

Iowa Book List

Title	Author	Youth/Adult	About Iowa	Iowa Author
African Americans of Des Moines and Polk County	Honesty Parker	Adult	✓	✓
Against All Odds	Lauren Plumley	Youth	✓	
Along Iowa's Historic Highway 20	Michael J. Till	Youth+	✓	✓
Amazing Iowa Athletes	Katy Swalwell	Youth	✓	✓
Amazing Iowa Women	Katy Swalwell	Youth	✓	
Amelia Bloomer & Dress Reform, Or: How Women Came to Wear Pants	Joan Baker	Youth+	✓	
Ames in Word and Picture: Further Tales and Personal Memories, Book Two	Farwell T. Brown	Youth +	✓	✓
And They Persisted: A Century of Impact by Iowa Leagues. League of Women Voters	Linda Meloy	Youth +	✓	✓
Ball Hawks: The Arrival and Departure of the NBA in Iowa	Tim Harwood	Adult	✓	
Beneath the Marble Sky	John Shors	Youth+		✓
Bill Riley on the Air and at the Iowa State Fair	Bill Riley Sr., Heather Torpy	Adult	✓	✓
Black Diamonds: Life and Work in Iowa's Coal Mines, 1895-1925	Dorothy Schwieder	Adult	✓	✓
Black Eagle Child	Ray Young Bear	Youth+	✓	✓
Body and Soul	Frank Conroy	Adult		✓
Bonne Femme Cookbook	Wini Moranville	Adult		✓
Born in 1818: Frederick Douglas and Amelia Bloomer	Julie Knutson	Youth	✓	
Bottomland	Michelle Hoover	Youth+	✓	✓
Brave, Bold First Lady Lou Hoover:	Sarita Mirador	Adult	✓	

Survivor of China's Boxer Rebellion				
Bridges of Madison County	Robert James Waller	Adult	✓	✓
Bright Radical Star	Robert R. Dykstra	Adult	✓	✓
Busy in the Cause: Iowa, The Free-State Struggle in the West, and the Prelude to the Civil War	Lowell J. Soike	Adult	✓	✓
The Butterfly Effect	Rachel McKenny	Adult	✓	✓
Buxton: A Black Utopia in the Heartland	Dorothy Schwieder, Joseph Hraba, and Elmer Schwieder	Adult	✓	✓
Carrie Chapman Catt: A Biography	Mary Gray Peck	Adult	✓	
Carrie Chapman Catt: A Life of Leadership	Nate Levin	Youth	✓	
Carrie Chapman Catt: A Public Life	Jacqueline Van Voris	Adult	✓	
Carrie Chapman Catt: A Voice for Women	Kristin Thoennes Keller	Youth	✓	
Carrie Chapman Catt: Amazing Activist	Carole Marsh	Youth	✓	
Carrie Catt: Feminist Politician	Robert Booth Fowler	Adult	✓	
Caucus Chaos: The Controversial Call, Characters and Surprises that Made Iowa 2012 a Year Like No Other	Dave Price	Adult	✓	✓
Caucus Chaos Trump: How a Reality TV Star Shocked Politics and What that Means for 2020	Dave Price	Adult	✓	✓
A Collar in My Pocket: Blue Eyes/Brown Eyes Exercise	Jane Elliott	Youth+	✓	✓
Corn Poll: A Novel of the Iowa Caucuses	Zachary Micahel Jack	Adult	✓	
Council Bluffs, Iowa: History & Stories of the Jewish Midwest	Nebraska Jewish Historical Society	Adult	✓	
Creating the Black Utopia of Buxton, Iowa	Rachelle Chase	Adult	✓	✓
A Culinary History of Iowa: Sweet Corn, Pork Tenderloins, Maid-Rites & More	Darcy Dougherty Maulsby	Adult	✓	✓

A Damned Iowa Greyhound: The Civil War Letters of William Henry Harrison Clayton	William Henry Harrison Clayton	Adult		✓
Dear Abby	Abigail Van Buren	Youth+		✓
Dear Regina: Flannery O'Connor's Letters from Iowa	Monica Carol Miller	Adult	✓	
Delights and Shadows	US Poet Laureate Ted Kooser	Youth+		✓
Dubuque During the California Gold Rush: When the Midwest Went West	Robert F. Klein	Adult	✓	✓
Dubuque On The Mississippi 1788-1988	William Wilkie	Adult	✓	✓
Duffy's Iowa Caucus Cartoons: Watch 'em Run	Brian Duffy	Youth +	✓	✓
Elbow Room	James Alan McPherson	Youth+		✓
Emancipation's Diaspora: Race and Reconstruction in the Upper Midwest	Leslie Schwalm	Adult		✓
The Emerald Horizon: The History of Nature in Iowa	Connie Mutel	Adult	✓	✓
Equal Before the Law: How Iowa Led Americans to Marriage Equality	Tom Witosky and Marc Hansen	Adult	✓	✓
Farmers Helping Farmers: The Rise of the Farm and Home Bureaus, 1914-1935	Nancy Berlage	Adult	✓	
Fifteen from Iowa Who Changed the World: John Wayne, Herbert Hoover, Johnny Carson and More	Christopher Sans	Youth+	✓	
Frontier Forts of Iowa: Indians, Traders, and Soldiers, 1682-1862	William E. Whittaker	Adult	✓	✓
Flamingo Rising	Larry Baker	Youth		✓
Fritzi: The Story of Fred Lorber	Shirah Jacobs et al	Youth	✓	
From Six on Six to Full Court Press: A Century of Iowa Girls' Basketball	Janice A. Beran	Adult	✓	✓
Gentlemen Bootleggers: The True Story of	Bryce T. Bauer	Adult	✓	

Templeton Rye, Prohibition, and a Small Town in Cahoots				
Giant	Edna Ferber	Youth		✓
Gilead	Marilynne Robinson	Youth+	✓	✓
The Good Governor: Robert Ray and the Indochinese Refugees of Iowa	Matthew R. Walsh	Adult	✓	✓
Grassroots Rules: How the Iowa Caucus Helps Elect American Presidents	Christopher Hull	Adult	✓	✓
The Great Iowa Caucus Casserole Mystery: A Cozy Potluck Paradise Cafe Mystery	Rae Katherine Eighmey	Adult	✓	
Growing Up Amish: A Memoir	Ira Wagler	Youth+	✓	✓
Growing Up Country: Memoirs of an Iowa Farm Girl	Carol Bodensteiner	Youth+	✓	✓
Harriet Wants to Vote	Karla Wright	Youth	✓	✓
Hattie Big Sky	Kirby Larson	Youth+	✓	
Home	Marilynne Robinson	Youth+		✓
Horizontal World	Deb Marquart	Youth+		✓
The Home Fronts of Iowa, 1939-1945	Lisa L. Ossian	Adult	✓	✓
Hoover: An Extraordinary Life in Extraordinary Times	Kenneth Whyte	Adult	✓	
House of Tomorrow	Peter Bognanni	Youth		✓
I Remember When: Personal Recollections and Vignettes of the Sioux City Jewish Community, 1869-1984	Susan Marks Conner	Adult	✓	✓
In Search of Donna Reed	Jay Fultz	Adult	✓	
Indians of Iowa	Lance Foster	Adult	✓	✓
Invisible Hawkeyes: African Americans at the University of Iowa during the Long Civil Rights Era	Lena M. Hill and Michael D. Hill	Adult	✓	✓

The Iowa Baseball Confederacy	W.P. Kinsella	Adult	✓	✓
Iowa Confederates in the Civil War	David Connon	Adult	✓	✓
The Iowa Caucus	Rachel Paine Caufield	Adult	✓	✓
The Iowa Caucuses and the Presidential Nominating Process	Peverill Squire	Adult	✓	✓
The Iowa Caucuses: First Tests of Presidential Aspiration, 1972-2008	John C. Skipper	Adult	✓	✓
Iowa: The Middle Land	Dorothy Schwieder	Adult	✓	
Iowa Past to Present: The People and the Prairie (3rd Edition)	Dorothy Schwieder, Thomas Morain, and Lynn Nielsen	Youth	✓	✓
(The) Iowa Precinct Caucuses: The Making of a Media Event	Hugh Winebrenner	Adult	✓	✓
Iowa Pride	Duane A. Schmidt	Youth +	✓	✓
The Iowa State Fair: In Vintage Postcards	Ron Playle	Adult	✓	✓
Iowa's Black Legacy	Charline J. Barnes, Ed.D., and Floyd Bumpers	Adult	✓	✓
Iowa's Devoted Daughter: The Story of Miss Harriet Louise Ankeny and Her American Family	Karla Wright	Youth	✓	✓
Iowa's Women's Corrections: A History	Erica Spiller	Adult	✓	✓
Irish Iowa	Timothy Walch	Adult	✓	✓
The Jefferson Highway: Blazing the Way from Winnipeg to New Orleans	Lyell D. Henry	Adult	✓	✓
John L. Lewis: An Unauthorized Biography	Saul Alinsky	Adult	✓	
John Todd and the Underground Railroad: Biography of an Iowa Abolitionist	James Patrick Morgans	Adult	✓	✓
The Kid Who Changed the World	Andy Andrews	Youth	✓	
The Last Iowa Caucus	James O'Loughlin	Adult	✓	✓

The Last Year of the War	Susan Meissner	Youth	✓	
Latina/o Midwest Reader	Omar Valerio-Jimenez and Santiago Vaquera-Vasquez	Adult		✓
The League of Women Voters of Iowa: A Voice for Citizens, A Force for Change	Jan Beran	Adult	✓	✓
1918. Legal and Political Status of Women in Iowa	Ruth Gallaher	Adult	✓	✓
Legislators and Politicians: Iowa's Women Lawmakers	Suzanne O'Dea Schenken	Adult	✓	✓
The Liberation of the Concentration Camps 1945: The Des Moines, Iowa Survivors	Adele Anolik	Adult	✓	✓
The Life and Writings of Amelia Bloomer	Dexter (DC) Bloomer	Youth+		
Life Narratives of African Americans in Iowa	Charline J. Barnes	Adult	✓	✓
Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm during the Great Depression	Mildred Kalish	Youth+		✓
Lost Buxton	Rachelle Chase	Adult	✓	✓
Lost Continent: Travels in Small Town America	Bill Bryson	Youth+		✓
A Lucky Lie	Sydney Pearl et al	Youth	✓	
Lucky to Live in Iowa	Kate B. Jerome	Youth	✓	
Lou Henry Hoover: Activist First Lady	Nancy Beck Young	Adult	✓	
Magic Thief	Sarah Prineas	Youth		✓
Mamie Doud Eisenhower: The General's First Lady	Marilyn Irvin Holt	Adult	✓	
Mary Bonnet Ankeny Hunter: Remembering the Life and Contributions of an Iowa Suffragist	Karla Wright	HS and above	✓	✓
(Appendix to the Book) Mary Bonnet	Karla Wright	HS and above	✓	✓

Ankeny Hunter				
Mary Jane Whiteley Coggeshall: Hicksite Quaker, Iowa/National Suffragette and Her Speeches	John N. Ferris	Youth+	✓	
Methland: The Death and Life of an American Small Town	Nick Reding	Adult	✓	
Middle Class Life in Midwest America	Timothy R. Mahoney	Adult	✓	
The Mississippi River: Father of Waters	James L. Shaffer and John T. Tigges	Adult		✓
More Strong-Minded Women	Louise R. Noun	Adult	✓	✓
Mrs. Ike: Memories and Reflections on the Life of Mamie Eisenhower	Susan Eisenhower	Youth+	✓	
The Music Man	Meredith Wilson	Youth+		✓
Nancy Drew series	Carolyn Keene	Youth		✓
Necessary Courage: Iowa's Underground Railroad in the Struggle Against Slavery	Lowell J. Soike	Adult	✓	✓
The Next to Last Mistake	Amalie Jahn	Youth+	✓	
Okoboji and the Iowa Great Lakes	Jonathan M. Reed	Adult	✓	✓
On Behalf of the Family Farm: Iowa Farm Women's Activism since 1945	Jenny Barker Devine	Adult	✓	✓
On the Island	Tracey Garvis Graves	Youth+		✓
The Ones I Bring With Me/Los Que Llevo Conmigo: Iowa's Young Latinas on Education, Identity and Success	Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Leppers	Adult	✓	✓
The Only Dance in Iowa: A History of Six-Player Basketball	David McElwain	Adult	✓	✓
Out of This World: A Journey of Healing	Mary Swander	Youth+	✓	✓
Outside In: African-American History in Iowa, 1838-2000	Bill Silag, Susan Koch-Bridgford, & Hal Chase	Adult	✓	✓
Plain Speaking: an Oral Biography of	Merle Miller	Adult		✓

Harry S. Truman				
Postville: A Clash of Cultures in Heartland America	Stephen G. Bloom	Adult	✓	✓
Prairie Voices: Iowa's Pioneering Women	Glenda Riley	Youth+	✓	
Preserving Carrie's Legacy: The National 19 th Amendment Society	Wendy Johnson and Susan Jacob	Youth +	✓	✓
RAGBRAI: America's Favorite Bicycle Ride	Greg Borzo, Foreword by John Karras, co-founder of RAGBRAI	Adult	✓	✓
Railroads of Dubuque	John Tigges and James Shaffer	Adult	✓	✓
Remnants of the First Earth	Ray Young Bear	Youth+	✓	✓
Riding the Caucus Rollercoaster: The Ups and Downs in the Republican Race to Win the 2012 Iowa Caucuses	Timothy Hagle	Adult	✓	✓
Rise and Fall of the Third Reich	William Shirer	Adult		✓
Road to Perdition	Max Allan Collins	Youth+		✓
Rogues and Heroes from Iowa's Amazing Past	George Mills, Frank Miller (Illustrator)	Youth+	✓	✓
The Sacred Acre: The Ed Thomas Story	Mark Tabb	Youth+	✓	
The Sacred Cause of the Union: Iowa in the Civil War	Thomas R. Baker	Adult	✓	✓
Sam McCain Mysteries	Ed Gorman	Youth+		✓
Searching for Anne Frank: Letters from Amsterdam to Iowa	Susan Goldman Rubin	Youth+	✓	
Slavery in the Upper Mississippi Valley, 1787-1865: A History of Human Bondage in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, and Wisconsin	Christopher P. Lehman	Adult	✓	
Soldier Boy: The Civil War Letters of Charles O. Musser, 29th Iowa	Barry Popchock	Youth+	✓	
Solidarity and Survival: An Oral History of	Shelton Stromquist	Adult	✓	✓

Iowa Labor in the Twentieth Century				
Some Luck	Jane Smiley	Youth+	✓	✓
Spirit Lake	MacKinlay Kantor	Youth+	✓	✓
Stars Over Clear Lake	Loretta Ellsworth	Adult	✓	✓
Steam Railroads of Northern Iowa and Southern Minnesota	Jim Angel and Ashley Mantoosh	Adult	✓	✓
Sticks and Bones	David Rabe	Adult		✓
The Stones of Summer	Dow Mossman	Adult	✓	✓
Storm Lake: Change, Resilience, and Hope in America's Heartland	Art Cullen	Adult	✓	✓
Strong-Minded Women: The Emergence of the Woman-Suffrage Movement in Iowa	Louise Rosenfield Noun	Adult	✓	✓
A Sugar Creek Chronicle : Observing Climate Change from a Midwestern Woodland	Connie Mutel	Adult	✓	✓
This State of Wonders: The Letters of an Iowa Frontier Family, 1858-1861	John Kent Folmar	Adult	✓	
A Thousand Acres	Jane Smiley	Adult	✓	✓
A Transplanted Chicago: Race, Place, and the Press in Iowa City	Robert E. Gutsche, Jr.	Adult	✓	
Twice in a Lifetime	Dorothy Garlock	Adult		✓
Uncle Henry: A Documentary Profile of the First Henry Wallace	Richard Stewart KirKendall	Adult	✓	✓
Utopia, Iowa	Brian Yansky	Youth	✓	
Villisca: The True Account of a Mass Murder	Roy Marshall	Adult	✓	
We Are Interwoven: An Anthology of Bicultural Iowa (Volume 1)	Edited by Chuy Renteria and Andrea Wilson	Adult	✓	✓
We Are Interwoven: An Anthology of	Edited by Andrea	Adult	✓	✓

Bicultural Iowa (Volume 2)	Wilson and Alisha Jeddelloh			
We Have All Gone Away	Curtis Harnack	Adult	✓	✓
A Weed Is a Flower: The Life of George Washington Carver	Aliki	Youth	✓	
What's Eating Gilbert Grape	Peter Hedges	Youth+	✓	✓
White Racism on the Western Frontier: Dynamics of Race and Class in Dubuque, Iowa (1800-2000)	Mohammad A. Chaichian	Adult	✓	
Why Iowa? How Caucuses and Sequential Elections Improve the Presidential Nominating Process	David P. Redlawsk and Catherine J. Tolbert	Adult	✓	✓
The Wise Animal Handbook Iowa	Kate B. Jerome	Youth	✓	
A Woman of Adventure: The Life and Times of First Lady Lou Henry Hoover	Annette B. Dunlap	Adult	✓	
Woman Suffrage and Citizenship in the Midwest, 1870-1920	Sarah Egge	Adult	✓	✓
Woman Suffrage & Politics: The Inner Story of the Suffrage Movement	Carrie Chapman Catt and Nettie Shuler	Adult	✓	✓
The Woman's Hour: The Great Fight to Win the vote	Elaine Weiss	Adult	✓	
(The) World Between Two Rivers	Gretchen Bataille and David Gradwohl	Adult	✓	✓
You Forgot Your Skirt, Amelia Bloomer	Shana Corey	Youth	✓	
Zakery's Bridge: Children's Journeys to Iowa From Around the World	Kay Fenton Smith and Carol Roh Spaulding	Adult	✓	✓