

Librarian reviews autobiographies available for check out

If you are looking for a new biography to read this winter, why not try one of these? Best selling author Mary Higgins Clark, often called the "Queen of Suspense", has published her memoir called *Kitchen Privileges* which recounts the early experiences that shaped her as a person and influenced her as a writer. Clark grew up in the Bronx and pretty much always dreamed of being a writer.

She was born during the Great Depression and when her father died, her mother opened their home to boarders in order to keep the family together and at least put food on the table.

She placed a discreet sign in the window which read: "Furnished



JoAnne Sunderman

• Now and Then

Rooms, Kitchen Privileges" and that is where the title of the book comes from. Mary Higgins Clark reflects on the joy that her life as a writer has brought her, and shares with readers the love that she has found.

Another one that is worth the read is *A Long Way From Home: Growing Up In The American Heartland*, the autobiography of prominent newscaster and author of "The

Greatest Generation", Tom Brokaw. He writes of his parents' life in the 30s, his boyhood on the prairies of South Dakota in the 40s, his early journalism career in the tumultuous 60s, and continues right up to the present.

Brokaw offers a personal reflection on the people, the culture and the values that have shaped him throughout his life. *A Long Way From Home* is well worth the time

it takes to read it.

This one isn't technically a biography, but if you want the unshredded truth from an Enron insider give *Anatomy Of Greed* by Brian Cruver a try.

Here is a young man that first entered the Enron company in March, 2001, when he was 29 years old and an eager MBA ready to cash in as a new hire with one of America's most highly valued companies.

From that first day when his boss warned him "there was a slight mix-up in the hiring process" to his last day when his boss gave him 30 minutes to clear the building, Cruver found himself enmeshed in a business that each day grew more bi-

zarre.

Anatomy Of Greed will be reviewed here at the library at our Feb. 5 "Booked For Lunch" program by Larry Barrett. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to join us at noon that day. Read the book too, you're sure to find it riveting.

Finally, I want to suggest another great book along these same biography guidelines, although this one is not a true biography either. It is called *Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters From Children Of The Great Depression* which was edited by Robert Cohen.

I heard about it first on the Book TV weekend program on C—Span and after reading it, found I would recommend it to anyone who wanted to know about how the

Great Depression affected young people. What were their troubles and fears, their hopes and dreams? The letters are compassionate and complex, tender and disciplined and an honest depiction of how these youngsters felt during this time. It, too, is a good read.

Stop by Pioneer Memorial Library soon. We are located at 375 W. 4th and are open 7 days a week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:00 p.m.; and Sunday, 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Remember to join us on Wednesday, Feb. 5 at noon for lunch and a great book review by Larry Barrett. For more information contact the library at 462-4470. We look forward to serving you.

Rotary Student of the Month

Zach Baird, a senior at Colby High School, has been selected as the Colby Rotary Student of the Month for January.

He is the son of Jerry and Emily Baird. Baird has been involved



Zach Baird

in football for one year, cross country for three years, track, three years, cosmic crayon, four years and serves as vice-president.

Baird has also been in the National Honor Society, two years, service club and basketball, one year.

Baird said he plans to attend Colby Community College and is undecided on his major at this time.

Irrigation conference nearing

The three-state Central Plains Irrigation Conference & Exposition is all set to take place in Colby Feb. 4-5 at the City Limits Convention Center.

"With the continuing drought conditions, this will be an excellent opportunity for producers to gain the latest information about irrigation systems and their management," according to Donna Lamm, Central Plains Irrigation Association executive assistant. "We will have a special general session entirely devoted to what happened in 2002."

Due to overwhelming registration, there is only room for a few more participants, according to Donna Lamm. "I would encourage anyone who is planning to register at door to contact me immediately at 785-462-7140 or 7574. Registration is limited to 225 people and there is no assurance that I will be able to accommodate your on-site

registration."

"We can't go back and change 2002 and hopefully we won't have to relive it in 2003," said Freddie Lamm.

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Beginning Thursday, Feb. 6, Divorce Care, a new support group in town, will be meeting at Colby Wesleyan Church at 7:00 p.m. This class is open to anyone who is going through or has previously gone through a divorce.

Divorce is a painful and difficult situation that affects over half of all families in the United States today, sources here said. Divorce Care is

a Christian based program of support for those going through the pain and confusion caused by divorce and separation. Through a 13 week series of videos and discussion participants learn how to successfully handle the emotional upheaval divorce creates and many other aspects.

For more information or to register for the class call 465-9077.



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