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2013 One Book One Nebraska

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O Pioneers! by Willa Cather was selected for the 2013 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program. It is DB 47646. *O Pioneers!* is the story of the Bergsons, a family of Swedish pioneers who settles in Hanover, Nebraska, on the American prairie. While Alexandra, the family matriarch, turns the family farm into a financial success, her brother Emil struggles. In middle age, Alexandra's old flame, Carl Linstrum, returns to Hanover, and Alexandra has a chance for personal happiness. A novel surprisingly ahead of its time, it touches on a wide range of enduring

themes—love, marriage, temptation, and isolation.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, is now in its ninth year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or have a Nebraska theme or setting. Libraries across Nebraska will join the Willa Cather Foundation, Nebraska Center for the Book, and other organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events. ■

Talking Book Topics on Cartridge

Beginning with the January – February issue of *Talking Book Topics*, some readers who receive the publication on cassette will now receive it on cartridge. For a time, some will receive *Talking Book Topics* on both cassette and cartridge. Those who receive *Talking Book*

Topics on cassette will continue to receive the order form with the rest of the publication. Readers who get *Talking Book Topics* on cartridge may receive the order form either before or after the cartridge arrives in the mail. ■



BARD Now Bigger Than Ever

BARD is a free Internet site that lets you download books and magazines without waiting for materials to arrive through the mail. All you need is an email address, a high-speed Internet connection, and the ability to unzip and download files. If you have been waiting for more reasons to sign up for BARD, here are seven new ones:

1. The new BARD now includes audio books and magazines, plus Braille materials formerly accessed through Web-Braille.
2. Books and magazines now contain links to both audio and Braille titles. These links are always at level 1, and audio is always listed first.
3. If you only want to see one type of book, you can set this up by choosing the Account Settings link on the BARD main page. Indicate your choice in the Display Results combo box. This page also gives you the option to display the

site in color or black and white.

4. Braille music scores and audio music instruction courses are now on BARD.
5. Each book title is now a link that will send you to a page with several new features. The author's link will display all books on BARD by that author. A series link will list all books on BARD in that series. A subject link will list all books on BARD on that subject. A narrator's link will display all books on BARD read by that narrator.
6. All bestsellers on BARD will be displayed under the subject Bestseller.
7. There is a link that will add a book to your wish list to help you locate a certain title for a later download.

For assistance in signing up for BARD, please contact your Readers Advisor. ■

Magazines Provide Windows to the Past

If you wonder how the present is linked to the past or have an interest in current events that are shaping history, you might be interested in the

following free recorded magazines from the Talking Book and Braille Service:

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American History covers personalities, as well as social, political, military, and artistic themes that played a role in the development of our country. This bimonthly publication is produced by the Arizona Regional Library.

Smithsonian Association Newsletter, a monthly publication, offers a wide variety of articles about science, history, art, archaeology, and ecology. It also covers events at America's foremost museum, the Smithsonian Institution. It is produced by the District of Columbia Library.

If you would like to learn about your own state, you would enjoy *Nebraska History*, a quarterly publication of the Nebraska State Historical Society. Also a quarterly, *Nebraska History News* offers short

articles and a calendar of events. Both publications are recorded in our own studios.

If you enjoy fond memories of yesterday, you would enjoy *Reminisce* and its companion magazine, *Reminisce Extra*. Published in alternating months, these two magazines are also recorded in our own studios. Another bimonthly, *Good Old Days* is filled with America's best memories, written by those who lived them. Recorded by the Iowa Regional Library, this magazine contains nostalgic articles, letters, poems, songs, and reminiscences.

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

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Questions and Answers

Question: Occasionally when I insert a cartridge, the player announces end of book. How do I get to the beginning?

Answer: The easiest way is to press the green, square play/stop key a second time. This should take you to the beginning. If that doesn't work, try pressing and holding the rewind key, which is a triangle pointing left beside the play/stop key. Press and hold the

rewind key until the player announces beginning of book.

If you still don't arrive at the beginning, there is a chance that files on the cartridge are defective. Your next step is to call your Readers Advisor to ask for another copy. Before you return the first copy to us, please place a rubber band around the cartridge to show that you suspect it is defective. ■

Great Books for Winter Nights

In the middle of winter, it is easy to long for spring. Here are some wonderful titles to remind us that winter can be savored.

DB 1065 *Valentines*, by Ted Kooser
Former U.S. poet laureate and winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Poetry, Ted Kooser presents Valentine poems which he began writing in 1986 to fifty women friends. A new poem was printed on postcards and mailed each year. Twenty-two years later, an annual poem was being sent to over 2500 women throughout the United States.

DB 67398 *George Washington's Secret Navy: How the American Revolution Went to Sea*, by James L. Nelson

Award-winning author examines the establishment of an American navy during

the Revolutionary War. Discusses the roles of the Continental Congress and George Washington in the October 1775 authorization for the first ships. Details the scrimmages between Washington's armed schooners and the British fleet.

DB 68556 *Downtown Owl: a Novel*, by Chuck Klosterman

The experiences of three people in the fictional small town of Owl, North Dakota, from August 1983 until a killer blizzard the following February. Milwaukee transplant Julia is a new teacher, Mitch is an atypical football player, and elderly Horace is a lifelong Owl resident. Strong language.

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DB 68614 *Angels and Ages: a Short Book about Darwin, Lincoln, and Modern Life*, by Adam Gopnik

Writer from *The New Yorker* pens a dual biography of Charles Darwin and Abraham Lincoln—both born on February 12, 1809—and analyzes their influence on society. Posits that Lincoln's speeches and Darwin's writings assisted in the spread of new ideas.

DB 70395 *Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: the Remarkable Story of the Friendship between a First Lady and a Former Slave*, by Jennifer

Fleischner

Dual biography of First Lady Mary Lincoln and her Washington, D. C., seamstress Elizabeth Keckly, a former slave who bought her own freedom and started a business. Speculates on the women's friendship during the period Mrs. Lincoln suffered through the deaths of her son and husband and experienced financial difficulties.

DB 70742 *To Try Men's Souls: a Novel of George Washington and the Fight for American Freedom*, by Newt Gingrich, William R. Forstchen, and Albert S Hanser

December 25, 1776. General George

Washington urges the ragtag Continental Army, including Private Jonathan van Dorn, to cross the Delaware River under nightfall for an attack on Hessian mercenaries. To encourage the men, van Dorn reads aloud from Thomas Paine's *The American Crisis*, a pamphlet he helped inspire.

DB 71249 *Not without Hope*, by Nick Schuyler and Jere Longman

Recounts a February 2009 boating accident in the Gulf of Mexico that killed NFL players Marquis Cooper and Corey Smith and former university football player Will Bleakley. Sole survivor Schuyler describes the ordeal he and his friends faced when their boat capsized shortly before a storm. Some strong language.

DB 71711 *Libby Prison Breakout: the Daring Escape from the Notorious Civil War Prison*, by Joseph Wheelan

Recounts the February 1864 escape of 109 Union officers from Libby Prison, a Confederate jail in Richmond, Virginia. Describes the conditions in the facility, the atmosphere in the city, the personalities involved, and the prisoner-exchange policies of the Civil War. Some violence.

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DB 72054 *The River Cottage*

Preserves Handbook, by Pam Corbin

Explains how to avoid the four spoilers of preserves-making and creating both savory and sweet provisions to eat throughout the winter months. Includes instructions for preparing jams, jellies, pickles, chutneys, relishes, cordials, fruit liquors, vinegars, canned fruits, sauces, ketchups, and oil-based items such as garden pesto.

DB 72418 *In the Blink of an Eye:*

Dale, Daytona, and the Day That Changed Everything, by Michael Waltrip and Ellis Henican

NASCAR driver Michael Waltrip recalls the Daytona 500 race he won on February 18, 2001, that took the life of his mentor and employer Dale Earnhardt. Waltrip reminisces about his life as the younger brother of fellow racer Darrell and his work with Earnhardt, known as the Intimidator.

DB 72482 *Ice Cold: a Rizzoli & Isles Novel*, by Tess Gerritsen

At a Wyoming conference, Dr. Maura Isles uncharacteristically accepts a colleague's invitation to join an overnight ski trip. When their vehicle rolls off a remote road, the travelers find shelter in an eerily abandoned village. Meanwhile, Maura's Boston friends frantically try to locate her. Violence and strong language.

DB 72743 *Snowbound*, by Richard S. Wheeler

After his 1847 court-martial, Colonel John Fremont, known as the Pathfinder, resigns from the army and embarks on an expedition to survey a proposed railway between St. Louis and San Francisco. Trapped in the Colorado mountains during winter, his team battles starvation and freezing temperatures.

DB 72920 *My Father at 100*, by Ron Reagan

Ronald Reagan's youngest child seeks to provide a deeper understanding of the fortieth president, who would have turned one hundred on February 6, 2011. Shares experiences from his father's past and his own family memories. Posits that memory lapses his father experienced while in office foreshadowed his Alzheimer's diagnosis.

DB 73190 *The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery*, by Eric Foner

Chronicles the evolution of Lincoln's ideas about slavery and membership in the new Republican Party in the 1850s to his presidency during the Civil War. Discusses the impact that religion, the abolitionist movement, and political necessities had on his beliefs. Pulitzer Prize. ■

New on Digital

DB 570 *Fighting Liberal: The Autobiography of George W. Norris*
Nebraska autobiography

DB 20629 *Destry Rides Again*, by
Max Brand Western

DB 20907 *Full Circle*, by Danielle
Steel
Modern fiction. Contains strong language
and descriptions of sex.

DB 20919 *The Walking Drum*, by
Louis L'Amour
Historical (medieval) fiction

DB 21095 *Old Fashioned Girl*, by
Louisa May Alcott
American classic. For grades 5 to 8.

DB 21183 *The Forsyte Saga*, by John
Galsworthy Historical fiction

DB 21206 *Stillwatch*, by Mary
Higgins Clark Suspense

DB 21242 *Passage to India*, by E. M.
Forester British classic

DB 21248 *Family Album*, by Danielle
Steel Family Novel
Contains sex, strong language, and violence.

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Order Form and Mailing Instructions

Mark the books and magazines you wish to order, then put the page into an envelope and mail to the Nebraska Library Commission Talking Book & Braille Service, 1200 N Street, Suite #120, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE 68508-2023.

American History

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Reminisce Extra

Smithsonian
Association Newsletter

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DB 47646

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❑ **DB 21366 *Ice Station Zebra***, by
Alistair MacLean Spy

❑ **DB 21403 *Fighting Caravans***, by
Zane Grey Western

❑ **DB 21426 *Silvertip's Strike***, by
Max Brand Western

❑ **DB 21435 *The Gentle Gunman***,
by Max Brand Western

❑ **DB 21476 *King of the Range***, by
Max Brand Western

❑ **DB 21507 *Dream of Orchids***, by
Phyllis Whitney Gothic

❑ **DB 21513 *Hunt for Red October***,
by Tom Clancy
Suspense. Strong language.

❑ **DB 20610 *Three Blind Mice and
Other Stories***, by Agatha Christie
Mysteries

❑ **DB 21524 *The House of the
Spirits***, by Isabel Allende
Family novel. Strong language and
descriptions of sex.

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