Widely considered Steinbeck’s finest and most ambitious novel, *The Grapes of Wrath* traces the journey of the Joad family from Oklahoma to California, where they find not the fabled land of their dreams but a place with few jobs, low wages, and inadequate worker housing. Capturing the mood and angst of the nation during the Great Depression, *The Grapes of Wrath* was one of three books Steinbeck wrote on labor issues in the 1930s, with *In Dubious Battle* and *Of Mice and Men* rounding out the trio.

The New York Times listed *The Grapes of Wrath* as the best-selling book of 1939, and by February 1940, 430,000 copies had been printed. That same month, the novel won The National Book Award, and later that year it won the Pulitzer Prize for fiction. At the height of its popularity, *The Grapes of Wrath* sold an astonishing 10,000 copies per week.

About the book

In addition to a full list of upcoming Book Discussions and Featured Events on the back, check out these extra opportunities to explore themes found in the book:

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**WELCOME TO ONE BOOK ONE SIOUXLAND**

As the Reader Services Specialist for the Sioux City Public Library, I'd like to welcome you to the fourteenth season of One Book One Siouxland. I invite you to explore our 2019 title, *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Steinbeck, an American classic telling the tale of migrant workers displaced during the dust bowl of the Great Depression in a desperate search for work. Don’t fret nonfiction readers, we’ve got a book for you too! *Harvest Gypsies* provides insight into the factual foundation of *The Grapes of Wrath*. Gathered in this important volume are seven newspaper articles on migrant farm workers that Steinbeck wrote three years prior to the publication of *The Grapes of Wrath*.

We’ve partnered with amazing people and groups from our community to once again build fun and educational events that expand the reading experience. I’m confident you will agree. So grab a copy of either book and let’s dive into a season inspired by *The Grapes of Wrath*.

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**Tune in to Morning Edition on KWIT 90.3/KOJI 90.7**

on Fridays at 8:44 AM from March 29 - April 19 and hear actor, director, and playwright Lorenzo Sandoval reading stories from the Iowa Writing Project’s Hispanic Story project (https://iwp.uni.edu/hsp). Segments will be available online at www.kwit.org.

**Visit the Sioux City Art Center** to view Grant Wood’s Corn Room Mural and take a walk through the Depression-era artworks on display. Did you know the Sioux City Art Center has WPA ties? Check out www.siouxcityartcenter.org for more information.

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LISTENING CAFÉ

Mondays at 10:30 am & Thursdays at 5:30 pm
Whispering Creek Senior Living
2609 Nicklaus Blvd, Sioux City, IA
Join us for coffee and treats as we listen to and progress each session through The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck.

Mondays:    Thursdays:
March 4    March 7
April 15   April 18
March 11   March 14
April 22   April 25
March 18   March 21
April 29   May 2
March 25   May 6
March 28   May 9
April 1    April 4
May 13    April 11

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH RUSSELL GIFFORD: THE GREAT DEPRESSION AND THE GRAPES OF WRATH

Thursday, March 21 | 10:30 am
WITCC • Advanced Sciences Bldg
Entrance 11 • Room L416/L417
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA
It is estimated at least 25% of the workforce was idle at the start of the 1930s. As banks became unstable, foreclosure due to debt became inevitable and tent cities sprung up around the country. Join Russ Gifford for pictures and stories of the Great Depression, and hear how people struggled with the worst economic event of their lives.

MARATHON READ-ALOUD: THE GRAPES OF WRATH PLAY

Sunday, March 31 | 2:00 pm
Morningside College
Weikert Auditorium, Buhler-Rohlfis Hall
1501 Morningside Ave, Sioux City, IA
Join in on an informal read-aloud of the stage version of The Grapes of Wrath as adapted by Frank Galati, either volunteering to read or just listening to others read. Stay for the whole event or come and go as you wish. Scripts and snacks will be provided. Free parking is available in the Grace United Methodist Church parking lot.
* $2 will be donated to the Siouxland Food Bank for every person who attends. Attendees may also contribute cash or canned goods at the site to help feed Siouxland’s hungry.

SIoux CITY in the 1930s and 1940s

Thursday, April 4 | 10:30 am
WITCC • Advanced Sciences Bldg • Ent 11
Room L416/L417 • 4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA
Grace Linden, retired curator for Sioux City Public Museum, presents the fascinating history of the 1930s and 1940s in Sioux City.

FILM SCREENINGS

OF MICE and MEN (1992)

Sunday, March 24 | 1:30 pm
Sioux City Public Library
529 Pierce St, Sioux City, IA

AMERICA’S DARLING: THE STORY OF JAY N. “DING” DARLING

Tuesday, March 26 | 1:30 pm
WITCC • Cargill Auditorium
Entrance 14 • Lot 4
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA

HARRY HOPKINS: AT FDR’S SIDE

Tuesday, April 2 | 1:30 pm
WITCC • Cargill Auditorium
Entrance 14 • Lot 4
4647 Stone Ave, Sioux City, IA

THE GRAPES OF WRATH (1940)

Sunday, May 5 | 1:30 pm
Sioux City Public Library
529 Pierce St, Sioux City, IA