

Shoeless Joe

By W.P. Kinsella

Join us,

As the Reader Services Specialist for the Sioux City Public Library, I am excited to announce *Shoeless Joe* by the late W.P. Kinsella as our 2017 title for One Book One Siouxland. Over the last decade, the One Book One Siouxland initiative has brought our community together to enjoy great books and quality programming. This year will be no exception!

While at the Iowa Writers' Workshop, W.P. Kinsella crafted the much-loved baseball novel. *Shoeless Joe* is both a rich, nostalgic look at one of our most cherished national pastimes and a remarkable story about fathers and sons, love and family, and the inimitable joy of finding your way home.

In planning this year's activities, I've been very fortunate to work with amazing people from our community. Together, we've built fun and educational events to expand the reading experience. I'm confident you will agree. So grab a copy of the book and join us as we explore *Shoeless Joe*.

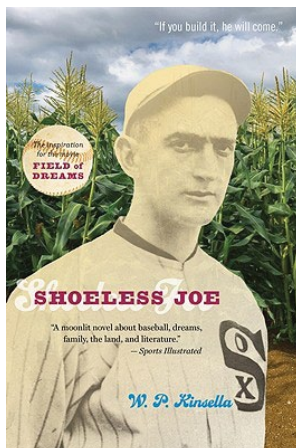


Best Wishes,

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About the Book



Ray Kinsella lives and farms in Iowa where he grows corn with his wife Annie and their five-year-old daughter Karin. Ray is obsessed with the beauty and history of baseball, specifically the plight of his hero, Shoeless Joe Jackson, and the Black Sox scandal of the 1919 World Series. When he hears a mysterious voice telling him to build a baseball field in the midst of his corn crop in order to give Shoeless Joe a chance at redemption, he blindly follows instructions.

Taking place in the heart of Iowa farm country and published in 1982, *Shoeless Joe* is a truly magical tale that skillfully blends fact with fiction to create a heartwarming sentimental story that resonates with readers of all ages.

Popular in its own right, *Shoeless Joe* found even more success when the film adaptation "Field of Dreams" hit theaters in 1989 and grossed more than \$84 million dollars, cementing the film's reputation as one of the greatest baseball movies of all time.

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"More than the inspiration for the beloved film 'Field of Dreams,' *Shoeless Joe* is a mythical novel about dreams, magic, life, and what is quintessentially American." –Philadelphia Inquirer
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One Book One Siouxland

Community-wide reading programs began, essentially, in 1998 with an idea called, "If All of Seattle Read One Book." Since then, similar programs have grown into an exciting and effective way to promote literacy and to foster community interactions. In 2006, the planning committee named the tri-state area's reading program "One Book One Siouxland" to reflect the sense of a regional connectedness generated by this shared experience of reading and discussing the same book and the same universal human issues and values.

Events — All programs are free and open to the public unless noted otherwise.

Thursday, March 23 | 6:30 pm

Play Ball! One Book One Siouxland Opening Reception

Sioux City Public Museum • 607 4th St, Sioux City, IA

Join us for drinks, ballpark bites, and a field full of fun. Bring baseball cards, yearbooks, and programs for independent appraisals (no sales) as we kick off the 2017 One Book One Siouxland community-wide reading initiative. KSCJ Radio News Director and longtime sports collector Woody Gottburg presents on the history of baseball cards and memorabilia at 7:00 pm.

Monday, March 27 | 11:45 am

Book Discussion: Lifelong Learning Book Club

WITCC • Wells Fargo Room L110

4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA • Fee: \$10 (includes lunch)

Monday, March 27 | 6:30 pm

Sand Hills and Sandlots: The Amazing Story of Rushville's Modisett Ball Park

South Sioux City Public Library • 2121 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE

Thursday, March 30 | 7:00 pm

Field of Nightmares: The Farm Debt Crisis of the 1980s and Its Impact on Iowa

Morningside College • Weikert Auditorium, Buhler-Rohlf's Hall
1501 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA

(Sponsored by the Morningside College Applied Agricultural and Food Studies Program)

Friday, March 31 | 2:00 pm

Book Discussion

Whispering Creek Active Retirement Community
2609 Nicklaus Blvd, Sioux City, IA

Monday, April 3 | 10:00 am

Book Discussion: Sioux City Public Library's Open Book Club

Perry Creek Branch Library • 2912 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA

Monday, April 3 | 5:00 pm

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Morningside Branch Library • 4005 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA

Tuesday, April 4 | 3:30 pm

Book Discussion

Regency Square Care Center
3501 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE

Thursday, April 6 | 10:30 am

Coffee and Conversation with Russ Gifford: Remembering 1919

WITCC • Wells Fargo Room L110
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA

Wednesday, April 12 | 3:30 pm

Book Discussion

Minerva's Restaurant & Bar • 2945 Hamilton Blvd, Sioux City, IA

Tuesday, April 18 | 7:00 pm

Movie Showing: Field of Dreams (1989)

WITCC • Cargill Auditorium, Entrance 14, Lot 4
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA

Thursday, April 20 | 12:05 pm

History at High Noon: Sioux City's Favorite Pastime—Baseball 1888-1993

Sioux City Public Museum • 607 4th St, Sioux City, IA

Monday, April 24 | 3:00 pm

Book Discussion: Cover to Cover Book Club

South Sioux City Public Library • 2121 Dakota Ave, South Sioux City, NE

Tuesday, April 25 | 2:00 pm

Movie Showing: Bull Durham (1988)

WITCC • Cargill Auditorium, Entrance 14, Lot 4
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA

Sunday, April 30 | 2:00 pm

Afternoon of Enchantment: Performed by Play It Forward

Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center • 900 Larson Park Rd, Sioux City, IA

Thursday, May 4 | 10:00 am

Book Discussion

Siouxland Center for Active Generations • 313 Cook St, Sioux City, IA
(members only)

Tuesday, May 9 | 6:00 pm

Book Discussion: Booked on Crime Book Club

Sioux City Public Library • 529 Pierce St, Sioux City, IA
Discussion of *Murder at Fenway Park* by Troy Soos.

Thursday, May 11 | 6:30 pm

Siouxland Agriculture 1885-1960

Sioux City Public Museum • 607 4th St, Sioux City, IA

Tuesday, May 16 | 1:00 pm

Book Discussion

Brookdale Senior Living • 2562 Pierce St, Sioux City, IA

Tuesday, May 23 | 5:30 pm

Catcher in the Rye and J.D. Salinger, a Notable Character in *Shoeless Joe*

Sioux City Public Library • 529 Pierce St, Sioux City, IA
A roundtable discussion for anyone who is curious about the real J.D. Salinger—the man, the myth, the legend

Friday, May 26 | 11:00 am

Mercy Baseball Field Tours at Lewis and Clark Park, Home of the Sioux City Explorers

Lewis & Clark Park, Mercy Field • 3400 Line Drive, Sioux City, IA

Discussion Starters

Do you think the depiction of Iowa and Iowans is accurate?

Shoeless Joe is quite different from the film "Field of Dreams." Is there anything from the book that you miss in the movie?

Does the main character sharing the same name as the author's father add to or detract from the story for you?

Find Read-Alikes, more Discussion Starters and full Event Descriptions on our website!