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1000 Words

If a picture is indeed worth a thousand words, then our featured book this month ought to be a thick and heavy tome. Instead, it's a light paperback walk down memory lane, its reading like a delightful thumbing through an old album with reminiscences of the days of New Mexico's history of mining camps and boom towns, some still alive and kicking.

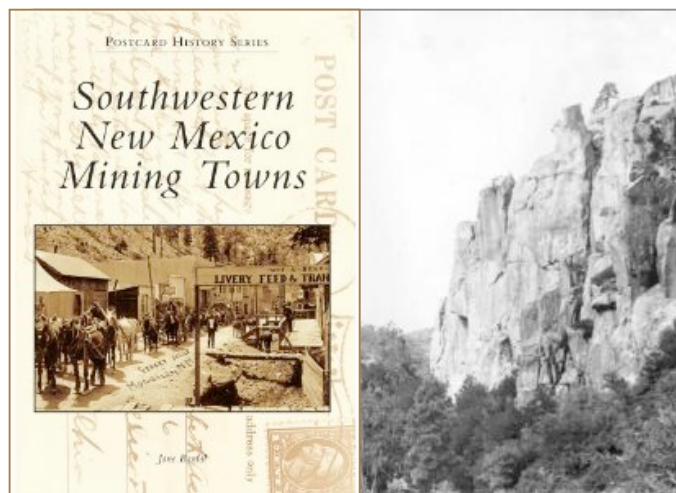
Featured This Month

Southwestern New Mexico Mining Towns by Jane Bardal

In order to tell her tale of the small towns of the southwest quadrant of our state that grew up around the mining strikes in the late 1800s and early 1900s, Dr. Jane Bardal of Central New Mexico Community College availed herself of an invention of that particular period of history—the picture postcard. As Dr. Bardal explains in her introduction, the picture postcard, which began in 1901, was a preferred means of communication in an era when the post office and written letters kept people in touch with friends and family, often far away. People wanted to show the daily life and proud achievements of their new communities in what was still a frontier to the rest of the country. As such, these old postcards from the author's personal collection—and many generously allowed to be reproduced from other private collections—form an invaluable record of life and work in far away times and yet very familiar places.

The first chapter is on Hillsboro, and no doubt everyone will recognize in the very first picture—a glance down Main Street—that an old and dear visage may change over the years and yet still retain its immutable character.

There follow six more chapters, nine more towns, and dozens of interesting facts in Dr. Bardal's



commentary on the photos:

--Frame construction was prohibited in Silver City in 1880, saving the town from the sort of fires that regularly consumed its neighbors.

--In Santa Rita, a company town, one could buy a house but not the land on which it sat.

--To get from Silver City to Mogollon once took an entire day—by stagecoach.

An easy and entertaining read, this book will enlighten the newcomer and stir the reminiscences of long-time residents of our corner of the Land of Enchantment.

Review by Mary Anne Ciancia

Notes from the Library Board

Donations are now being accepted for the Library's table at the Annual Hillsboro Yard Sale to be held on Saturday, May 7. Books or other items gladly accepted. Please see Steve Siegfried for storage.

Also—save those Bullocks receipts for the Library! You'll find a donation can at the Bake Sale and Library desk.

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New at the Library

Non-fiction

Merle's Door-Lessons from a Freethinking Dog by Ted Kerasote

Remarkable Creatures-Epic Adventures in the Search for the Origins of Species by Sean Carroll

Jim Courtright of Fort Worth-His Life And Legend by Robert DeArment

Dewey-the Small Town Library Cat Who Touched the World by Vicki Myron

In Other Words- Oral Histories of the Colorado Frontier by Maria Rogers

Mystery

Sentences by Laura Lippman

Doors Open by Ian Rankin

The Falls by Ian Rankin

Girl Who Played With Fire by Stieg Larsson

Without Mercy by Lisa Jackson

Sugar House by Laura Lippman

Every Secret Thing by Laura Lippman

Fiction

Freedom by Jonathan Franzen

The Pig Did It by Joseph Caldwell

The Piano Teacher by Janice Lee

A Reliable Wife by Robert Goolrick

Films on DVD

Far and Away

Legally Blonde

Magnolia

Maid in Manhattan

Now and Then

Sabrina

Sense and Sensibility

Video Resources on the Constitution by

Annenburg Foundation Trust

Dean Martin Double Feature (Who Was That Lady? -- How to Save a Marriage)

The Frisco Kid

Films on VHS Tapes

Sister Act

Running Wild

The Ghosts of Dickens' Past

Cocktail

Reference

New Mexico Ghost Towns/Sites Then and Now (Map)

Sky Atlas 2000.0 2nd edition

Sky Atlas 2000.0 field edition

New Mexico Blue Book 2009-2010 from Secretary of State

Classic

The Deerslayer by James Fenimore Cooper

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

Bookmobile: Wednesday, April 20

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

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

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