Editor’s Picks: Books

Check out this curated list of new reads and classic books on Iowa history selected by the Annals of Iowa editor.

New on the Shelves

**Iowa Gardens of the Past: Lost and Historic Gardens of Iowa: 1850-1980**
*Beth Cody (2020)*
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**Iowa State Parks: A Century of Stewardship, 1920-2020**
*Rebecca Conard, et. al. (2020)*
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**Angel de Cora, Karen Thronson, and the Art of Place: How Two Midwestern Women Used Art to Negotiate Migration and Dispossession**
*Elizabeth Sutton (2020)*
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**Grant Wood’s Secrets**
*Sue Taylor (2020)*
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Classics in Iowa History

**Iowa: The Middle Land**
*Dorothy Schwieder (1996)*
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**On Behalf of the Family Farm: Iowa Farm Women’s Activism since 1945**
*Jenny Barker Devine (2013)*
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**Places of Quiet Beauty: Parks, Preserves, and Environmentalism**
*Rebecca Conard (1997)*
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**Hero of the Heartland: Billy Sunday and the Transformation of American Society, 1862–1935**
*Robert F. Martin (2002)*
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