

NEBRASKA 150 BOOKS

Genre / Short List / * Experts' suggestions	Title	Author	Publisher (not always the original)	Place of Publication	copyright / reprint
Non-Fiction: General					
	Historic Railroads of Nebraska	Michael M. Bartels; James J. Reisdorff	Arcadia	Chicago, IL	2002
	Ham, Eggs and Corn Cake: A Nebraska Territory Diary	Erastus Flavel Beadle	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1923, 2001
	A Dirty, Wicked Town: Tales of 19th Century Omaha	David L. Bristow	Caxton Press	Caldwell, ID	2000
	Fort Robinson and the American West, 1874- 1899, V.1-2	Thomas R. Buecker	University of Oklahoma Press	Norman, OK	1999 (2003)
	The Cottonwood Tree: An American Champion	Kathleen Cain	Johnson Books	Boulder, CO	2007
	Populism, Progressivism and the Transformation of Nebraska Politics, 1885-1915	Robert W. Cherny	University of Nebraska Press for Great Plains Studies	Lincoln, NE	1981
	Tales of the O4 Ranch: Recollections of Harold J. Cook, 1887-1909	Harold J. Cook	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1968
	Nebraska: A Guide to the Cornhusker State	Ed. Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration	Viking Press	New York	1939
	The Natural History of the Long Expedition to the Rocky Mountains 1819-1820	Howard Ensign Evans	Oxford University Press	New York	1997
	Once Upon a Town: The Miracle of the North Platte Canteen	Bob Greene	Morrow	New York	2002
	The Art Spirit: Notes, Articles, Fragments of Letters and Talks to Students, Bearing On the Concept and Technique of Picture Making, the Study of Art Generally, and On Appreciation	Robert Henri	Harper & Row	New York	1923 (1984)

	In Cold Storage: Sex and Murder on the Plains	James W. Hewitt	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2015
	Nebraska Moments	Donald R. Hickey	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1992 (2007)
NF7	Keith County Journal	John Janovy	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1978 (1996)
	The Niobrara: A River Running through Time	Paul A. Johnsgard	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1999 (2007)
	Prairie Forge: The Extraordinary Story of the Nebraska Scrap Metal Drive of World War II	James J. Kimble	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2014
	Prairie University: A History of the University of Nebraska	Robert E. Knoll	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	195
	The Nature of Home: A Lexicon and Essays	Lisa Knopp	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2002
NF3	Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps	Ted Kooser	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2002 (2004)
	The Children's Blizzard	David Laskin	HarperCollins	New York	2004
	The Lewis and Clark Journals: An American Epic of Discovery: The Abridgment of the Definitive Nebraska Edition	Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, edited by Gary E. Moulton	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2003
NF8	A Harmony of the Arts: The Nebraska State Capitol	Frederick C. Luebke	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1990
	The Death of Raymond Yellow Thunder and Other True Stories from the Nebraska Pine Ridge Border Towns	Stew Magnuson	Texas Tech University Press	Lubbock, TX	2008
	Roadside Geology of Nebraska	Harmon D. Maher, Jr.; George F. Engelmann; Robert D. Shuster	Mountain Press Publishing Co.	Missoula, MT	2003
	Platte Valley Chronicles: Tales from Nebraska's Pioneer Trails	Robert N. Manley	Hall County Historical Society	Grand Island, NE	2001
	The Rhythm Boys of Omaha Central: High School Basketball at the '68 Racial Divide	Steve Marantz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2011
?	The Great Platte River Road: The Covered Wagon Mainline via Fort Kearny to Fort Laramie	Merrill J. Mattes	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1969 (1988)
	The Nebraska Sand Hills: The Human Landscape	Charles Barron McIntosh	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1996

NF1	History of Nebraska, 4th ed.	James C. Olson; Ronald C. Naugle	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2014
	More Than Winning: The Story of Tom Osborne	Tom Osborne; John E. Roberts	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1985 (2009)
NF10	Middle of Everywhere: The World's Refugees Come to Our Town	Mary Pipher	Harcourt	New York	2002 (2003)
	Standing Firmly by the Flag: Nebraska Territory and the Civil War, 1861-1867	James E. Potter	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2012
	Nebraska's Post Office Murals: Born of the Depression, Fostered by the New Deal	L. Robert Puschendorf	Nebraska State Historical Society	Lincoln, NE	2012
	Cheyenne Autumn	Mari Sandoz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1953 (1992)
	No Time on My Hands	Grace Snyder as told to Nellie Snyder Yost	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1963 (1986)
NF2	"I Am a Man": Chief Standing Bear's Journey for Justice	Joe Starita	St. Martin's Press	New York	2008
	Women Elders' Life Stories of the Omaha Tribe: Macy, Nebraska, 2004-2005	Wynne L. Summers	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2009
	People of the First Man: Life Among the Plains Indians in Their Final Days of Glory: The Firsthand Account of Prince Maximilian's Expedition Up the Missouri River, 1833-34	edited by Davis Thomas & Karin Ronnefeldt	Promontory Press	New York	1976 (1982)
	Being Home: A Collection of Essays about the Simple Joys of Family, Nature, Life beyond the Big City, and the Sacredness of the Ordinary	Ruth Raymond Thone	Ruth Raymond Thone	Lincoln, NE	1993
	An Unspeakable Sadness: The Dispossession of the Nebraska Indians	David J. Wishart	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1994
	From Society Page to Front Page: Nebraska Women in Journalism	Eileen M. Wirth	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2013
Non-Fiction: Autobiography/Biography					
	Mayor Helen Boosalis: My Mother's Life in Politics	Beth Boosalis Davis	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2008
NF9	All the Strange Hours: The Excavation of a Life	Loren Eiseley	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1975 (2000)

	Black Print with a White Carnation: Mildred Brown and the Omaha Star Newspaper, 1938-1989	Amy Helene Forss	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2013
	Backstage: Stories from My Life in Public Television	Ron Hull	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2012
	A Godly Hero: The Life of William Jennings Bryan	Michael Kazin	Knopf	New York	2006
	Death Zones and Darling Spies: Seven Years of Vietnam War Reporting	Beverly Deepe Kever	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2013
	When I Was a Young Man	Bob Kerrey	Harcourt	New York	2002
	This Death by Drowning	William Kloefkorn	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1997
	Buffett: The Making of an American Capitalist	Roger Lowenstein	Random House	New York	1995
	Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Oglala Sioux	John G. Neihardt	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1932 (1988, 2006)
	More than Football: George Flippin's Stromsburg Years	Kathy Nelson	Morris Publishing	Kearney, NE	2014
NF12	Fighting Liberal: The Autobiography of George W. Norris	George W. Norris	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1945 (1992)
NF6	Old Jules	Mari Sandoz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1935 (1955, 1962, 1985)
	Fire Light: The Life of Angel De Cora, Winnebago Artist	Linda M. Waggoner	University of Oklahoma Press	Norman, OK	2008
NF11	The Autobiography of Malcolm X	Malcolm X; Alex Haley	Ballantine Books	New York	1965 (1992)
Non-Fiction: Photography					
NF4	Solomon D. Butcher: Photographing the American Dream	Solomon Butcher; edited by John Carter	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1985
	Mari Sandoz's Native Nebraska: The Plains Indian Country	LaVerne Harrell Clark	Arcadia	Chicago, IL	2000
	On Ancient Wings	Michael Forsberg	Michael Forsberg Photography	Lincoln, NE	2004
	Lincoln in Black and White: 1910-1925	Douglas Keister and Edward Zimmer	Arcadia Publishing	Charleston, SC	2008

	Nebraska: An Illustrated History	Frederick C. Luebke	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1995 (2005)
	Omaha's Trans-Mississippi Exposition	Jess R. Peterson	Arcadia	Chicago, IL	2003
	Nebraska: Under a Big Red Sky	Joel Sartore	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1998 (2006)
Non-Fiction: Essay					
NF5	Seasons of the Tallgrass Prairie: A Nebraska Year	Paul A. Johnsgard	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2014
	The Big Empty: Contemporary Nebraska Nonfiction Writers	edited by Ladette Randolph and Nina Shevchuk-Murray	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2007
	It's Not the End of the Earth, But You Can See It From Here: Tales of the Great Plains	Roger Welsch	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1990 (1999)
Non-Fiction: Reference					
	The Complete Roadside Guide to Nebraska: and Comprehensive Description of Items of Interest to One and All Travelers of the State, Whether Native or Transplant, Sedentary or Transient, Including a Mile by Mile Tour of All Major Roads and Side Roads, Lanes, Avenues, Highways and interstates, Distinguishing [i.e. Distinguishing] for the Traveler All sights Both Ordinary and Unusual, 2nd ed.	Alan Boye	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2007
	Nebraska Place-Names	Lilian L. Fitzpatrick	J & L Lee Co.	Lincoln, NE	1925 (1960)
	Uses of Plants by the Indians of the Missouri River Region	Melvin R. Gilmore	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1919,1977 (1991 enlarged edition)
	A State of Readers: Nebraska's Carnegie Libraries	Oliver B. Pollak	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2005
	Encyclopedia of the Great Plains	David J. Wishart	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2004
	Encyclopedia of the Great Plains Indians	David J. Wishart	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2007

Non-Fiction: Cookbooks					
	Gathering and Cooking Wild Plants of the Great Plains	Kay Young	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1993
Non-Fiction: Poetry					
	The Mystery of Life: A Poetization of "The Hako"--a Pawnee Ceremony	Hartley Burr Alexander	Open Court Pub. Co.	Chicago, IL	1913
	Cheyenne Line and Other Poems	J. V. Brummels	Backwaters Press	Omaha, NE	2001
P4	Potato Soup	Twyla Hansen	Backwaters Press	Omaha, NE	2003
	The Collected Poems of Weldon Kees	Weldon Kees	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1975 (2003)
P3	Nebraska: This Place, These People	William Kloefkorn	Nebraska Life	Norfolk, NE	2010
P2	Delights and Shadows	Ted Kooser	Copper Canyon Press	Port Townsend, WA	2004
P5	A Nebraska Presence: An Anthology of Poetry	ed. by Greg Kosmicki and Mary K. Stillwell	Backwaters Press	Omaha, NE	2007
P6	Forty Nebraska Poets	edited by Greg Kuzma	Best Cellar Press	Crete, NE	1981
	Heartwood and Other Poems	Robert F. McEwen	Slow Tempo Press	Lincoln, NE	1995
P1	A Cycle of the West	John G. Neihardt	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1949 (1991)
	Divine Honors	Hilda Raz	Wesleyan University Press	Hanover, NH	1997
	Lost in Seward County	Marjorie Saiser	Backwaters Press	Omaha, NE	2001
	All My Grandmothers Could Sing: Poems by Nebraska Women	edited by Judith Sornberger	Free Rein Press	Lincoln, NE	1984
	Women Write Resistance: Poets Resist Gender Violence	edited by Laura Madeline Wiseman	Hyacinth Girl	Pittsburgh, PA	2013
Fiction: General					
	Strange Angels	Jonis Agee	Penguin Books	New York	1993
F6	A Lantern in Her Hand	Bess Streeter Aldrich	Puffin Books	New York	1928 (1997)
F3	My Ántonia	Willa Cather	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1918/2013
	O, Pioneers	Willa Cather	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1913 (2013)

	One of Ours	Willa Cather	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1922 (2006)
	Nebraska Stories	Ron Hansen	Atlantic Monthly Press	New York	1989
	In Reach	Pamela Carter Joern	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2014
	Sing Them Home	Stephanie Kallos	Atlantic Monthly Press	New York	2009
F9	Goodnight, Nebraska	Tom McNeal	Random House	New York	1998
F11	The Home Place	Wright Morris	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1948 (1968, 1999)
F5	Tell Me a Riddle	Tillie Olsen	Dell Pub. Co.	New York	1979 (1995)
F12	Haven's Wake	Ladette Randolph	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2013
	Bohemian Girl	Terese Svoboda	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2011
	Ma Jeeter's Girls	Dorothy Thomas	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1933, 1986
	Take All to Nebraska	Sophus Keith Winther	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1976
Fiction: Collected Works					
	Nebraska Folklore	Louise Pound	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1959 (1976, 1989, 2006)
F8	A Different Plain: Contemporary Nebraska Fiction Writers	edited by Ladette Randolph	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2004
	Best of the "Prairie Schooner" Fiction and Poetry	edited by Hilda Raz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2001
	Mid Country: Writings From the Heart of America	Edited by Lowry Charles Wimberly	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1945

Fiction: Mystery					
	Rain Dogs	Sean Doolittle	Dell	New York	2005
F2	Patient in Room 18	Mignon G. Eberhart	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1929, 1995
F10	A Perfect Evil	Alex Kava	MIRA Books	Ontario, Canada	2000
	Dating Dead Men	Harley Jane Kozak	Doubleday	New York	2004
Fiction: Historical Fiction					
F1	The Swan Gondola	Timothy Schaffert	Riverhead Books	New York	2014
F4	The Meaning of Names	Karen Gettert Shoemaker	Red Hen Press	Pasadena, CA	2014
F7	Hector's Bliss: Black Homesteaders at Goose Lake, Nebraska	Dennis Vossberg	Morris Pub.	Kearney, NE	2007
	Sixteen Brides	Stephanie Grace Whitson	Bethany House	Minneapolis, MN	2010
Fiction: Science Fiction					
	The Man with the Strange Head and Other Early Science Fiction Stories	Miles Breuer	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2008
	Beyond the Veil of Stars	Robert Reed	Tor Books	New York	1994
Fiction: Young Adult/Upper Elementary					
	Room One: A Mystery or Two	Andrew Clements	Simon & Schuster	New York	2006
	Prairie Songs	Pam Conrad	Harper & Row	New York	1985
	The Red Umbrella	Christina Diaz Gonzalez	Knopf	New York	2010
	A Few Great Stories of the Santee People: Told by	Robert Frerichs; Paul A.	Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	1979
	Many Nineteenth Century Santee and by Edna Peniska and Paul Robertson of the Modern Santee	Olson	Curriculum Development Center in conjunction with the Center for Great Plains Study		
	Together Apart	Dianne E. Gray	Houghton Mifflin	Boston	2002
	Catalyst	Lydia Kang	Penguin	New York	2015

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	Worth	A. LaFaye	Simon & Schuster	New York	2004
	Savvy	Ingrid Law	Dial Books	New York	2008
	Far, Far Away	Tom McNeal	Alfred A. Knopf	New York	2013
	89 Walls	Katie Pierson	Wise Ink	Minneapolis, MN	2015
YP11	A House Without a Christmas Tree	Gail Rock	Dell Pub. Co.	New York	1974
YP8	Eleanor and Park	Rainbow Rowell	St. Martin's Griffin	New York	2013
YP1	Night of the Twisters	Ivy Ruckman	HarperTrophy	New York	1984
YP10	The Rithmatist	Brandon Sanderson	Tor Books	New York	2013
	Winter Thunder	Mari Sandoz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1954 (1986)
	Sneakers	Ray Anthony Shepard	Dutton	New York	1973
YP12	Pioneer Girl: Growing Up on the Prairie	Andrea Warren	Morrow	New York	1998
Non-Fiction: Young Adult/Upper Elementary					
	Guide to the Ghosts of Lincoln	Alan Boye	Saltillo Press	St. Johnsbury, VT	1987
	The Gift of the Sacred Dog	Paul Goble	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1980
	Light on the Prairie: Solomon D. Butcher, Photographer of Nebraska's Pioneer Days	Nancy Plain	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2012
	The Christmas of the Phonograph Records: A Recollection	Mari Sandoz	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	1966
	Standing Bear of the Ponca	Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve	University of Nebraska Press	Lincoln, NE	2013
Fiction: Picture Books					
YP5	Billy and Blaze	C. W. Anderson	Aladdin Paperbacks	New York	1936, 1962 (2000)
YP9	Simpson's Sheep Won't Go to Sleep	Bruce Arant	Peter Pauper Press	White Plains, NY	2013
	Dandelions	Eve Bunting	Harcourt Brace	San Diego, CA	1995
YP7	Going North	Janice N. Harrington	Farrar Straus and Giroux	New York	2004

YP4	Sister Sweet Ella	Rosekrans Hoffman	Morrow	New York	1982
YP2	A Bag in the Wind	Ted Kooser	Candlewick Press	Somerville, MA	2010
	Prairie Friends	Nancy Smiler Levinson	HarperCollins	New York	2003
YP6	A Perfect Snowman	Preston McDaniel	Simon & Schuster	New York	2007
YP3	C Is for Cornhusker: A Nebraska Alphabet	Rajeane Luebs Shepherd and Sandy Appleoff	Sleeping Bear Press	Chelsea, MI	2004
	Little Nebraska	Rajeane Luebs Shepherd and Helle Urban	Sleeping Bear Press	Ann Arbor, MI	2015
	Elsie's Bird	Jane Yolen	Philomel Books	New York	2010
Poetry: Picture Books					
	Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems	Paul B. Janeczko	Candlewick Press	Somerville, MA	2014