

# Book Talk at BSC 2005

## Reading Dakota

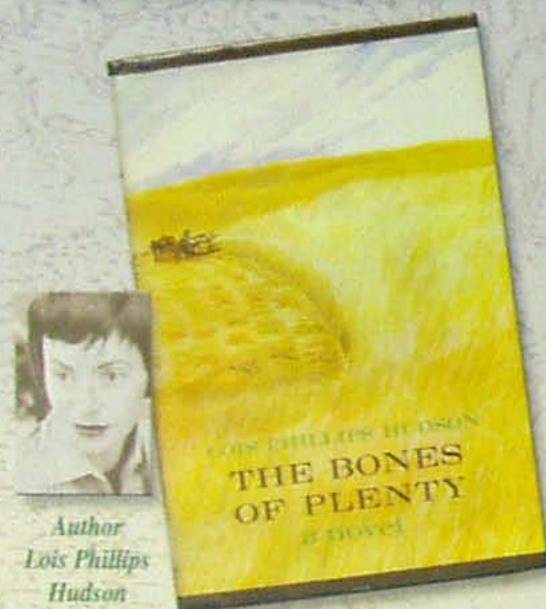
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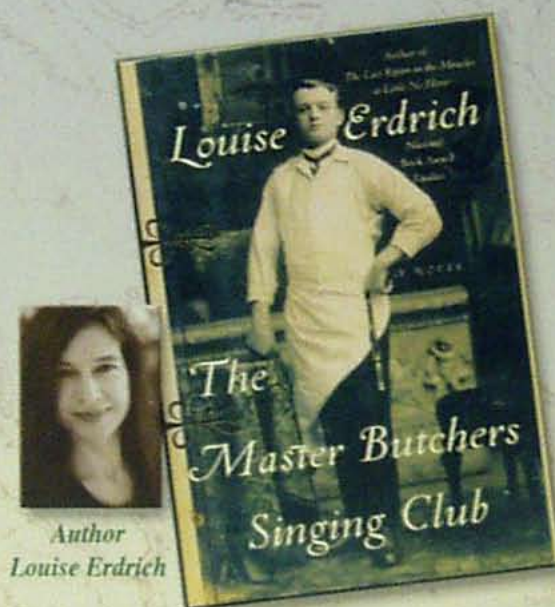
Author  
Lois Phillips  
Hudson

Sunday, January 9

*The Bones of Plenty*

Discussion leader: Lynn Severson

The *New York Times Book Review* called this "A novel to touch the heart and sear the mind." *Bones of Plenty* focuses on a North Dakota wheat farmer and his family as they struggle during the Depression years of 1933 and 1934. The author was born in Jamestown in 1927 and spent her early childhood there.



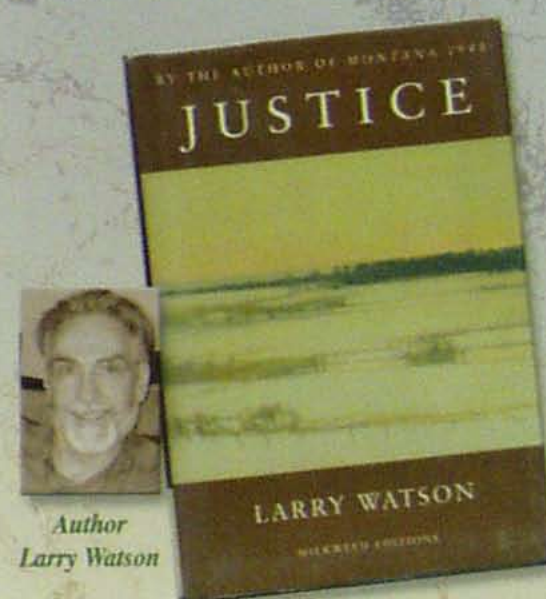
Author  
Louise Erdrich

Sunday, February 13

*The Master Butchers Singing Club*

Discussion leader: Dr. AnnMarie Kajencki

Set in the fictional town of Argus, this novel tells the tale of Fidelis Waldvogel, who immigrates to America and settles in North Dakota after World War I to ply his trade as a small-town butcher. Even in Argus, life is anything but simple. A *Library Journal* review said, "Drawing on her German and Ojibwe heritage, Erdrich here offers another stimulating exploration into the human heart that will appeal to old fans and new readers alike."



Author  
Larry Watson

Sunday, March 13

*Justice*

Discussion leader: Jack Ryan

Although written after *Montana 1948*, which was the focus of the September 2004 BSC Campus Read, *Justice* serves as a prequel to that book. In a series of vignettes, the author reveals more about many of the central characters from *Montana 1948* and gives the reader a greater understanding of these people, their individual histories, and their motives.