

Book Review of *Light on Main Street: Oswego, Kansas*

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Light on Main Street: Oswego, Kansas, by Rudy Taylor. 2006. 181 pages, illustrations.

With a Forward by Bill Curtis. \$25.96 + 4.96 shipping. Rudy Taylor Books. P.O. Box 269, Oswego, KS 67356.

Includes a CD with the Forward read by Bill Curtis, and Stories read by Rudy Taylor and Jenny Taylor Diveley.

This is a collection of short stories in editorial style by a small town newspaper editor named Rudy Taylor. The stories are divided into two sections. The grey pages are about what it is like to run a small town newspaper in the past and today. Anyone who has ever worked on a newspaper will find these stories very enjoyable. The stories on the white pages are “fictional style” accounts of what it was like to grow up 50 years ago as a boy in rural Oklahoma and Kansas. The stories will resonate with anyone who has lived in a small Kansas town during the mid part of the twentieth century. The stories about editing a newspaper are quite good. They paint a very clear picture of what it is like to write a newspaper in a small Midwestern town. Subject such as politics, religion, small town business activities, and of course, small town athletics are dealt with.

This small volume is a study of how to deal with people, their feelings and emotions. I enjoyed listening to the CD. The reading style is very easy to listen to and enjoy. A reader could listen to one story a day for almost a month and have a good time. This would be a wonderful book for an older person who has trouble reading or for someone who would enjoy reading and also listening to the author. This title would be a good selection for all Kansas libraries and I think it would be a very special addition to any library that has an oral history collection.