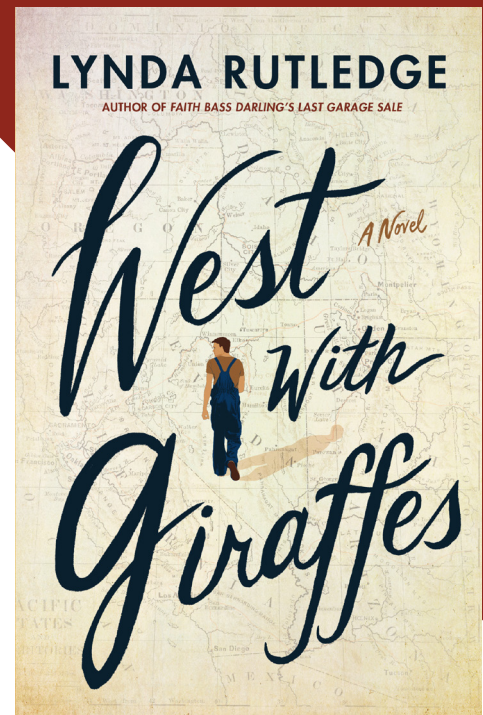


2023 Texas Great Read Adult Selection

West With Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge

If you are intrigued by our Texas Great Read program and want to explore further, here are some items from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission's collections and TexShare that can help you dig in deeper to these Texas stories!



[Biblioboard E-Read Texas](#) – Dust Bowl Collection

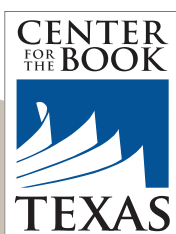
Read books from this curated collection to learn more about the Dust Bowl and Great Depression. Biblioboard books are free to read for anyone in Texas.

[Texas Digital Sanborn Maps](#) via TexQuest

Use this database to find historical maps of towns in Texas, including Amarillo, and see what cities and towns in our state might have looked like in the 1930s.

[Newspaper Archive](#)

Want to know exactly what was happening on any given day in the timeline of the novel? Visit the Newspaper Archive and search newspapers to see what was in the news in the 1930s.



Items from the State Archives:

[Report on Progress of the WPA program](#) (1936-1946)

[Texas State Parks Board Civilian Conservation Corps Drawings](#) (1933-1945)

These items from the State Archives show through drawings, maps, and reports how the government responded to the Great Depression. You can view these items online or visit them in person at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Archives and Library Building in Austin.

[Water in Texas: Confronting Extreme Drought](#)

A previous TSLAC lobby exhibit that shows the devastation that the drought of the 1930s caused in the Dust Bowl and Panhandle of Texas. Come to the [Lorenzo de Zavala Building](#) to visit our latest lobby exhibit in person!

[Texas Digital Archive: Fannie Ratchford Collection](#)
(about 1933-1947)

Explore photographs of homes and buildings taken all across the state of Texas during the time period of the novel.

[Exploring the Edges of Texas](#) by Walt Davis and Isabel Davis (2010)

If you enjoyed the road trip aspect of *West with Giraffes*, check out this travel memoir from the TSLAC collection.

The [TexShare Databases](#) are a suite of electronic resources made available by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission to participating public

and academic libraries. To find out if your library participates, contact or visit your local public library.

TSLAC provides free access to the Newspaper Archive on-site at the Lorenzo De Zavala Archives Building in Austin or the Sam Houston Regional Library and Research Center in Liberty. More information about TSLAC's newspaper collections can be found at: www.tsl.texas.gov/ref/newspapers.

Talking Book Program Dust Bowl Bibliography

If you are a registered patron of the Texas Talking Book Program, you can check out these titles for further reading on the Dust Bowl. We send them to you via mail free of charge, or you can download them using the BARD Mobile app. This bibliography is only meant to provide a taste of the books we have in this subject area. Please contact the Talking Book Program for additional titles.

Fiction

Four Winds

Hannah, Kristin

DB 102287

En español: DB 104103

House of Earth: A Novel

Guthrie, Woody

DB 78991, LB 07335

I Will Send Rain

Meadows, Rae

BR 21834, DB 87112

Rainwater

Brown, Sandra

BRG 02592, DB 70735

Whose Names Are Unknown

Babb, Sandra

DBC 26699

Nonfiction

Dust Bowl Girls: The Inspiring Story of The Team That

Barnstormed Its Way to Basketball Glory

Reeder, Lydia

BR 22359, DB 89622

Hungry Years: A Narrative History of The Great Depression in America

Watkins, T.G.

BR 49631, DB 49631

Owl On Every Post

Babb, Sanora

DBC 13022

Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl

Egan, Timothy

BR 16831, DBC 01904

Juvenile Fiction

All the Earth, Thrown to the Sky

Lansdale, Joe

Grades 9-12

DBC 18096

Midnight at the Electric

Anderson, Jodi Lynn

Grades 9-12

DB 88952

Someplace to Call Home

Dallas, Sandra

Grades 4-7

DB 109993

When the Sky Rained Dust

Dearen, Patrick

Grades 6-9

DBC 17985

Juvenile Nonfiction

Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp

Stanley, Jerry

DB 36951

One Christmas in Old Tascosa

Firman, Casandra

Grades 3-6

DBC 00023

Years of Dust: The Story of the Dust Bowl

Marrin, Albert

Grades 5-8

DB 70282

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