

Bibliography for *Running before the Prairie Wind*

In addition to the many people, museums, and websites that are acknowledged in *Running before the Prairie Wind*, I found many books to help me reconstruct Minnesota history of the nineteenth century. The following annotated bibliography contains those I found most useful. They are divided into "Fiction and Memoirs" and "Other References."

Fiction and Memoirs

- Willa Cather *O Pioneers!*, Signet Classic, 1989—First published in 1913, this classic novel describes the pioneers of Nebraska in the 1870s.
- Richard Henry Dana, Jr. *Two Years before the Mast*, edited by John Haskell Kemble, Ward Richie Press, 1964. A "Personal Narrative of Life at Sea," it is the memoir of a Harvard student who, to spare his eyes, signed onto a brig as a common sailor. It was first published in 1840 and has never been out of print. This edition is particularly interesting as the editor has added notes and contemporaneous pictures, some from Dana's own sketchbook.
- Willard Dillman, *A Human Life-memories of a Pioneer by his "Oldest Boy,"* Printed by the *Record* office, 1934. A charming tribute to his father and vivid descriptions of growing up in Marshall (in the 1870s) and then moving to North Dakota by the eventual editor of the *Record* newspaper in Excelsior, MN.
- Bill Holm *Faces of Christmas Past, Seasons Greetings* Afton Historical Society Press, 1998—an entertaining memoir of growing up in the Icelandic heritage community of Minneota, Minnesota and the inspiration for my story about Gudrun Eriksdottir's.
- Elna M. Petersen *Growing up Danish, Memoiries of life in rural Iowa during the 1920's, 30's and beyond*, Authorhouse, 2005—a collection of stories about her life, finished when the author was in her nineties.
- O. E. Rølvaag, *Giants in the Earth*, translated by Lincoln Colcord and the author, A.L. Burt Company, 1929. The title of this tribute to the Norwegian pioneer settlers is from Genesis: "There were Giants in the Earth in those Days". The original, *I de Dage* ("in those days"), was published in Norwegian in 1924.
- O. E. Rølvaag, *Længselens Baat* ("The Boat of Longing"), Augsburg Publishing House, 1921. This haunting story of the hard life of Norwegian fishermen and their families in the nineteenth century is based on Rølvaag's own experiences before coming to America. I used them to help Karen explain to Kristina why her parents wanted to come to America.
- Henry Benjamin Whipple, *Lights and Shadows of a long Episcopate*, Macmillan, 1899. The memoir of Bishop Whipple (1822-1901), first Episcopal bishop of Minnesota. He appealed to Lincoln to grant the first presidential pardons to most of the Sioux condemned to be hanged after the Indian uprising of 1864. Chief Good Thunder called him "Straight Tongue".

- Arvid Lloyd Williams *Hawk's Valley, a good place to die*, Evergreen Publishing, 2003—a fictional interpretation of early Minnesota and the years just before the Sioux uprising in the Minnesota Valley.
- Carrie Young *Nothing to Do but Stay, my pioneer mother*, Dell publishing, 1991—a tribute to the author's Norwegian mother, who in 1904, as a single woman of twenty-five established a homestead in North Dakota, then eventually married and raised six children.

Other References

- *A Century at Danebod*, edited by A. Petersen, O Johansen, E. Hansen, American Publishing Company, Inc., 1985—the history of the Danish settlement in Tyler Minnesota, known as Danebod—the help of the Danes. First published by the Danebod Lutheran Church for the 75th anniversary, this update contains essays about the additional twenty-five years.
- *American Indian Education, a history* by Jon Reyhner and Jeanne Eder, University of Oklahoma Press, 2006. This book gave me insight into the narrow-minded vision of the federal Indian schools of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.
- *Bring Warm Clothes, Letters and Photos from Minnesota's Past*, collected by Peg Meier, Minneapolis Tribune, 1981. Vivid glimpses of early Minnesota.
- *Helping people help themselves: agricultural extension in Minnesota, 1879-1979* by Roland H. Abraham, Minnesota Extension Service, University of Minnesota, 1986. The early history of the Minnesota extension service.
- *A History of Minnesota* by William Watts Folwell, volume III (of IV), MN Historical Society, 1969.
- *The Jews in Minnesota, the first Seventy-five Years*, by W. Gunther Plaut, The American Jewish Historical Society, 1958.
- *Minneapolis and the Age of Railways* by Don L. Hofsommer, University of Minnesota Press, 2005. How the development of the railroad made it possible for Minneapolis to become "Mill City."
- *The Northwestern—a History of the Chicago and North Western Railway System* by H. Roger Grant, Northern Illinois University Press, 1996. Early railroads in Minnesota, including useful color-coded maps of the different lines in late 1880s and '90s. The increase in rail transportation in a short ten-year period is a testament to the state's rapid economic development.
- *Rails to the North Star* by Richard S. Prosser, Dillon Press, 1966. A detailed history of trains and street cars in Minnesota.