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History as Spoken

Not so long ago the Hillsboro Community Center sponsored a program on the collection of oral histories which garnered a great deal of interest among local residents, many of whom have fascinating tales of their lives and their community in past times. The value of such efforts can be appreciated in our featured book this month, a unique memoir of the Southwest.

Featured This Month:

Marietta Wetherill: Life with the Navajos in Chaco Canyon edited by Kathryn Gabriel

This book describes the everyday life and beliefs of the Diné as experienced by a woman who lived among them for many years. The story starts early in the life of Marietta with her recollections of trips that she took with her parents and siblings over a large portion of the western United States in the late nineteenth century. One of the objectives of these trips was to get to know the Indian tribes that inhabited the region. On one of these trips Marietta met her future husband, Richard Wetherill, who was an amateur archaeologist. When they married they moved to Chaco Canyon and started a trading post. They filed for homesteading on a large portion of the canyon with the stated purpose of protecting it from pillaging. During their stay there Marietta was the primary person who ran the trading post and interacted with the Diné on a day-to-day basis. She learned to speak Navajo and was adopted by one of their medicine men so she got to observe and participate in a large number of rituals that were closed to outsiders.

The book is based on tapes of interviews of Marietta Wetherill by Lou Blachly, a newspaperman from Silver City. The interviews took place late in her life ending in 1953 shortly before her death. They cover a period from the mid 1880s to around 1910. The tapes



were transcribed by Mary Blumenthal at UNM in the early 1970s. The approximately one thousand pages of the transcript were edited and compiled by Kathryn Gabriel, a historian at UNM, to eliminate redundancies and placed in approximately chronological order. There are extensive footnotes mainly comparing her versions of stories to those recorded elsewhere, particularly in the biographies of her husband. They are located at the end of each chapter, which makes them less intrusive than the normal location at the bottom of the page.

Review by Joe Diel

Notes from the Library Board

Don't miss your last chance to order UNM calendars and planners with outstanding art by two New Mexico painters. Order forms are available in the library.

Be sure to save Saturday, December 4 for the annual

Christmas in the Foothills at the HCC

The Library Bake Sale will have a table and an offering in the 49.95 raffle. And a special treat: noted author **MAX EVANS** will be attending and signing copies of his latest book! Be there!

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New at the Library

Non-fiction

Where Courage Is Like a Wild Horse- The World of an Indian Orphanage by Sharon and Manny Skolnick
Shadow Mountain- A Memoir of Wolves, A Woman, And the Wild by Renee Askins
The Year of Magical Thinking by Joan Didion
The Day Geronimo Surrendered by Ron Swartley
Liberty and Tyranny: A Conservative Manifesto by Mark R. Levin
The Rise of Nuclear Iran: How Tehran Defies the West by Dore Gold
Social Adaptation to Food Stree- A Prehistoric Southwestern Example by Paul Minnis
Rocky Mountain & Southwest Forests- A Field Guide by John Kricher
Silent Voices of World War II by Everett Rogers

Mystery

The Apostle by Brad Thor
Lethal Legacy by Linda Fairstein
Sizzling Sixteen by Janet Evanovich
Long Son by Peter Bowen
City of Fire by Robert Ellis
Smash Cut by Sandra Brown
Blood Ties by Kay Hooper
The Neighbor by Lisa Gardner
Exit Music by Ian Rankin

In Large Print Format

The Cat Who Wasn't There by Lilian Jackson Braun
The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lilian Jackson Braun
The Cat Who Went into the Closet by Lilian Jackson Braun [
The Sleeping Doll by Jeffery Deaver

Fiction

Playing for Pizza by John Grisham
A Change in Altitude by Anita Shreve
Testimony by Anita Shreve
Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian
Charlotte and Emily by Jude Morgan
In Time of Harvest by John L Sinclair
Next by Michael Crichton

Films

The Ladykillers ... The Matchmaker
Liar's Poker... Charlie Wilson's War
Avatar ... The Fabulous Baker Boys
Father of the Bride

Juvenile

Gathering Blue by Lois Lowry

Library Hours:

Sunday & Monday: closed
Tues. 5:30 - 7:30pm Wed. 1:00 - 4:00pm
Thurs: 5:30 - 7:30pm Fri: 10:00am - 1:00pm
Saturday 10:00am-2:00pm

For a complete listing of Library materials, visit
<http://www.hillsborocommunitylibrary.com>

Bookmobile: Wednesday, November 17
Hillsboro: 1:00 - 2:00pm Kingston: 2:30-3:30pm

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