mean the end of reading. Tell them the Talking Book and Braille Service is a free source for 55,000 recorded books

and 98 magazines on cassette. Hearing from someone who enjoys talking books makes the program much more inviting to someone who qualifies but is reluctant to sign up.

If you would like application forms and brochures for our service, just let us know. We would be happy to send you as many as you can use. ■

Tune In to Old Time Radio on CD

If you love golden age of radio mysteries, comedies, and drama, you might enjoy listening to our newest selections on CD. Mystery and suspense programs include *The Screen Director's Playhouse*, *Lux Radio Theatre*, *Lights Out*, *Alfred Hitchcock*, *Inner Sanctum*, *Suspense*, *Dragnet*, *The Whistler*, *The Mysterious Traveler*, *Molle Mystery Theatre*, and *Mystery in the Air*.

For a good laugh, try *Abbott & Costello*, *Burns & Allen*, *Fibber McGee and Molly*, *Vic and Sade*, *Jack Benny*, and *Bob Hope*. For science fiction, try *Dimension X* and *X-Minus One*. To step back in time and enjoy old-time radio from the 1930s, 1940s, and early 1950s, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■

March



New Cassette Books from Our Studios

Fiction

The Big Empty: Contemporary Nebraska Nonfiction Writers RC 1041

edited by Ladette Randolph and Nina
Shevchuk-Murray

read by Judy Hanefeldt

2 cassettes

Essays by twenty-seven Nebraska writers from across the state capture various facets of Nebraska life and history. Includes Baseball Hall of Famer Bob Gibson, former U.S. Poet Laureate Ted Kooser, former First Lady Ruth Thone, and former governor and U.S. Senator Bob Kerry. Diverse topics include the Oregon Trail, politics, weather, Buffalo Bill, Native Americans, Internet cafes, wrens, and the Vietnam War.

Non-fiction

I Can 2: Coach Ron Brown's Inspiring Story RC 990

by Art Lindsay

read by Mary Moore

2 cassettes

Biography of a former football athlete and receiving coach at Nebraska focuses on Ron Brown's Christian faith and his concern for youth.

Still Full of Sap: Reflections on Growing Older RC 1006

by Mary Costello

read by Carolin Roehr

2 cassettes

Author presents a good-natured look at her own growth in faith. As a parent and later a grandparent, she describes her struggles in instilling conventional family values in the midst of a materialistic world. With candor and grace, she confronts serious family problems, such as alcoholism, addiction, and the recovery process.

I Christen Thee, Nebraska: History of the USS Nebraska and Nebraska Related Naval Ships RC1014

by Monty McCord

read by Gail Barnard

2 cassettes

A comprehensive history of 34 U.S. naval vessels named after the heartland state, or its people and places. Nebraska's history at sea runs from the Civil War to the present. The USS Nebraska (BB-14) was one of the sixteen battleships that steamed around the world as part of Theodore Roosevelt's Great White Fleet. Today's USS Nebraska (SSBN-739) is a nuclear Trident missile submarine also known as "Big Red," in honor of its namesake.

Questions and Answers

Question: I enjoy reading books in series since they tell a story that continues from book to book. How can I make sure I receive these books in the correct order?

Answer: Usually we have no problem sending you the first book in a series, though you might have to wait if that book is in high demand. After that, you can assist us by letting your Readers Advisor know when you are ready for the next book in a specific

series. It is helpful if you tell us the author and title of the last book in the series that you have read, as well as the name of the series. It is also helpful if you know where that title falls in the series, such as book one, book two, or book three. Our computer system does not recognize books in series, so it is unlikely it would automatically send you the next book in correct order. ■

Books for Windy Days and Tourney Time

The month of March stirs memories of basketball tournaments and windy days just warm enough

for kite flying. Here are some books just right for end of winter reading.

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RC 46209 *To the Hoop: the Seasons of a Basketball Life*, by Ira Berkow

A respected sportswriter in his mid-fifties, Berkow has enjoyed playing basketball since childhood. He discusses how basketball has shaped his strategy and perspective both on and off the court. Pickup games offer him the opportunity to look into the soul of others as well as his own. Berkow describes how he strives to improve his skills.

RC 52739 *The Luckiest Girl*, by Beverly Cleary

Shelley Latham is eager for new experiences when her parents let her spend her junior year of high school with family friends in sunny California. She enjoys dating a popular basketball player until he fails biology and loses his place on the team. For grades 6-9.

RC 54615 *Everything and a Kite*, by Ray Romano

Stand-up comedian and star of television show *Everybody Loves Raymond* describes his family life in

humorous anecdotes, encompassing a childhood in Queens, New York; marriage; parenthood with twins; and aging. Strong language.

RC 55514 *My Losing Season*, by Pat Conroy

Author describes his basketball team's mediocre season during his senior year at The Citadel in 1966-67. Despite an antagonistic coach, Conroy loved being a point guard. He recalls his team's many losses, but remembers the bonds formed among his teammates. Strong language.

RC 55754 *The Tail of the Tip-Off*, by Rita Mae Brown and Sneaky Pie Brown

After a women's basketball game at the University of Virginia, a man drops dead in the parking lot. With the help of her pets, postmistress Mary Minor "Harry" Haristeen investigates the murder of local contractor H. H. Donaldson and corruption in the building industry. Some strong language.

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RC 57457 *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini

An Afghan in California recalls a fateful 1975 day in Kabul that seared his soul at age twelve—the day he won a kite tournament and abandoned a younger companion to rape. That cowardice keeps haunting him during exile in America until the opportunity for atonement arises—back in Taliban-controlled Afghanistan. Violence and some strong language.

RC 58545 *Brothers in Arms: the Epic Story of the 761st Tank Battalion, WWII's Forgotten Heroes*, by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Anthony Walton

Basketball great Abdul-Jabbar and journalist Walton chronicle the training, battlefield, and postwar experiences of the first African American armored unit to fight in World War II alongside white troops. Authors describe the soldiers' 183 days on the French and German

fronts and their struggles with racial prejudice.

RC 58901 *Wings: a History of Aviation from Kites to the Space Age*, by Tom D. Crouch

Account by senior aeronautics curator at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum tracing air flight evolution from balloons and gliders to jetliners and stealth bombers. Highlights memorable engineers, scientists, industrialists, and aviators who pioneered and furthered the air age.

RC 60192 *Double Homicide: Boston and Santa Fe*, by Faye Fellerman

Two short mysteries set in different locations. In *Still Life*, Santa Fe detectives investigate the murder of a wealthy but shady art gallery owner. The novella *In the Land of Giants*, set in Boston, features the death of a college basketball player. Some strong language. ■

Magazines for Family Living

With warmer temperatures and more daylight, here is an assortment of free cassette magazines about

family activities. *Humpty Dumpty's*, produced by the Florida Regional Library, is a magazine full of stories,

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poems, puzzles, and more to engage children age 4 to 6. The magazine's philosophy is to help kids have fun through creative ways to exercise, eat right, and play safely.

Your Dog, published monthly by Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine, is a resource for those who care about their canine family members. Articles cover health, training, and behavior issues, plus reviews of dog-friendly products. Recorded by the Florida Regional Library.

Providing an overview of proposed federal and state legislation, regulations, and policies, the *Mental Health Law Reporter, Including Report on Disability Law* contains articles of interest to individuals with disabilities. It is produced by the Talking Book and Braille Service.

America's family magazine since 1882, *Grit* focuses on taking a positive approach to life. Recorded monthly in our own studios, *Grit* features articles that promote encouragement, dedication, and determination.

The Saturday Evening Post, produced six times a year, is a general-interest magazine containing humor, fiction, and non-fiction articles. It is recorded by the Braille and Talking Book Division of the Arizona State Library.

Martha Stewart Living, published twelve times per year, offers creative solutions, delicious recipes, and helpful hints to make your life more comfortable, organized, and fun. It is produced by the Florida Regional Library.

Designed to give women the tools they need to explore and reach for their dreams, *O—The Oprah Magazine* is a monthly publication recorded by Associated Services for the Blind. It is intended to help women make smart choices for a happier and more fulfilling life.

To sign up for any of these free cassette magazines, please use the order form on page 7 or contact your Readers Advisor.

More Golden Oldies

Here are more wonderful books recorded in our studios in past years. To order, please check the box next to the RC number and return this page to Talking Book and Braille Service, or contact your Readers Advisor.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 830 <i>Frontier Nebraska: Stories of Hardship and Triumph from Boone County in the 1870s</i> , compiled by Stephen Hutchinson
4 cassettes Nebraska history | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 833 <i>Sun Dancer</i> , by David London
3 cassettes Native American fiction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 831 <i>American Jewish Fiction</i> , edited by Gerald Shapiro
4 cassettes Short stories | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 834 <i>In Search of Donna Reed</i> , by Jay Fultz
2 cassettes Biography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RC 832 <i>Mystery of Hunting's End</i> , by Mignon Good Eberhart
2 cassettes Mystery | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 835 <i>Presentations . . . A Collection of Culinary Favorites</i> , by the Friends of Lied
2 cassettes Recipes |

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Humpty Dumpty's | <input type="checkbox"/> Your Dog | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 55754 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Martha Stewart Living | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 57457 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Law Reporter, Including Report on Disability Law | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 1006 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 58545 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> O—The Oprah Magazine | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 1014 | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 58901 |
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| | <input type="checkbox"/> RC 46209 | |
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- ❑ **RC 836 *More Country Things: Selections from the Newspaper Series***, by Bob Artley
1 cassette Farm life

- ❑ **RC 837 *Saddle Pals: Memories of Favorite Horses Shared***, edited by Jerry Wiebel
1 cassette Horse stories

- ❑ **RC 838 *Happy as a Big Sunflower: Adventures in the West, 1876-1880***, by Rolf Johnson
3 cassettes
Pioneer autobiography

- ❑ **RC 839 *Guide to Nebraska Authors***, by Gerry Cox and Carol MacDaniels
3 cassettes Biographies

- ❑ **RC 840 *Croutons on a Cow-Pie: Volume II***, by Baxter Black
1 cassette Humor

- ❑ **RC 841 *Grandpa Was a Cowboy & an Indian and Other Stories***, by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve
1 cassette
Native American short stories

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