

## Kansas Notable Books for 2007 Have Been Announced

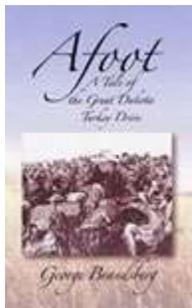
by Roy Bird, Director, Kansas Center for the Book

On June 25 State Librarian Christie Brandau and Roy Bird, Director of the Kansas Center for the Book at the State Library of Kansas, unveiled the 2007 Kansas Notable Books List. This second annual roll of honor includes fiction, nonfiction, adult and children's books, each of which is outstanding for different reasons.

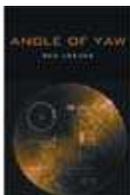
About the 2007 Notable Book List, Bird said, "The titles on the second annual Kansas Notable Books List all reflect not only the literary heritage of the state but also the significant amount of literary activity in Kansas today. The 2007 Kansas Notable Books List has something to interest every reader in the state."

Begun in 2005, with the first titles announced in 2006, the Kansas Notable Books List has quickly become a highly respected project of the Kansas Center for the Book. Authors, booksellers, publishers and librarians have featured Notable Books in presentations, displays, and literary events around the state. Authors of Notable Books have appeared at many venues in the state as well.

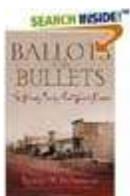
The 2007 Kansas Notable Books List promises to further raise the awareness of the great activity in the state's literary community.



*Afoot: A Tale of the Great Dakota Turkey Drive*, by George Brandsberg. Reminiscent of *Tom Sawyer*, a fun read about a youth who drives a flock of turkeys across the plains in 1876.



*Angle of Yaw*, by Ben Lerner. An award-winning poetic critique of modern society by a former Topekan now living in California.



*Ballots and Bullets: The Bloody County Seat Wars of Kansas History*, by Robert K. DeArment. This is the first compilation of the violent Kansas county seat wars. This is by an eminent Ohio authority on Old West lawmen and outlaw history.



*Flint Hills Cowboys: Tales of the Tallgrass Prairie*, by James Hoy.

This is a story of exemplary cowboys from the rugged hills. These stories run from the late 19th through the mid-20th century and they are told by a scholar who is one of them.



*I'd Tell You That I Love You, But Then I'd Have To Kill You*, by Ally Carter.

The adventures of a teenage student at a girls boarding school for spies in training.



*John Brown to Bob Dole: Movers and Shakers in Kansas*, edited by Virgil Dean.

These are short biographies of some of the people who made Kansas what it is. All are by noted scholars.



*John Stuart Curry: The Road Home*, by Alice Bertels.

A children's biography of the famous Kansas artist by a first-time Kansas writer.



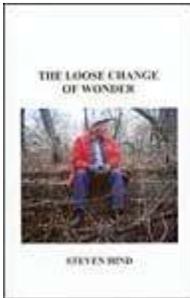
*Kansas Murals: A Traveler's Guide*, by Lora Jost and Dave Loewenstein.

Does your community have a notable mural? Find out in this beautifully illustrated book.



*Light on Main Street: Storytelling by a Country Newspaper Editor*, by Rudy Taylor.

These are stories of what it's like to be a small town newspaper editor. They also shed light on what it means to be a Kansan.



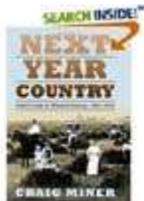
*The Loose Change of Wonder*, by Steven Hind.

A new book by one of the state's noted poets that brings readers new visions of the state and its people.



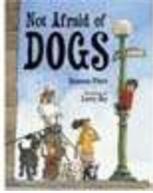
*My Little Yellow Taxi*, by Stephen Johnson.

An interactive children's book by a Kansas Caldecott Honor artist.



*Next Year Country: Dust to Dust in Western Kansas, 1890-1940*, by Craig Miner.

Life on the Kansas High Plains by one of the state's foremost historians.



*Not Afraid of Dogs*, by Susanne Pitzer.

A children's book about a youngster who overcomes a childhood fear, by a Lawrence author now living in New York.



*Ogallala Blue: Water and Life on the Great Plains*, by William Ashworth.

How an underground freshwater sea has impacted life in western Kansas and all of the Plains states.



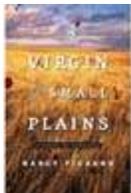
*Revolutionary Heart: The Life of Clarina Nichols and the Pioneering Crusade for Women's Rights*, by Diane Eickhoff.

This is the story of a woman pioneer who traveled from Vermont to Kansas to California. The story is told by the re-enactor who portrays her.



*Shanghai Shadows*, by Lois Ruby.

A young European Jewish girl flees with her family to World War II China seeking a better life. This is by one of the state's best-known young adult authors.



*The Virgin of Small Plains*, by Nancy Pickard.

Miracles, tragedy and suspense in the Flint Hills by a bestselling mystery writer.



*Words of a Prairie Alchemist*, by Denise Low.

The new Kansas Poet Laureate delivers the language of the prairie and explores that place where the natural world meets the human experience.