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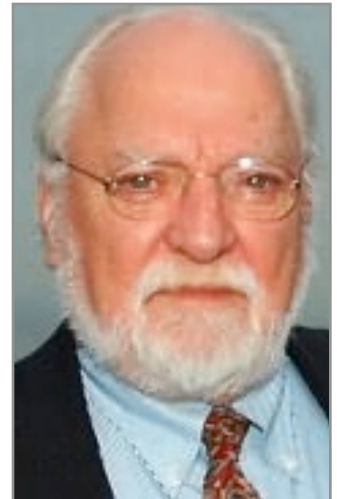
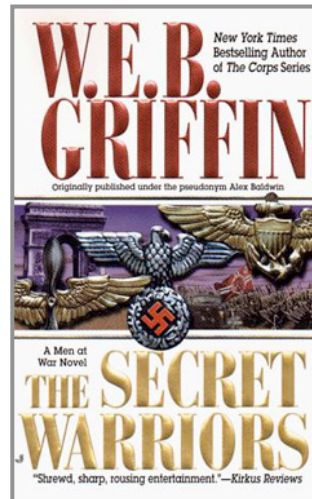
What might the Belgian Congo and our own home state of New Mexico have in common? Apparently pivotal roles in the development of atomic energy during the precarious days of the Second World War. This month we feature a historical fiction set in the time when the race was speeding up on both sides to find the ultimate weapon that would decide nothing less than the fate of millions and the future we are now living.

Featured This Month

The Secret Warriors by W.E.B. Griffin

During the infancy of developing atomic energy in WWII, it was determined that the purest form of mined uranium would have to come from the Belgian Congo. But in 1942 the Germans had a presence on the dark continent so that would be easier said than done. In Washington D.C. the OSS under FDR and "Wild Bill" Donovan escalates its tactical war, and plunges into worldwide covert operations. With the help of Charles A. Lindbergh, ace OSS pilot Richard Canidy, sets up an air maneuver that will drop agents into the Belgian Congo to smuggle out uranium ore essential to the arms race.

Of course, with an operation that complex and involving the extraction of 10,000 pounds of ore in stripped out bombers, they encountered many difficulties and had to improvise for a successful end result. On December 2nd, 1942, in a laboratory under the seats of the University of Chicago's stadium, the first chain nuclear reactor, composed of graphite and uranium, operated as predicted, resulting in the sustained, controlled production of atomic energy. An atomic bomb was now possible. It would be irresistible against any enemy. The problem now became to produce a functioning weapon before the Germans could build one



This is a good read, especially if you like war fiction. I found the personal stories of the characters to be a little shallow and the writing style to be somewhat rudimentary, but overall it was hard to put down.

Review by John Cornell

Notes from the Library Board

July is a usually a bake sale hiatus month, but our singular head of the baking division, Diane Bellack, will be in front of the Post Office this month and August with all of the usual goodies for the benefit of new acquisitions for the Library's collection.

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 3:30 - 5:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 3:30 - 5:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, July 17

Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00 pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30 pm

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New at the Library

Nonfiction

A Small Furry Prayer: *Dog Rescue and the Meaning of Life* by Steven Kotler
Dr George-My life in weather by George Fischbeck
That Every Man Be Armed by Stephen Holbrook
The Life of Yellowstone Kelly by Jerry Keenan
Utopian Vistas by Lois Rudnick
The Writings of Eusebio Chacon translated & edited by A Gabriel Melendez (Spanish & English)
New Mexico's Spanish Livestock Heritage by William Dunmire
True Tales from Another Mexico by Sam Quinones
Crossing Borders with the Santo Nino de Atocha by Juan Javier Pescador
Western Lives - A biography of the American West edited by Richard Etulain
John Gaw Meem at Acoma by K. Wingert-Playdon
Spanish Fiction: *Grandma's Santo on Its Head* by Nasario Garcia
Civil War Prisons by William B. Hesselstine
Lord of the Dawn by Rudolfo Anaya
Breaths by Eleuterio Santiago-Diaz
A Woman in Both Houses by Pauline Eisenstadt
Emiliano Zapata by Samuel Brunk
Where a Hundred Soldiers Were Killed by John H. Monnett
The Riddle of Cantinflas by Ilan Stavans
A Harvest of Reluctant Souls by Baker H. Morrow
Beyond the Missouri by Richard W. Etulain
City of Slow Dissolve by John Chavez
The Case of the Indian Trader by P. D. Berkowitz
Again the Far Morning by N. Scott Momaday
Gila: The Life and Death of an American River, Updated and Expanded Ed. by Gregory McNamee
Forty-Seventh Star: *New Mexico's Struggle for Statehood* by David V. Holtby
Last Stand: *Ted Turner's Quest to Save a Troubled Planet* by Todd Wilkinson
Burning Fence- *A Western Memoir of Fatherhood* by Craig Lesley
James Herriot's Dog Stories by James Herriot

Films on DVD

Comedy Legend Buster Keaton (5 dvds -11 movies)

Fiction

A Respectable Trade by Philippa Gregory
Secrets of the Tsil Cafe by Thomas Fox Averill
The Vote by Sybil Downing
Winterkill by Craig Lesley
The Sky Fisherman by Craig Lesley
Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe by Fannie Flagg
River Song by Craig Lesley
Storm Riders by Craig Lesley
Talking Leaves: *Contemporary Native American Short Stories* ed. by Craig Lesley
Hard Country by Michael McGarrity
My Theodosia by Anya Seton
The Winthrop Woman by Anya Seton

Mystery

Murder in the Calais Coach by Agatha Christie
Lost River by Stephen Booth
Scared to Live by Stephen Booth
The Tenderness of Wolves by Stef Penny
Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn
Locked In by Marcia Muller
Flash Flood by Susan Slater
Lost Souls by Lisa Jackson (*Large print*)
Chasing the Night by Iris Johansen(*Large print*)
Bad Blood by John Sandford (*Large print*)

Juvenile Fiction

Children of Time: *Evolution and the Human Story* by Anne H. Weaver

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