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## One Book One Nebraska

Newsletter  
of the  
Nebraska  
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Talking Book  
& Braille  
Service

*Once Upon a Town: the Miracle of the North Platte Canteen*, by Bob Greene, was selected for the 2014 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program. In audio, it is DB 54433. In Braille, it is BR 14210, available through the Utah Braille Service or as a BARD download.

*Once Upon a Town* is the inspirational story of North Platte, Nebraska, a town that served as a brief haven for millions of WWII American soldiers. From Christmas Day 1941 until the end of the war, the

residents welcomed every troop train with food, drink, magazines, and words of encouragement.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, is now in its tenth 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 are planning book discussions, activities, and events. ■

## Magazines for History Buffs

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.

*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

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# Magazines for History Buffs

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Smithsonian Institution. It is produced by the Florida Regional 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. ■

## Questions and Answers

Question: I really enjoy my Library of Congress digital player, but I notice the battery doesn't hold a charge as long as it used to. What should I do?

Answer: Over time, the digital player's battery life will gradually reduce. If your digital player's battery lasts less than twelve hours between charges and you need the player to be portable, call us to request another player.

Remember you can leave your player plugged in all or most of the time to extend the life of your battery.

Try not to leave your player unused for long periods of time without having it plugged in. Don't be surprised if battery life between charges fluctuates from one time to the next, especially if you have been using a flash drive instead of a cartridge.

On another matter related to the digital player, borrowers have been asking whether or not they should rewind their books and magazines on cartridge. Because digital cartridges have no moving parts, they do not have to be rewound. ■

# Good Books for Late Winter

January and February were made for a warm fire, a hot beverage, and a good book. Here are some cozy books for long winter nights.

**DB 1065 *Valentines***, by Ted Kooser, with a new introduction by the poet  
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 2,500 women throughout the United States.

**DB 67078 *Always by My Side: a Father's Grace and a Sports Journey Unlike Any Other***, by Jim Nantz with Eli Spielman  
CBS sportscaster Nantz recounts his career, which has included calling the

play-by-plays at the Super Bowl, the Final Four, and the Masters. Offers anecdotes about the athletes and coworkers he's befriended over the years and memories of his beloved father—his mentor until Alzheimer's took its toll.

**DB 68008 *The Moviegoer***, by Walker Percy  
New Orleans. Apathetic young businessman and avid movie fan Binx Bolling undertakes a quest for authenticity that outrages his family, endangers his aunt's fragile stepdaughter Kate, and leads him into the chaos of Mardi Gras—during which he opens up to love. Contains some strong language.

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**DB 68523 *Deadlier than the Pen: a Diana Spaulding Mystery, Book 1***, by Kathy Lynn Emerson

New York City, 1888. Editor Horatio Foxe asks widowed reporter Diana Spaulding to interview Damon Bathory, a gothic author whose book tour has met with two murders. Diana pursues Damon and falls in love with Dr. Ben Northcote of Maine.

**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, contributing editor

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*.

**DB 71222 *Bitten by Cupid***, by Linsay Sands, Pamela Palmer, and Jaime Rush  
Three paranormal romances. In Linsay Sands's "Vampire Valentine," vampire matriarch Marguerite Argeneau uses a mission as an excuse to play matchmaker for mortal Tiny McGraw and undead Mirabeau La Roche. Includes "Hearts Untamed" and "Kiss and Kill Cupid." Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex.

**DB 72044 *The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers***, by Thomas Fleming  
Historian explores the personal lives of founding fathers George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. Discusses their marriages and the characters of their wives, lovers, and children. Speculates on the first ladies' influence and the erosion of some reputations.

**DB 72627 *Hard Winter: a Western Story***, by Johnny D. Boggs

Jim Hawkins tells his grandson about the time he ran away to be a cowboy. He recalls joining Tommy O'Hallahan and mentor John Henry Kenton to learn the ropes and remembers the blizzards of 1886-1887 that killed the cattle and almost froze the teens to death on the range.

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

Chronicles the evolution of Lincoln's ideas about slavery, from his early career in Illinois 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.

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**DB 73334** *If You Ask Me: (And of Course You Won't)*, by Betty White

Eighty-nine-year-old award-winning actress from *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, *The Golden Girls*, and *Hot in Cleveland* comments on aging and friendships. Discusses her love of animals and continuing popularity, as evidenced by her hosting *Saturday Night Live* and starring in a Super Bowl commercial in 2010.

**DB 75564** *The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln*, by Stephen L. Carter

In this alternative history of Abraham Lincoln, the president survives the assassination attempt only to be faced with charges that his conduct during the Civil War violated the U. S. Constitution. Young law clerk Abigail Canner, a black woman, assists the defense. Some violence and some strong language.

**DB 76024** *Seward: Lincoln's Indispensable Man*, by Walter Stahr

Biography of William Henry Seward (1801-1872), the Whig governor and senator from New York who served as secretary of state under Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson. Highlights Seward's accomplishments during the Civil War and afterwards, including negotiating the

purchase of Alaska from Russia and pressuring France to leave Mexico.

**DB 76070** *Giant in the Shadows: the Life of Robert T. Lincoln*, by

Jason Emerson

Biography of Robert T. Lincoln (1843-1926), the only son of Abraham Lincoln to reach adulthood. Discusses the political career of the Harvard-educated Chicago lawyer and businessman as a diplomat and U.S. secretary of war. Analyzes his relationship with his mother and covers the management of his father's legacy.

**DB 76309** *A Week in Winter*, by Maeve Binchy

Chicky Starr returns home to Stoneybridge in western Ireland after twenty years in New York City. Chicky restores a dilapidated mansion and makes it into a boutique hotel with the help of her niece and a friend's son. A motley crew of characters become their first guests.

## New Books from our Studios

### ***The Usual Mistakes* DB 1172**

by Erin Flanagan

read by Margaret Polk

8 hours 40 minutes

Twelve short stories feature Midwestern characters driven by regret. A thirty-one-year-old widow forges medical credentials to work in a dermatology clinic that performs laser surgery. A young female patient seeks her help in removing neo-Nazi tattoos covering her body. In another story, a young man drags his girlfriend to Myrtle Beach, where his mother has arranged a family intervention that would hopefully stop her husband's drinking. Rather than a life-changing event, the intervention, the mother's third attempt, more closely resembles a Super Bowl party. Contains some strong language.

### ***Land of Her Own: a Montana Homestead* DB 1176**

by Ruth Richert Jones

read by Marilee McPherson

6 hours 20 minutes

Jake Richert's parents were Hollanders who migrated from Russia to South Dakota in search of religious freedom. Sara's maternal grandparents did the same. After their first buggy ride together, Sara falls in love with Jake. Because she is only fourteen and her parents insist she is too young to be courted, Jake marries

someone else. After the couple moves away and starts a family, Jake's wife dies. Six years later, even though Sara's family has moved to Montana where she establishes her own homestead, Jake drives his team of horses into her yard and resumes his courtship.

### ***Inklings: a Memoir* DB 1187**

By Jeffrey Koterba

read by Alice Timm

10 hours 35 minutes

Political cartoonist for the *Omaha World Herald* and Tourette Syndrome patient grew up with an unstable father who also experienced Tourette's and who felt compelled to pack their small house with broken televisions which he hoped to repair and resell. As a child, the author sought refuge in the Sunday comics. He later studied journalism at the University of Nebraska and established himself as a syndicated cartoonist.

## New on Digital

**DB 634 *Tickley Tiger***, by Garnett Bond

Children's story. For grades preschool through 2.

**DB 635 *Inventions of Mr. Tinkers-A-Lot***, by Garnett Bond

Children's story. For grades preschool through 2.

**DB 729 *The Good Green Witch from Ipswitch***, by Garnett Bond

Children's story. For grades preschool through 2.

**DB 33252 *The Iron Horse: Faraday, Book 1***, by William Grant

Western

**DB 33485 *Master and Commander: A Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin Adventure, Book 1***, by Patrick O'Brian

Historical fiction

**DB 33593 *The Chocolate War: The Chocolate War, Book 1***, by Robert

Cormier

Modern fiction. Contains some strong language. For grades 6 to 9.

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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.

**Good Old Days**

**Nebraska History**

**Nebraska History  
News**

**Reminisce**

**Reminisce Extra**

**Smithsonian  
Association Newsletter**

**DB 1065**

**DB 1172**

**DB 1176**

**DB 1187**

**DB 54433**

**DB 67078**

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**DB 70742**

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**DB 72044**

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**DB 73190**

**DB 73334**

**DB 75564**

**DB 76024**

**DB 76070**

**DB 76309**

# New on Digital

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❑ **DB 33596 *The Blonde in Lower Six***, by Erle Stanley Gardner  
Mystery

❑ **DB 33840 *I Remember***, by Dan Rather  
Autobiography

❑ **DB 33948 *The Pelican Brief***, by John Grisham  
Suspense. Contains some sex, violence, and strong language.

❑ **DB 33963 *Sackett's Land: The Sackett Saga, Book 1***, by Louis L'Amour  
Western

❑ **DB 34042 *Every Living Thing***, by James Herriott  
Animal stories

❑ **DB 34056 *Green Eggs and Ham***, by Dr. Seuss  
Rhyme. For grades preschool to 2.

❑ **DB 34058 *Horton Hears a Who!***, by Dr. Seuss  
Rhyme. For grades preschool to 2.

❑ **DB 34363 *Whiskey River: Detroit Crime, Book 1***, by Loren D. Estleman  
Mystery. Contains some violence and strong language.

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