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Dip a Toe in This Water

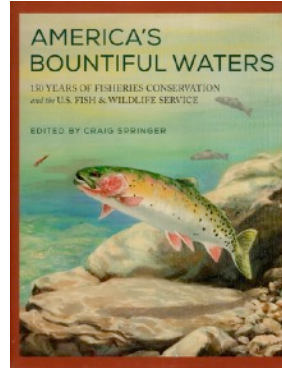
Craig Springer is a dedicated fisheries scientist and prolific popular writer. He was studying biology at NMSU by 1989, when his parents bought the historic black slag Miller house in Hillsboro, but he quickly became involved in helping his mother place their new home, as well as other historic buildings, on the State Historic Register. He became her research arm in the NMSU library, thereby forming a love for the town and its history. He also honed his skills in historical, as well as biological, research. In 2011, along with Matti Nunn, Patti Nunn, and me, he coauthored **Around Hillsboro**, perhaps the first effort at an inclusive Hillsboro history. Although he has now sold the home place, his interest in Hillsboro continues, as witnessed by his frequent email correspondence with Hillsboro Historical Society.

Featured this Month

America's Bountiful Waters, 150 years of fisheries conservation and the U. S Fish and Wildlife Service

In editing *America's Bountiful Waters*, Craig has combined his scientific knowledge, his interest in history, and his writing skills to compile a beautiful, informative, and highly-readable book about the "Fish" part of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. In a sense, this is three books in one—part history, part biography, and part fish field guide. Such a description might dissuade a reader, but I will testify that Craig has blended his writings with those of some 47 other contributors and made the book work. Within a week after receiving it, I read it cover to cover, humbled at how little I knew about the fisheries end of our wildlife agencies and, for that matter, about fish.

Scientific fish culture and conservation began in the U. S. long before serious efforts at conserving terrestrial wildlife began. As early as 1862, when market hunters and "sportsmen" were wasting the bison on the great plains, Theodore Roosevelt's now-



forgotten uncle and mentor, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, wrote *The Game Fish of the Northern States of America and British Provinces*, setting him on a lifetime course of supporting fish culture and conservation. In 1871, as a member of the U. S. Congress, he wrote the bill that created the U. S. Fish Commission, which, through a long sequence of renditions became our present U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. His efforts enabled the work of more-remembered worthies such as Spencer Fullerton Baird, George Perkins Marsh, and Teddy himself. Even in my dry home state of Arizona, a Fish Commission predated its Game and Fish Commission!

Sport and food fish that now exist in the U. S. have a long and uneven history. Through the eyes and writing skills of working biologists, the book tells the story of the mismanagement, management, and conservation of 46 aquatic organisms that fall within the mission of the aquatics branch of the agency. Surprisingly, said mission may include toads, turtles, and even rice.

The book has beautiful color paintings of all the fish discussed, and the text is copiously illustrated with current and historic photographs. Just turning pages and reading captions provides an education regarding our country's care for the inhabitants of our bountiful waters. Although Craig just missed growing up in Hillsboro, I think we can proudly claim him as one of our local authors.

Reviewed by Harley Shaw

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New at the Library

Fiction

A Little Life by Hanya Yanagihara
The Only Story by Julian Barnes
The Perfect Nanny by Leila Slimani
Hell and Back by Craig Johnson
The Evening and the Morning by Ken Follett
Avenue of Mysteries by John Irving
The Sun Also Rises by Ernest Hemingway
Forest Dark by Nicole Krauss
Sheep Queen by Thomas Savage
In Five Years by Rebecca Serle
The Life and Death of Sophie Stark by Anna North
The Survivors by Jane Harper
Force of Nature by Jane Harper
Georgia by Dawn Tripp
The Dance House *Stories from Rosebud* by Joseph Marshall III
The Midnight Library by Matt Haig
Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver
Shy by Max Porter
Lessons in Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus
Bunny Love by Michael Frederick

Games

Dominoes-Mexican Train ... Scrabble
Trivial Pursuit

Music CDs

The Mountain King by Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee
The Wandering Ballad by Scott and Johanna Hongell-Darsee

DVDs

Downton Abbey... Downton Abbey, season 2
He Died with a Felafel in His Hand.. Manito
OT: Our Town ...Marion Bridge ... Hop
Inch'Allah Dimanche ... Light of My Eyes
Water ... Commissario Brunetti
Ginger and Cinnamon ... Rebus...Ali Zaoua

Nonfiction

A Place of Thin Veil - *Life and Death in Gallup, NM* by Bob Rosebrough
Brave the Wild River. *The Untold Story of Two Women Who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon* by Melissa L. Sevigny
Silences So Deep -*Music, Solitude, Alaska* by John Luther Adams
The Wager- *A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny & Murder* by David Grann
Requiem for the American Dream by Noam Chomsky
Primates of Park Avenue by Wednesday Martin
From Place to Place by Judy Ray
Scandalous Women of the Old West by Donna Pedace
Dead Wake by Erik Larson
Borderlands/La Frontera by Gloria Anzaldua
Echoes of the Past by Patricia Meleski
Five Days at Memorial by Sheri Fink
The Shadow of Liberty by Kenneth C Davis
What You Have Heard Is True by Carolyn Forché
Havana Hardball by Cesar Brioso
Operation Thunderbolt by Saul David
The Brain in Search of Itself. *Santiago Ramon y Cajal and the Story of the Neuron* by Benjamin Ehrlich
Preservation of the Village *New Mexico's Hispanics and the New Deal* by Suzanne Forrest
America's Bountiful Waters *150 Years of Fisheries Conservation and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service* edited by Craig Springer

Juvenile Fiction

Jupiter Storm by Marti Dumas

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Mystery

The Secret Hangman by Peter Lovesey
The Summons by Peter Lovesey
Skeleton Hill by Peter Lovesey
Missing and Endangered by JA Jance
The House Sitter by Peter Lovesey
Diamond Dust by Peter Lovesey
Upon a Dark Night by Peter Lovesey
The Vault by Peter Lovesey
Stagestruck by Peter Lovesey
The Last Detective by Peter Lovesey
Diamond Solitaire by Peter Lovesey
First Lady by James Patterson
Zoo by James Patterson
Ambush by James Patterson
Deadly Cross by James Patterson
Fifty Fifty by James Patterson
Not the Ones Dead by Dana Stabenow
The Inn by James Patterson
The Searcher by Tana French

Bookmobile Schedule

The State Library Bookmobile service is reportedly in the process of acquiring a new vehicle and has had to suspend service for the Western region temporarily. You can check the status of service at

<https://nmstatelibrary.org/bookmobiles/west-bookmobile/>

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on hiatus in July. Catch us next on the first Saturday in August !

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 3:00pm - 5:00pm
Wednesday ~ 10:00am - 1:00pm
Thursday ~ 3:30pm - 5:30pm
Friday ~ 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday ~ 10:00am - 2:00pm

Notes from the Library Board

New!

\$50 COAS Book Store Gift Certificates only \$5.00!

Hillsboro Community Library has accumulated a large credit with Coas and we want to spread the wealth. Gift Certificates are good on any **used** items. Coas offers more than books. Games, puzzles, DVDs and music are offered at used prices and you are responsible for ½ the posted price plus sales tax.

And!

Each time a patron enters the library, their name will be placed in the hat. At the end of each month, one name will be drawn from the hat and that person will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Coas Bookstores, Inc.

And!

The Library has added GAMES to our collection. Stop in and collect a game to play at home or bring a friend for a little match in the Reading Room.

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