

To Our Readers

Because both Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on Fridays, when the PRESS & DAKOTAN will not be publishing newspapers, "River City" on both weeks will run on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Dec. 31, respectively. If you wish to submit any information for the "River City" editions on those weeks, please have that information to us by 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 22, or 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 29. We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

New At The Library

Here's what's new at the Yankton Community Library this week:

- ADULT BOOKS**
- **Blood Salt Water** by Denise Mina; Fiction
 - **Bloodshed of the Mountain Man** by William W. Johnstone; Fiction
 - **Carrying Albert Home** by Homer Hickam; Fiction
 - **The Edge of Lost** by Kristina Morris; Fiction
 - **House of the Rising Sun** by James Lee Burke; Fiction
 - **Precious Gifts** by Danielle Steel; Fiction
 - **Run You Down** by Julia Dahl; Fiction
 - **Scrapper** by Matt Bell; Fiction
 - **But Enough About Me** by Burt Reynolds; Nonfiction
 - **Dial Down the Drama** by Colleen O'Grady; Nonfiction
 - **Find Me Unafraid** by Odede & Posner; Nonfiction
 - **Home** by Ellen DeGeneres; Nonfiction
 - **The Last Season** by Stuart Stevens; Nonfiction
 - **Living Mindfully** by Deborah Schoeberlein David, MEd; Nonfiction
 - **Swiped** by Adam Levin; Nonfiction
 - **Troublemaker** by Leah Remini; Nonfiction
 - **The War on Alcohol** by Lisa McGirr; Nonfiction
- ADULT AUDIO BOOKS**
- **The Guilty** by David Baldacci; Fiction

- ADULT DVDS**
- **Before We Go**
 - **Faith of Our Fathers**
 - **Love & Mercy**
 - **Me and Earl and the Dying Girl**
 - **No Escape**
 - **Ricki and the Flash**
 - **Vietnam: America's Conflict**; Nonfiction
- YOUNG ADULT BOOKS**
- **The Storm** by Virginia Bergin; Fiction

- JUNIOR BOOKS**
- **Gardening Lab for Kids** by Renata Fossen Brown; Nonfiction

Did you know that you can reserve an item from home? Staff will then notify you as soon as the item is available.

Nebraska Writer's Novel Chosen For 'One Book One Nebraska'

LINCOLN, Neb. — Karen Gettert Shoemaker's "The Meaning of Names," a Nebraska-set novel with a World War I backdrop, is Nebraska's reading choice for the 2016 One Book One Nebraska statewide reading program.

"The Meaning of Names" follows a German-American woman trying to raise a family in the heartland and keep them safe from the effects of war and the influenza panic, as well as from violence and prejudice.

The One Book One Nebraska reading program, sponsored by the Nebraska Center for the Book, is entering its 12th year. It encourages Nebraskans across the state to read and discuss one book, chosen from books written by Nebraska authors or that have a Nebraska theme or setting. A committee of the Nebraska Center for the Book selected this book from a list of 27 titles nominated by Nebraskans from across the state. The book was published in 2014 and was

announced as the 2016 selection at the Celebration of Nebraska Books on Nov. 14 in Lincoln.

Libraries across Nebraska will join other literary and cultural organizations in planning book discussions, activities, and events that will encourage Nebraskans to read and discuss this book.

Support materials to assist with local reading/discussion activities will be available after Jan. 1, 2016, at <http://onebook.nebraska.gov>. Updates and activity listings will be posted on the One Book One Nebraska Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/onebookonenbraska>.

The Bookworm

'Mistletoe' Hits Holiday Note

"The Mistletoe Inn" by Richard Paul Evans; © 2015, Simon & Schuster; 301 pages

BY TERI SCHLICHENMEYER

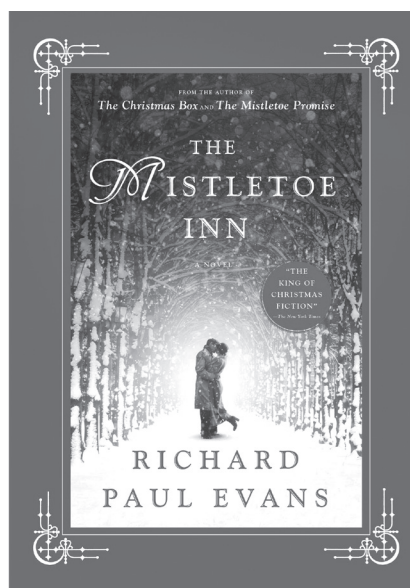
The issue you wrestle with is a thorny one.

It's been literally hanging over your head for days: does mistletoe require you to kiss someone, or is nose-rubbing permissible? Will a firm handshake be sufficient, or does protocol demand something more lipstick-laden? And, as in the new novel "The Mistletoe Inn" by Richard Paul Evans, can the rules be re-written?

Ever since she was 11 years old, Kimberly Rossi hated Christmas. She hated it all: snow, the lights, the carols. They only reminded her of Christmas Day 1995, the day her mother committed suicide.

Despite being abandoned (which is just how she perceived her mother's death), Kimberly had a good childhood. Her father made sure of it; he was her biggest fan and her best friend. He supported her when her first fiancé left her for another woman, and when her second fiancé broke up with her via text, en route to an out-of-state job. Even after she'd left her childhood home in Las Vegas and moved to Denver, her father helped her, long-distance, to get through a messy, scandalous divorce.

He was also the one who knew her deepest dream of becoming a romance writer, which is why he gave Kimberly the



gift of a lifetime: an all-expenses-paid trip to Vermont, and a writer's conference. She hadn't wanted to attend; her father had just given her some bad news and the conference was scheduled right before the dreaded Christmas week but she didn't want to disappoint him. Besides, H.T. Caldwell, her favorite author ever, was scheduled to speak.

And so, with manuscript in hand, Kimberly checked into The Mistletoe Inn, a postcard-perfect hotel. There were workshops to attend, although they

were generally of no help. There were friends to be made, although most of the potential author-attendees were awfully cliquish. There were critiques to collect, although Kimberly learned the hard way that criticism was like a knife to her heart when her "writing buddy," Zeke, a handsome fellow attendee, promised to give her manuscript a truthful assessment.

Too truthful was more like it, and Kimberly was hurt. Her novel-in-the-making deserved better judgment.

And, as it turned out, so did Zeke ... I was quite amused at "The Mistletoe Inn," but not for the reasons you'd think.

There's a nice, very sweet but juicy romance inside the covers of this book; in that respect, author Richard Paul Evans, who's known for such things, keeps his fans very happy. This story of girl-meets-boy, girl-loses-boy, girl-gets-boy-anyhow with a twist of "dirt," as Evans says, might even jerk a few tears. It's sparkly-warm and "Christmasy," just as you like.

What I found so fascinating, though, was Evans' behind-the-scenes asides about the publishing industry! Romance fans who dream of writing within the genre, in fact, may miss parts of the story because those little extras are so absorbing.

And that's OK. You won't mind a second plunge into this book because it's perfect escapism fun. And if that's what you want, then "The Mistletoe Inn" will give you a very Merry Kiss-mas.

'Holiday Jam' Returns To Yankton

For the third year, "Holiday Jam with the Hegg Brothers" returns to Yankton for a fantastic holiday concert, which is sure to put everyone in the holiday spirit, on Wednesday, Dec. 16.

This musical showcase features the talents of a multi-piece band playing holiday classics as well as contemporary new arrangements in the signature lush and rhythmic horn band sound of Jeremy and Jon Hegg. Filling out the group are the region's finest and most exciting musicians.

As we all hear most of our favorite holiday season songs every year the challenge of finding new ways to present this music can be difficult. "O Holy Night" as a soulful ballad? "What Child Is This" in a Latin style? Such are examples how unique arrangements can take age-old music down a fresh new path.

Holiday Jam is a twist on the holiday season audiences will not soon forget. Male and female vocalists, two keyboardists, guitars,

percussion, drums, upright bass and horns round out this festive evening.

This two-hour show will feature stories of the season, messages for the heart and music to lift the spirits.

The concert will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the YHS/Summit Center theater. This

concert is sponsored by Historic Downtown Yankton and the Yankton Area Concert Association, and is part of the YACA line up.

If you are not a member of the concert association, a limited number of tickets are available. Tickets can be purchased at Boller Printing,

308 Douglas, Yankton.

This concert promises to entertain, lift your spirits, get your toes tapping and you are sure to leave feeling invigorated and energized.

For more information, call Kathy at 605-665-2263.



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*Prices valid with a Players Club card. Membership is FREE. Prices will differ for Non-Players Club guest. **A \$100 refundable deposit is required for Incidentals. Contact hotel for details.

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12/1-15-12/30-15

This package contains:

- (1) Standard Room
- (2) \$15 Meals @ Four Directions Restaurant
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January 1 & 2, 2016
Kalliah & Black Water
Blues, Rock & Country
9pm & 11pm

Happy New Year

Four Directions Restaurant

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- Wednesday Night Specialty Steak Night from 5pm-9pm
- \$14.95 Saturday Seafood Buffet from 5pm-9pm
- \$8.95 Daily Lunch Specials from 11am-3pm
- \$12.95 Christmas Day Buffet 11am-9pm
- \$12.95 New Years Day Buffet 11am-9pm

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INTERMEDIATE INT BOOK 60 #5

Last Tuesday's Solution

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6	3	1	2	8	5	4	9	7
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8	4	9	3	7	1	2	6	5

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Check next Tuesday's paper for the solution to today's puzzle.

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