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Featured this Month

Raptors of New Mexico edited by *Jean-Luc E. Cartron*
and **Wild Carnivores of New Mexico** edited by *Jean-Luc E. Cartron and Jennifer K. Frey*

I won't suggest that anyone do as I did and read these cover to cover. It takes a lot of time, but should you take them on, odds are that you'll learn a lot. I did, and I've been studying wildlands and wild species in the Southwest since about 1955--just a year short of 70 years. These two books convinced me that I am still way behind in knowledge on most wild critters. Scientific study of predators has bloomed in the last 30 years, due to advances in remote monitoring of species and their habitats, along with the ability of computers to process large volumes of data. New facts don't stick to my gray matter the way they did 50 years ago, and modern statistics and modeling leave me befuddled, so I truly appreciate such massive compilations of clear and readable information.

These are reference books, not field guides designed to fit in a pocket of your vest. *Raptors*, published in 2010, has 718 pages and weighs 4.5 pounds. *Wild Carnivores*, published in 2023, has 1123 pages, weighs about 6.4 pounds. I can imagine that lead editor, Jean-Luc Cartron, spent much of the first 23 years of Century 21 finding qualified authors, nudging them along, writing his own chapters, and reviewing, editing, and herding the manuscripts through publication. Although research on the avian species discussed will undoubtedly continue, *Raptors of New Mexico* will endure as a baseline for field studies of the 37 species of hawks, owls, and vultures that reside at least seasonally in our state. A final chapter of the book acknowledges incidental occurrence of another 7 other species that make brief and/or irregular appearances in our state. For *Wild Carnivores of New Mexico*, Cartron recruited co-editor Jennifer Frey, the long-tenured mammalogy prof at NMSU. They have assembled information on an amazing array of mammalian carnivores that includes not only those known to be currently extant, such as coyotes, cougars, gray foxes, raccoons, and black bears, but also those extirpated in the past 100 years such as black-footed ferrets, Mexican gray wolves, brown bear (ergo grizzly), and American mink. They also discuss



species for which New Mexico records appear sparsely, surprisingly including the Pacific martin, American ermine, wolverine, and Canada lynx, seeping in from Rocky Mountains states to the north; and jaguars wandering in from Mexico. Interestingly, no records of ocelot occur, although this species has been found in the bordering states of Texas and Arizona.

Even if you choose to not consume the full volumes, the pages up to 67 in *Raptors* and 117 in *Wild Carnivores* are worth reading for a current perspective on basic ecology and management of the species covered. A chapter that I found fascinating in *Wild Carnivores* at the end of the book assesses free ranging domestic dogs and cats as wild predators. I was fascinated by the amount of research that has been done on tabbies and Fidos gone wild, and I plan to read this chapter again, more slowly.

Finally, each chapter has an ample bibliography in case you might want to go to the sources, and both books have lengthy appendices presenting details regarding locations of study materials and background data about scarce or poorly-known species. These volumes present so much material that a full review would be overwhelming. Suffice to say that these will be starting points for finding facts on predaceous birds and mammals in New Mexico for decades to come.

Review by Harley Shaw

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New at the Library

DVDs

**Deadwood, Season 2...Deadwood, Season 3...
Twisters...How to Die in Oregon...Double Take...
The Warrior Tradition...Andy Goldsworthy-
Rivers and Tides...The Salt of the Earth-A Film by
Wim Wenders and Juliano Ribeiro Salgado...Maya
Lin- A Strong Clear Vision...Bridget Jones's
Diary...Bridget Jones the Edge of Reason...
Bridget Jones's Baby...Black Narcissus**

Mystery

Better Off Dead- by Lee Child
Make Me- by Lee Child
Speaking from Among the Bones- by Alan Bradley
The Chimney Sweepers Come to Dust- by Alan
Bradley
The Dead in their Vaulted Arches- by Alan Bradley
Thrice the Brinded Cat Hath Mew'd- by Alan
Bradley
Damage Control- by J.A. Jance
Field of Bones- by J.A. Jance
Judgement Call- by J.A. Jance
A Refiner's Fire- by Donna Leon
The Bullet That Missed- by Richard Osman
The Grey Wolf- by Louise Penny
Capture or Kill- A Mitch Rapp Novel- by Don
Bentley
In Too Deep- by Lee Child and Andrew Child
Hollow Beasts- by Alisa Lynn Valdes
Hungry Ghost- by Robert Westbrook
Paradise Lost- by J. A. Jance
The Samurai's Daughter- by Sujata Massey
Blood Sisters- by Vanessa Lillie
The Man Who Died Twice- by Richard Osman

Fiction

These Girls- by Sarah Pekkanen
The Opposite of Me- by Sarah Pekkanen
The Storm We Made- by Vanessa Chan
Horse- by Geraldine Brooks
Ridgeline- by Michael Punke

Karla's Choice- A John Le Carre Novel- by Nick
Harkaway
Old Border Road- by Susan Froderberg
The Deluge- by Steven Markley
Tales from the Cafe- by Toshikazu Kawaguchi
The Henna Artist- by Alka Joshi
The Perfumist of Paris- by Alka Joshi
The Secret keeper of Jaipur- by Alka Joshi
Orbital- by Samantha Harvey

Nonfiction

Tartine Bread- by Chad Robertson
The Pizza Bible- by Tony Gemignani
These Truths- A History of the United States- by
Jill Lepore
Zora Neale Hurston- A Literary Biography- by
Robert E. Hemenway
**Holes In Our Hearts- Anthology of New Mexican
Military Related Stories and Poetry-** edited by Jim
Tritten, Dan Wetmore and Joseph Badal
Enchanted Vagabonds- by Dana Lamb
Shepherd's Sight- A Farming Life- by Barbara
McLean
**Every Man For Himself and God Against All- A
Memoir-** by Werner Herzog
**The Serviceberry- Abundance and Reciprocity in
the Natural World-** by Robin Wall Kimmerer
Hillsboro Public Library- Design Suggestion- by
Dale Wunderlich
**The Mind Illuminated-A Meditator's Practice
Guide-** by John Yates
Old In Art School-A Memoir of Starting Over- by
Neil Painter

Poetry

Whale Day- And Other Poems- by Billy Collins

Audio CDs

The Silent Patient- by Alex Michaelides
**The Power of Habit- Why We Do What We Do In
Life and Business-** by Charles Duhigg
Whose Names Are Unknown- by Sanora Babb

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Stories of Your Life and Others- by Ted Chiang
Brown Dog- Novellas- by Jim Harrison
Hombre- by Elmore Leonard
Butcher's Crossing- by John Williams
Barbarian Days- A Surfing Life- by William Finnegan
Retablos- Stories From a Life Lived Along the Border- by Octavio Solis
Whiskey Tender- A Memoir- by Deborah Jackson Taffa
Endurance- Shackleton's Incredible Voyage- by Alfred Lansing
Tooth and Nail- A Longmire Story- by Craig Johnson
Swimming to Catalina- A Stone Barrington Novel- by Stuart Woods
Dirt- by Stuart Woods
New York Dead- by Stuart Woods
The Dark Tower- The Gunslinger- by Stephen King
Heavy- An American Memoir- by Kiese Laymon
Our Souls at Night- by Kent Haruf
Elevation- by Stephen King
Old in Art School-A Memoir of Starting Over- by Nell Painter

Books on CD and DVDs were purchased with a grant received from the New Mexico Library Foundation

Bake Sale

The Library Bake Sale is on for
Saturday
February 1, from 10:00am-1:00 pm
Come and get your goodies!
No sale in January.
Our bakers get a well-deserved rest

Have You Checked Out Our New Website?

Go to our site, Hillsborolibrary.org, to find a complete listing of library materials and links for:

- Results of the survey. Thank you to those who responded. The results are helping us to develop our collection and events to your interests.
- Our new, searchable catalog. Here you will find out what is new in the library. Included are brief descriptions of materials and a button to reserve any materials.
- To reserve an item or view your checkout history you will need a login and a virtual library card number. If we have your email address, we sent it to you. If you have not received them, please update your email address with us
- Access to the New Mexico State Library. Here you will find a number of digital resources including New Mexico Reads, The Palace Project and access to the New York Times.
- Other websites that provide access to digital resources
- Also, look for events which the library will be helping to host in the Hillsboro area

Library Hours:

Sunday, Monday: closed
Tuesday ~ 2:00pm - 5:00pm **New Hours!**
Wednesday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Thursday~ 2:00pm - 5:00pm **New Hours!**
Friday ~ 10:00am -1:00pm
Saturday ~ 9:00am - 2:00pm

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Notes from the Library Board

Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar for our annual meeting on March 8 at 2:00 in the community center

Want to Volunteer at the Library?

But aren't sure what that entails? We will be hosting a training session on January 28th at 10:00. Reserve a seat by contacting the volunteer coordinator at 4ncx123@gmail.com or calling 213-300-0800 (leave a message).

Call for Board Members

Please considering running for a library board position in 2025. Positions that will be up for election are:

- The Library Volunteer Coordinator
- Liaison to the Hillsboro Community Center Board
- Secretary/Treasurer
- President
- Or you can serve in an "at large" position

For more information regarding the library board, please contact John Cornell

This is an exceptionally exciting time to serve on the library board. We have moved to the status of "emerging library", the first step in becoming a public library. With that status comes the opportunity to obtain funding from grants. Those grants give us money for library resources, infrastructure, and programs to enrich the lives of our community members.

Bookmobile Schedule

Thursday Jan 23

Kingston Fire Station 4:15-4:45 pm

Friday Jan 24

Hillsboro Post Office 8:30am – 9:00am

Lil Abner's, Caballo 9:30am- 10:00am

<https://nmstatelibrary.org/bookmobiles/west-bookmobile/>

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