



March 2024 Pronghorn Reading List

Theme: A Book by a Wyoming Author

Wyoming is full of authors worth reading, in addition to the talented CJ Box and Craig Johnson, we also have so many others. Have you heard of [Chad Hanson?](#) [Tyler Rogers?](#) Or even [Mary Budd Flitner?](#) Any book by a Wyoming author will do for this month; and you did not dissappoint! Below are your March selections.

Book Title (A-Z)	Author	Reader Reflection
		<i>Prompt: In a sentence or two, tell us what you think about the book and/or why you chose this title.</i>
3 Inch Teeth	C. J. Box	I have enjoyed Box's books ever since his first one. The title of this one was intriguing and, of course, quite appropriate. Box's characters are clearly drawn. I like his heroes and find his villains cringeworthy. Despite that, I don't like the violence, which seems to have increased in his recent books. There are too many killings in this book and I probably won't read any more Box books because of it. One after another, almost every other chapter or more, innocent bystanders or beloved known characters, is just plain overkill. (Sorry ... I couldn't resist that.) <i>Lois, Cheyenne</i>
A Far Place	Karen Schutte	I wanted to read something local that I have not read before. It was interesting to picture the local places mentioned. I also enjoyed thinking about how it compared to my family stories in a different part of the country. <i>Alisa, Worland</i>

A Park to Yourself: Finding Solitude in America's 63 National Parks	Scott & Tiff Sink	In January 2024, I read The Divided Twin novel by Cheyenne author Mary Billiter, but this month I have been focused on editing the 2nd edition of my travel guidebook to the National Parks. I have read every page of it again while editing and updating the book, some of them multiple times. I think that counts since I am definitely a
A Poisoned Season	Tasha Alexander	This is the second book in the Lady Emily Mystery series by Tasha Alexander, who lives outside Laramie. She recently spoke at the Laramie County Library Foundation fundraiser and I loved hearing about her decision to move to Wyoming after visiting with her family--including husband Andrew Grant, who authors the Jack Reacher series!--and falling in love with our State. The books series is set in Victorian England and is well written and downright fun. <i>Kristen, Cheyenne</i>
A Window in Time	Carolyn Lampman	Fun story! Loved reading about the Riverton balloon rally in a book. Also great history about Wyoming and the Pony Express. <i>Jenny, Riverton</i>
An Unfinished Life	Mark Spragg	This was a reread, but years long enough between reads that I had forgotten just how good Mark Spragg is. I would recommend this title to anyone. Mark Spragg's voice and prose makes me proud of being a Wyomingite. From dialogue to character development I felt like I needed a good cry, a chuckle, and to call my grandpa. <i>Cara, Douglas</i>
An Unfinished Life	Mark Spragg	A story of friendship, loss, love and forgiveness. I enjoyed this book. I think I liked it even better because I could read/hear it in the voices of Robert Redford and Morgan Freeman. I highly recommend it. <i>Angela, Worland</i>
Angel Fire	Ron Franscell	Ron Franscell is a Wyoming author and I realized this is one I hadn't read. The book was incredibly moving and engaging. Moving between childhood, Vietnam War time period, and the present it's a story of 2 brothers and the impact of growing up in a small town raised by their father and the horrible impact of the War. <i>Kate, Casper</i>

Awen Rising	O. J. Barre	I have been getting into fantasy books recently and have heard only raves from everyone in Cheyenne about this book! <i>Morgan, Cheyenne</i>
Back of Beyond	C. J. Box	I read two books by C. J. Box in the past, but this is the first in the Highway Quartet series. Even though the protagonist of the novel is an alcoholic cop, I believe the main character is Yellowstone. Reading about the park always makes me feel good. <i>Conxita, Laramie</i>
Billionaire Wilderness: The Ultra-Wealthy and the Remaking of the American West	Justin Farrell	Billionaire Wilderness confronts the stark reality of inequity in Wyoming, offering a glimpse into the lives of the ultra-wealthy, the myriad issues stemming from their presence, and their effects on Jackson residents. As a Wyomingite, I wanted to understand the challenges confronting many in our state and explore potential solutions. <i>Rachel, Cheyenne</i>
Billionaire Wilderness: The Ultra-Wealthy and the Remaking of the American West	Justin Farrell	I am well aware of the reputation and struggles of diverse classes in Jackson, but there are few studies which include the thoughts and justifications of the ultra wealthy. This author was able to gain access to a variety of residents in the community and provide insightful, though often not surprising, causes of and solutions to the problems facing our state and Teton county. <i>Rhonda, Pine Bluffs</i>
Bird Cloud	Annie Proulx	The author recounts building her dream home near Saratoga, Wyoming. Interspersed with the construction foibles are interesting vignettes of local history, archeological digs and natural wildlife observations. A short visit with any old timer might have informed her eventual conclusion that a secluded property in an area closed by winter weather from October to May was not a practical final home, but many dreams have a nightmare quality that has to be soberly faced. <i>Susan, Lyman</i>
Capital Justice	James Chandler	Excellent "legal thriller" - this is the fourth book of Chandler's that I have read, and he does not disappoint! <i>Dale, Cheyenne</i>
Close Range	Annie Proulx	The prose was vivid and visceral with a unique perspective of Wyoming. <i>Angela, Worland</i>

Cold Wind	C.J. Bock	<p>This is #11 of the Joe Pickett series and per usual, you can never go wrong with this series. This book followed Joe thru finding out his mother in law was something other than just an annoying mother in law that doesn't like him. It follows the case of a murder on a wind farm. there is detective steps that Joe must take to figure it out. This series is a must read for anyone in Wyoming. Listening to the book while on the roads as Joe is also chasing someone on the same road is just plain thrilling! <i>Stephanie, Casper</i></p>
Cowboys and East Indians: Stories	Nina McConigley	<p>I chose this book because it tells the stories of people who live in Wyoming who are often underrepresented in popular narratives. The author was originally born in Singapore but grew up in Wyoming, and she provides a unique perspective as someone who does not fit into the "Old West cowboy" stereotype. Many of the short stories in the collection focus on the experience of being an immigrant, or just non-white, in in the state, and the search for an identity in a place that does not include you in its stories. The stories are funny, heart-breaking, and thought provoking, and an honest but loving representation of life from a Wyoming author. <i>Katelyn, Cheyenne</i></p>
Cowboys and East Indians: Stories	Nina McConigley	<p>I knew Nina a bit in my days at UW, and I've wanted to read her book for ages and ages. (The cover image is PERFECT.) I really liked this story collection. I think it shows so much about the different ways that we picture "insiders" and "outsiders," and how those identities can change or interact. <i>Lindsey, Cheyenne</i></p>
Cries From the Lost Island	Kathleen O'Neal Gear	<p>To fit this month's theme I did an internet search for Wyoming authors and discovered Kathleen O'Neal Gear who lives in the Owl Creek Mountains of Wyoming.</p> <p>This was a fun and unexpected YA adventure combining ancient Roman and Egyptian mythology with a modern-day detective story. I was swept into the story from the start, and enjoyed the ride. <i>Caranna, Worland</i></p>

Daughter of the Morning Star	Craig Johnson	In a book discussion we were talking about authors using their platform to raise awareness and Craig Johnson was mentioned. I wanted to see how he approached using his writing platform to raise awareness on missing indigenous people. His approach started very fact driven, but those statistics stuck with me through the book and onward as I then read Hell and Back as well. <i>Jennifer , Sheridan</i>
Death Along the Spirit Road	C. M. Wendelboe	This novel is the first in Wendelboe's Manny Tanno series, and it reminds me of Tony Hillerman's Joe Leaphorn and Jim Chee series. Wendelboe accurately depicts western South Dakota and eastern Wyoming as he relates the mystery that brings Manny back to the Pine Ridge reservation in order to solve the brutal death of Jason Red Cloud, a local land developer. <i>Patty, Powell</i>
Death Along The Spirit Road	C M Wendelboe	This was a good mystery by a Wyoming Author. <i>Mary, Buffalo</i>
Death without Company	Craig Johnson	This was a good mystery, I had read the first one when Craig Johnson came to the laramie County library and so I thought this was a good time to read the second one in the series. I loved the Longmire TV show. This book kept my attention all the way to the end. <i>Estella, Cheyenne</i>
Devil's Gate	Tom Rea	This was a logical perspective of change in land occupation and the influences of each transition. Carol Frost piqued my interest in this seemingly desolate area and I now have a better appreciation for it. <i>Kathleen, Laramie</i>
Dissolution: the Wyoming Chronicles: Book one	Michael gear	This is a trilogy set in Wyoming. Gear's outlook on what happens when a government collapses is timely and thought provoking. <i>Patty, Jackson</i>
Effie May and her outrageous hat	Lyn mortensen	I thought it was so inventive and adventurous. The word play was so fun for kids and I LOVED the color and detail in illustrations! <i>Danielle, Lovell</i>

<p>Essie's Story The Life and Legacy of a Shoshone Teacher</p>	<p>Esther Burnett Horne and Sally McBeth</p>	<p>I had relatives that were sent to BIA boarding schools, curious about what they went though. Essie was fifteen she was placed at the Haskell Institute, a BIA non-reservation boarding school in Lawrence Kansas. She had two teachers that taught non-Indian subjects but had a very strong respect for Indian culture. They taught them to have pride in who they were "Indians are people, too. Don't forget that." Essie decided to be a teacher, she became an advocate for Indian people. Sacajawea, the Shoshone woman who accompanied Lewis and Clark on their exploratory trip from St. Louis, Missouri to the Pacific coast from 1804-1806, was Essie's great, great, grandmother. She labored to keep the memory of her great, great, grandmother alive. A good read. <i>Kaye, Crowheart</i></p>
<p>Free Fire</p>	<p>C.J. Box</p>	<p>I picked this as my first C.J. Box novel because I thought the inclusion of the Zone of Death loophole was interesting. The book was great all the way through, including the last 20 pages which were packed with action! <i>Marie, Worland</i></p>
<p>Grace McDonald Phillips: Legal Pioneer</p>	<p>Lucille Clarke Dumbrill</p>	<p>Lucille Dumbrill lives in Newcastle and has been involved with Wyoming history her entire life. Her wonderful book about the first practicing woman lawyer in Wyoming is thoroughly researched and details the life of Grace and her family. <i>Alena, Casper</i></p>
<p>Heart Mountain</p>	<p>Gretel Ehrlich</p>	<p>I had heard about the internment camps for Japanese-Americans during WW2 and knew there was one in Wyoming. This book is very informative of the camp called Heart Mountain. It is a bit hard to follow at first but after getting into the full story, very informational. It has love/hate relationships, and describes the life at the camp in detail. How some managed to make it through and others not so well. A very good read. <i>Barbara, Laramie</i></p>

Hell and Back	Craig Johnson	This was definitely the most surreal of all the books in the Sheriff Longmire series. Not only did Wyoming author Craig Johnson take "the beloved sheriff to the very limits of his sanity" (from the back of the book), but he tested mine as well. I hope Walt returns to reality in the next installment. <i>Mary, Sheridan</i>
Journal of Henry David Tarantula	Betsy Bernfeld	Betsy Bernfeld (former director of the Teton County Library in the 1990s) has written a humorous environmental love story with a unique power struggle between two mayoral candidates and the mayor's daughter in Arizona. An endangered wolf from Chihuahua, Mexico enters the fray with his own story. "The desert blooms, beer cans roll," caves are used, and Thoreau inspires. <i>Brian, Cheyenne</i>
Just Beyond Harmony	Gaydell Collier	The author was my friend's mother, and one of the Bear Lodge Writers. Her prose in this memoir is well phrased, although at times a bit flowery. Set in the Jelm area south of Laramie, it is the tale of a couple of city kids raising their children without many modern conveniences in order to build self sufficiency. <i>Cher, Sundance</i>
Letters of a woman homesteader	Elinore Pruitt Stewart	I first found Letters of a Woman Homesteader on my grandmother's bookshelf. I love the sense of place I feel when I read this book. <i>Heather, Cheyenne</i>
Long Range	C.J.Box	I'd read another C J Box Joe Pickett book or two and enjoyed them. This book was interesting to me because of its Wyoming setting. I also enjoyed the plot and the lead character's ability to solve the dual mysteries/ crimes. <i>Cyndi, Powell</i>
Meadowlark	Carolyn Lampman	I met Wyoming author Carolyn Lampman in a writers' workshop and wanted to read one of her published books. I chose Meadowlark and loved it! <i>Lorna, Riverton</i>

No Good Deed : a Sam Dawson Mystery	Steven W. Horn	I enjoyed reading about the legal loopholes and criteria that were part of the mechanics of possibly getting Tom Horn exonerated which I hope were accurate since the author uses the terms "exhumation" and "disinterment" almost interchangeably, which they are not. Sam Dawson is not someone I would want to "have a cup of coffee with" but I am happy to report than nothing happens to his dog; I was worried. I had heard of this series but had no idea about it ... and now I know. <i>RoseMarie, Laramie</i>
Oath and Honor	Liz Cheney	I have read books from both sides but have been impressed by the stand she took about Jan 6th and her reflections about what went down and is still happening. <i>Sharyl, Douglas</i>
Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning	Liz Cheney	I was humbled by this author's integrity and grit. She sacrificed much to provide Americans with a factual account of the events of the January 6th insurrection. What we see on television is only the tip of the iceberg...what is happening in the halls of our government is an atrocity. <i>Daria, Casper</i>
Of Glass and Lavender	K. R. Rainbolt	This is the first book on the Ascension Rising Series. It's a slow-burn paranormal romance with five love interests and no need for our main girl to choose between them. This was the author's note. It happens to be written by a coworker so I bought it on Amazon in secret. It actually turned out to be very good. I have the 2nd book and the 3rd is supposed to come out soon. <i>Wendy, Green River</i>
Of Murder and Madness	Gerry Spence	I picked up the hardback version of this book at a local book sale and realized it was perfect for the category of a Wyoming author. Mr. Spence is a vivid storyteller, and he shares a heartbreaking look at not only one of his early and monumental cases, but also into his own heartbreak and growth. <i>Heidi, Torrington</i>

Off The Grid	C.J. Box	I am a fan of C.J. Box and while looking for a Wyoming writer for this month's read, I found a Box that I had not read. I enjoyed it very much and Nate Romanowski is my favorite character. The Conflict between Joe's straight arrow, follow all the rules character and Nate's rebel, off the grid character is fascinating. Shows how different people don't have to hate each other. Joe and Nate are best friends and respect each other. <i>Kay, Hulett</i>
Old Fashioned on Purpose	Jill Winger	I've read Jill's blog and watched her YouTube channel. She's very informative as well as genuine and relatable. <i>Deann, Hulett</i>
Open Range	CJ Box	My uncle has recommended this series for years, but it never makes it off my 'to be read' pile. This program gave me a good excuse/push to pick it up! I grew up 30 minutes from Ten Sleep, and it was fascinating to read a book that amalgamates the region, including the Sheridan/Buffalo area. I laughed early in the book when the main character's family stayed in a hotel with 5 floors as his daughters enjoyed riding the elevator up and down. Good luck finding a hotel that large within easy driving distance of Ten Sleep! Overall, the book told a good story, and I enjoyed the honest but realistic representation of my hometown roots. <i>Ashli, Laramie</i>
Open Season	CJ Box	After moving to WY, I started to follow WY authors. CJ Box is pretty famous around here and I was encouraged to read his books. I like to start at the beginning and this book is the start of the Joe Pickett adventures. It's an exciting yet realistic tale. He writes about things that happen or could happen in WY. This week he was in town and signed my copy. <i>Jeannine, Cheyenne</i>

Open Season	C J Box	Although it seems like a cliché to choose this author, I chose this book because I have never read anything from this author and it's the first of the series. It had great storytelling and including the young daughter as one of the narrators was smart. I truly did enjoy it and will be continuing this series. <i>Michelle, Rock Springs</i>
Open Season	CJ Box	I've heard a lot about CJ Box and wanted to read one of his books to understand the hype. It's easy to see why so many people love his writing. I enjoyed Open Season but it's not my typical type of book that I read so I'm not sure I'll read more in the series. <i>Alicia, Laramie</i>
Open Season	CJ BOX	CJ Box is an obvious choice when looking for a WY author. I read Open Season, which is the first book of the series. I like Joe Pickett. He's unassuming, yet smart. He's rough around the edges, yet thorough. He's humble, but driven. I will read more in the series now that I have been introduced to Joe. <i>Kim, Cody</i>
Open Season	C J Box	I don't know how I haven't read this book before. It had all the suspense, intrigue, with a bad guy all rolled into one. I enjoyed going outside my comfort zone and actually reading an author that is from Wyoming. Definitely will be keeping up with the Joe Pickett series! <i>Stephanie, Sheridan</i>
Out of range	C. J. Box	My favorite Wyoming author! I love reading this series because I can just imagine all the places that are referenced, making me feel as if I were a character in the book! <i>Katlyn, Laramie</i>
Out of Time	Pauline Baird Jones	I chose this book because I am related to Pauline through marriage. She is my husband's sister's husband's mom. I know her well and knew she was an author but never read any of her books. So I did! <i>Bethany, Meeteetse</i>

Poisoned Justice: Origins	Jeffrey Alan Lockwood	<p>I had heard about this book shortly after it was published and had thought about proposing it to another book group I am in, possibly inviting the author to speak to our group.</p> <p>I didn't particularly enjoy the book. I had a hard time discerning if the main character's opinions are a reflection of the author's, or if he was just written that way to reflect the time period. They weren't critical to the plot, so I was confused about why the character was written to be so unlikeable (because of these opinions).</p> <p>The only thing I liked was the detective's use of his entomology that other detectives don't have. <i>Aimee, Laramie</i></p>
Prairie Soul: Finding Grace In The Earth Beneath My Feet	Jeffrey A. Lockwood	<p>One of Lockwood's books (Locust: The Devastating Rise and Mysterious Disappearance of the Insect that Shaped the American Frontier) was referenced in a book I read back in January. The summary of this book piqued my interest in Lockwood and I added the title - along with the some of his other work - in my mental "Want to Read" list. I later learned Lockwood was a University of Wyoming professor, and chose this title because the writing was highly interdisciplinary, partially ecological and partially philosophical.</p> <p><i>Harry Cheyenne</i></p>
Sarah, Plain and Tall	Patricia MacLaughlin	<p>I chose to reread this book series because it was a childhood favorite of mine. There are such simple but powerful emotions to the story of homesteaders and the woman who traveled to join their family— the titular Sarah's homesickness and strength, her new step children's hopes and fears, and their willingness to find common ground and heal each other. <i>McKayla, Laramie</i></p>
Slow Conversations: stories and Inspirations for the meandering soul	Mandy Fabel	<p>Fun book of articles and short essays on all parts of life! Easy-read/enjoyable. <i>Kiley, Evanston</i></p>

Small Light of Discretion	J. Hoolihan Clayton	This is a novel about the expulsion of the Ute people from their ancestral lands in the 1870s. It's not a pleasant part of history, but it's important to know something about it. <i>Amanda, Laramie</i>
Snake Oil	Pamela Fagan Hutchins	It seemed strange to read a book that mentions where you live - Riverton. Snake Oil takes place in Buffalo, Riverton, Lander and the Wind River Reservation. It is one of those books which you just keep reading to find out who did it? <i>LaRena, Riverton</i>
Soap Suds Row	Jennifer J. Lawrence	Jennifer Lawrence moved to Wyoming from Colorado as a young adult. Living, as I do, near Fort Laramie National Historic Site it seemed only appropriate to select "Soap Suds Row" that is a story of women camp followers who travelled with the troops during military action in the Civil War and during the western frontier wars. Many of these women were laundresses some of whom were married to soldiers. One such laundress was Maggie Flood whose husband Patrick was a trooper with the Third U.S. Cavalry. She supplemented her husbands income as a laundress. In 1878 she worked as a laundress at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, and later at Fort McKinney, near Buffalo, Wyoming. Lawrence sheds light on the hardships these women endured and overcame. <i>Janet, Torrington</i>
Sold in Plain Sight	Jo Kuhl	I choose this book because I personally know the author. She is not only from Wyoming but from my hometown. The book is about a troubled teenager who has a secret. Awareness is the answer about the tragedy of human trafficking especially sex trafficking. It's a hard subject to know about and understand. I loved this book and recommend it to everyone. <i>Linda, Lovell</i>

Son of a Poacher	Scott Werbelow	With Wyoming Authors as the subject of this month's Pronghorn Reads, I assumed people would jump to the Johnson, Box, or Gear books. I wanted to delve into something else. I chose this one, located in the Big Horn Basin where I live. What a dirt-slinging, dust choking, pedal to the metal rush. I'm so surprised Mr. Werbelow survived his childhood and met his struggles and challenges in life with such determination. What could have been a poor me victimhood book, refreshingly was a lesson in meeting challenges and reaching for dreams, Wyoming-style. I thoroughly enjoyed this book! <i>Carol, Ten Sleep</i>
Spirit of steamboat	Craig Johnson	People do good things for others without any thing in return. These folks put there lives on the line on Christmas eve to let a young girl burned in a car wreck get important medical help. <i>Christy, Powell</i>
Storm Watch	CJ Box	The book was a light read. I was a little startled at the roles named after our legislators as they were unsavory characters:). I have read other CJ Box books and enjoyed working with him on the tourism board, so I grabbed this audiobook when I saw it sitting front and center on the library shelf. <i>Liisa, Rock Springs</i>
The Body Keeps the Score	Besser van der Kolk	I think this is an important book for all to read as it deals with how the body remembers traumatic events and how to overcome them with different therapies. I chose this title because of the extensive research that went into this writing. <i>Ruthanna, Lander</i>
The Burqa cave	Dean Petersen	The premise was very interesting and the author had a local book singing. <i>Jill, Fort Bridger</i>
The Cold Dish	Craig Johnson	I've been meaning to get into this series since the TV show came out. Since Johnson lives in Wyoming, I thought it was a good time to start. Great, solid mystery with an ending I didn't see coming. <i>Amy, Wolfe City</i>

The Cold Dish	Craig Johnson	I chose this book because I have never read a Longmire book and I wanted to see what all of the hype was about. In the end, it wasn't a book that I enjoyed, but I can definitely see why other people would like it. That's the beauty of reading, you don't have to like everything you read, even other people do. <i>Emily, Gillette</i>
The Cold Dish	Craig Johnson	My husband enjoyed the Longmire television series. I have been to Buffalo, Wyoming and seen the Longmire Days posters. I have wanted to read one of Craig Johnson's books and I really enjoyed how he incorporated this part of Wyoming in his mystery. His mention and descriptions of the landscapes, towns, and people captured the area. <i>Dolores, Laramie</i>
The Dark Horse	Craig Johnson	My late husband loved the Longmire TV series and this is his birthday month, so I read it in honor of him. I love that Walt protects the young, the old and the infirm. He does what is right, no matter the consequences. <i>Darsi, Riverton</i>
The Girl Guards of Wyoming: The Lost Women's Militia	Daniel J. Lyon	It is an interesting look into a forgotten aspect of Wyoming and women's history. A lovely little glance into the past and the efforts of young women in the formation of Wyoming statehood. <i>Anne, Cheyenne</i>
The Highway	C.J. Box	I don't read much fiction, but while on a road trip a couple of years ago, I listened to the first one in this series (Back of Beyond). I enjoyed the descriptions of the back country of Yellowstone, so I put the rest of the series on my "to read" list. The Highway made me hold my breath, it was a thriller for me. I also live 2 miles from a truck stop on I-80 and the place has always creeped me out at night. Much like the first book, it is well written, moves right along, and has a few life lessons in it. Good read! <i>Wanda, Burns</i>

The Infested Mind	Jeffrey A. Lockwood	This book is subtitled: Why Humans Fear, Loathe, and Love Insects which pretty much says it all as to why I read this book. I have personally always loved and been fascinated by insects and wanted to understand more about why most people are repulsed by them. This book provided insite on that as well as other psychological issues that I found completely fascinating. <i>T., Laramie</i>
The Longmire Defense	Craig Johnson	Craig Johnson is an excellent writer. From chapter two: ". . . glass cases full of handguns and ammunition and the racks of long guns, chained up like a gang attempting to nod off and catch a few z's." Just loved this image. The author is great at choreographing on the page fight scenes and the drama of suspense. <i>Janice, Worland</i>
The Longmire Defense	Craig Johnson	I'm a sucker for a good Longmire mystery and this one did not disappoint! I like that can still picture the characters from the TV series but have new stories to wrap my mind around. <i>Tristan, Kaycee</i>
The Lost Apothecary	Sarah Penner	This book came in my little library that I own. Cover looked bright and interesting. The book was a little hard to follow because it kept jumping characters, but overall it was entertaining. <i>Jennifer, Cheyenne</i>
The Marshall of Big Trails	Kurt Steinke	This book was awful. The story line had potential but the author jumps around all over the place in the time line and it was difficult to follow. The writing was terrible. The author tried way too hard to use words that no one would ever really use. Overall, it was a mess. <i>Emily, Worland</i>
The Morning River	W. Michael Gear	I have never read Mr. Gear's writing previously and was happy I found him through the Wyoming author challenge with Pronghorn Reads. I think that this book is good by itself but I am interested to continue following the saga with the other three books in this series. The writing is very good and I enjoyed the story of people traveling west and the story of the Native Americans through the process. <i>Tami, Cheyenne</i>

The Power of the Dog	Thomas Savage	Powerful picture of the ranching west. Great read- enjoyed very much. <i>Barbara, Farson</i>
The Shadow Watch	S.A. Klopfenstein	I chose this book because this Wyoming author used to live in my town and worked in the same building as my husband. This is a fantasy book which I don't usually read, but I was quickly invested in the characters and enjoyed the book. The only thing I didn't like is it is the first book in a series and it didn't give any closure on some of the characters. It was left way too open for me. <i>Jamie, Douglas</i>
The Shatter Zone	Janna Kestner	I chose this title because Janna is a local Pine Bluffs resident. I read this title for the 2nd time to refresh my memory before I start the 2nd book. <i>Riley, Pine Bluffs</i>
The Silence of Bones	June Hur	The Silence of Bones is a historical fiction. We chose this book for the Never Too Old Book Club for people who like to read YA Books. I found this book very interesting as I have no knowledge of Korea's history before the 1940s. It made me want to learn more, which is always a sign that you are reading a great book. <i>Sarah, Casper</i>
The Summer We Forgot	Caroline George	I chose this title because the author moved to our community in Ten Sleep, WY about a year ago. She has written several books and I was wanting to give them a try. It will be interesting to see if her next book features a Wyoming setting. <i>Nikki, Ten Sleep</i>
The Virginian	Owen Wister	I grew up on the TV show and have a strong love for classic western literature so I thought I'd give this one a swing. However, this was not my favorite read, when the flow was going I enjoyed it but the story is choppy and disjointed at times. I'll stick to the show and appreciate many love this novel and consider it a great. <i>Kindra, Evanston</i>

The Way It Was	Earl Dillinger	I chose this nonfiction book because it was written by a classmate's granddad. I recognized many of the places mentioned and even more of the names, so that was fun. I grew up in northeast Wyoming as well as the Dillinger's. And it didn't hurt that it was a short book as I have other books to read for book club etc. <i>Shannon, Moorcroft</i>
The Wyoming Chronicles	W. Michael Gear	I chose this series (three books - Dissolution, Fourth Quadrant, After the Eagle has Fallen) as my book for March (Wyoming author) after seeing the husband and wife author team of W. Michael and Katherine Kathleen O'Neal Gear mentioned on a Pronghorn Reads Facebook post. This post-apocalyptic series is set in current times after a bank cyber attack has broken down society. The books follow a series of young folks - Sam, Breeze, and Lauren as they - and the state's - struggle to survive the changes in society and redefine their future. I loved the (many) strong women in these books, the fast-paced story, and the accurate depictions of Wyoming geography and culture (although it should be the Buckhorn, not the Elkhorn). Do be warned that these books are fairly graphic in their descriptions. <i>Megan, Laramie</i>
This Cold Heaven	Gretchen Ehrlich	It was fascinating to contemplate how life sans interference with the global economy looks like; and to think about the parallels and dissonance between subsistence hunting in Greenland and the Game & Fish hunting culture of Wyoming. <i>Anne, Laramie</i>
Three Inch Teeth	CJ Box	I have enjoyed reading this series. This one had a lot of deaths and one in particular was hard. The ending left some things up in the air so I guess I will be reading the next one. <i>Ann, Casper</i>

Three Inch Teeth	CJ Box	This book blew me away. it was such a fast paced easy read that made it a good palette cleanser between books. the twists were crazy good it had me accidentally skipping sentences to see what would happen next. i would definitely recommend this book and especially to someone who enjoys having their wyoming hometown mentioned! <i>Aubrey, Worland</i>
Three Weeks To Say Goodbye	C.J. Box	How far would you stretch your morals to keep your child? If you have only read Box's Joe Pickett series you are missing out on the full range of his writing skills. The Joe Pickett books don't make me question how I would react in situations near as much as Box's thrillers. <i>Serena, Moorcroft</i>
Three-Inch Teeth	C. J. Box	The latest in the Joe Pickett series does not disappoint! <i>Nicholle, Cody</i>
Three-Inch Teeth	C. J. Box	I thought the book was another success for Wyoming's own C.J, Box. The story line kept the reader wanting to see what happened next. Unbelievable advances of technology presented during the course of the book. Such a sad ending. I hope there is another Joe Pickett book to resolve the issues. Excellent book to read. <i>Judy, Cheyenne</i>
Three-Inch Teeth	C. J. Box	This is the 24th episode in the Joe Pickett series. Every year I wait impatiently for the new installment of the Wyoming game warden's exciting life (which I hope doesn't depict the work life of a real game warden) to be published. This year's volume revisits some characters from previous years, so I will probably go back and re-read a couple of the earlier books to refresh my memory, but even if you haven't read the previous novels in the series, this one is a good read. Since the series occurs in "real time," Pickett is showing his age, but he's still able to hunt down the bad guys and deal with them appropriately. I won't spoil it for other C. J. Box fans by saying anything about the plot, but it's a really good one with a couple of different angles occurring simultaneously. <i>Sandy, Laramie</i>

Three-inch Teeth	CJ Box	Another great CJ Box book. I have loved all of his books, and this one did not disappoint. Several twists and turns and plenty of action. <i>Merilee, Fort Bridger</i>
Three-Inch Teeth	CJ Box	I love Joe Pickett and his family. I started reading this series after my Aunt recommended it to me when I moved to Wyoming. I was very excited when my "hold" at the library came through in time for me to read for this month's Wyoming Author and now can't wait for the next one since you know Nate is going to get revenge for his wife being killed. I recommend this series whenever I can and even got my mother to start reading it. She lives in Arizona but loved Wyoming the time she got to visit and loves this series. She even bought herself an Almanac (not just a US almanac but one of the just Wyoming) so she could look up the areas in the book! <i>Lisa, Mountain View</i>
Treasure State: A Cassie Dewell Novel	C.J. Box	C.J. Box is a Wyoming author that I've never read so I thought I'd give him a try. I now understand why this author is popular. He is a very good storyteller. I enjoyed the protagonist, P.I. Cassie Dewell, a smart, extremely competent woman who solved the case and helped a deserving treasure hunter to boot. I thought the ending wrapped up a little too quickly but overall would probably read another C.J. Box book. <i>Karen, Lander</i>
Trophy Hunt	C.J. Box	I'm late to joining the C.J. Box book club but I understand the hype. I just started reading the Joe Pickett series this year and was able to tackle the fourth book this month. Trophy hunt had several twist and turns in the plot that kept me hooked throughout. A little more of the "eww" factor in this one compared to previous story lines. Despite this, I was fully locked in the final few chapters and couldn't put it down. <i>Katelyn, Casper</i>

Untitled For Now	Desiree Moore	I chose to read this book after I read the County 17 article about the author and learned that she was local. The book gave me SO many emotions. I spent the better part of it in tears, but, man! It was such a good read! <i>Brittney, Gillette</i>
Wait for Signs	Craig Johnson	I love Craig Johnson! This was the only book of his I had not read. <i>Rhonda, Ten Sleep</i>
What You See in Clear Water: life on the Wind River Reservation	Geoffrey O'Gara	History of water rights on the Wind River Reservation. Broken treaties, legal proceedings, and stories of the people using the water. I read because I remember the legal trial in Worland but never really know much about it. It was an interesting subject and have an interest in keeping the waters in Wyoming clean and wild. I enjoyed reading it and increased my knowledge. <i>Vicky, Worland</i>
Where Rivers Change Directions	Mark Spragg	I had never read a book by him. I liked that this month we were challenged to read a book by a Wyoming author. I enjoy the sense of place in this book. <i>Cynthia, Laramie</i>
Winterkill	C.J. Box	I've read another book by this author before and enjoyed it. Joe Pickett is an easy guy to like. He becomes entangled with some good guys who turn bad and some seemingly bad guys who are actually good. There are a lot of twists and turns in this story that will keep you on the edge of your seat until the very last page. <i>Dottie, Newcastle</i>
Wyoming Summer	Mary O'Hara	Mary O'Hara's memoir of life on the Goose Egg Ranch begins with a trip home from town. We have all probably taken that trip. The one through " that @;,!! blizzard" we ran into between Cheyenne and The Summit. Mary's memoir ends with a heartrending tragedy. In between-Wyoming Summer. <i>Madelon, Torrington</i>

Wyoming: The Paradox of Plenty	David D Freudenthal	<p>I was anxious to read this book and heard about it often but ultimately a little disappointed. As a lifelong Wyomingite, the historical issues discussed that we're still tackling is alarming. But I found some of the poor editing difficult to swallow: mention of 7 national parks in Wyoming (we have 2), the Hitching Post fire listed as 2021 (it was 2010), and misspelling of my hometown, Rock Springs (spelled Rocks Springs in one area). A former Wyoming governor and Wyoming editors should know better. Finally, the constant mention of not wanting to be "another Rock Springs" multiple times in one chapter stung as a proud resident of Rock Springs. All in all, I wanted to like this more than I did. <i>Chad, Rock Springs</i></p>
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<p>Wyoming: The Paradox of Plenty, the Allure and Risk of a Mineral Economy</p>	<p>David Freudenthal</p>	<p>I chose this book as it is wise for Wyoming Citizens to learn about the history of the economic situations our state has and continues to be dependent upon. As we currently see in Wyoming there is constant strife as to who gets to pay for those services our state wants or needs. The current situation with the down turn in national and worldwide use of the major extractive minerals that Wyoming has relied upon for decades, we are faced with how and who will foot the bill, all the while decreasing the portion of that bill that is covered by property taxes (currently there are four legislative bills dealing with property tax reduction set to go into effect and another that could lead to a special legislative session). Then there is the opposition to projects that would ultimately end up paying for those services since the citizens in many cases can't or wont cover the costs. Quite a conundrum we face as a state.</p> <p>How do we, the citizens, learn about and become engaged in a meaningful fashion in these discussions? Well, we should read about what got us where we are today and then work together for an equitable way forward. I thank Governor Dave Freudenthal for penning his thoughts and his involvement in that history and for Pronghorn Reads for giving me the push to read a book by a Wyoming author In March 2024. <i>Jeremy, Burns</i></p>
<p>Wyoming's Friendly Skies: Training America's First Stewardesses</p>	<p>Starley Talbott, Michael E Kassel</p>	<p>I found this book on a themed display for Women's History Month at the local library; it was really rewarding to find a Wyoming story, specifically a Cheyenne story, that I think is largely unknown even here. The authors cover the origin of the Cheyenne training program, the minutiae of these women's duties and professional acumen, as well as biographies of some individual flight attendants that came through Wyoming's capital. <i>Justin, Cheyenne</i></p>

