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SOME SAD FAMILY NEWS

On May 5th, Scott's paternal grandmother, Darlene Violet Pagel (Appelgate), passed away in Marshalltown, Iowa. She was 87 years old and was married to Harold for 67 years.

Grandma was a believer and so our very real grief is mixed with the joy that comes from knowing that she was welcomed into heaven as her body succumbed to cancer and weariness. My mom, dad, sister, and aunt were with grandma at the end. She was holding grandpa's hand and some of her sisters were there, too.

My brother and his family immediately came from Colorado and my sister and her family live in Bellevue, where we were staying at the time. We are thankful that we happened to already be in the USA. We caravanned to Tama, Iowa (where grandma and grandpa lived) for the visitation, which took place on Zachary's birthday. I'm sure he'll remember that birthday.

Grandpa had few requests for the funeral but 2 included me. I was a pall-bearer (along with my sister, brother, brother-in-law, and cousins) and was asked to say a few words at the funeral as the oldest grandchild. This was an honor. I shared about the names that each of those at the funeral knew grandma by: great-grandma, mom, beloved wife, friend, sister, etc. Then I read from Revelation 3 including verse 12:

Him who overcomes I will make a pillar in the temple of my God. Never again will he leave it. I will write on him the name of my God and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from my God; and I will also write on him my new name.

Isn't it comforting to think about the intimate ways which Jesus promises to interact with us? I wonder what Jesus' new name for grandma is? She is certainly an "overcomer".

I also shared of grandma's great passion for serving people. When we visited her 2 weeks before her passing, she was bed-ridden and what frustrated her most was that she couldn't get out of bed and "fuss" over us. This, too, reminds me of our Lord Jesus...

"... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..."

For obvious reasons, these occasions spur our thinking on eternal matters. If you are also thinking on these things... besides the Bible, we found this book helpful when Angie's father passed away in 1998: One Minute After You Die by Erwin Lutzer.



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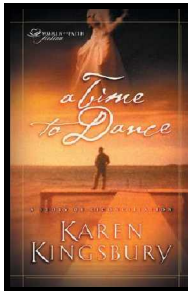
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WHAT WE'VE BEEN READING...

We have all enjoyed having access to some new books (new to us) since we've been in the USA. Libraries are wonderful! This month we thought we'd give you a report on what we've been reading along with a rating (from 1 to 5 Nebraskas) for each book.



A TIME TO DANCE—KAREN KINGSBURY

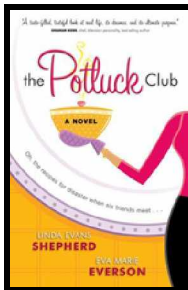
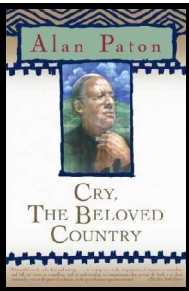
This book is a great reminder to treasure your spouse. It is an easy read but is about a weighty subject. John and Abby are about to end their marriage until their daughter announces her marriage. A story of love and faithfulness.

RATING: 1/2

CRY, THE BELOVED COUNTRY—ALAN PATON

WOW. This is a life changing book. I'm not the most well-read person, but I read A LOT and I had never heard of this book when I read it. The setting is South Africa. The characters are real and so are their fears and emotions. Read this book ASAP.

RATING:



THE POTLUCK CLUB—LINDA EVANS SHEPHERD & EVA MARIE EVERSON

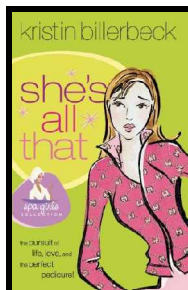
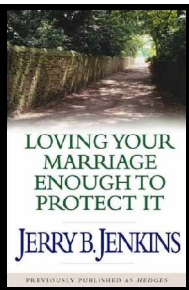
Not worth the time.

RATING:

LOVING YOUR MARRIAGE ENOUGH TO PROTECT IT—JERRY JENKINS

This was previously published as Hedges. The subject matter: building "hedges" around your marriage. No longer a new topic, but always a good one. A marriage protector but not a marriage saver.

RATING:



SHE'S ALL THAT—KRISTIN BILLERBECK

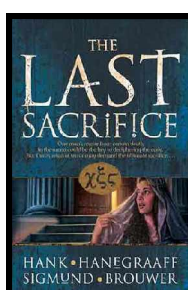
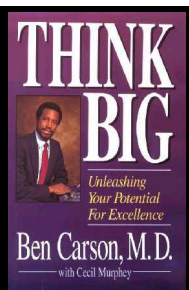
This started slowly... and got better... but not much. Though quite amusing in some places, all in all... not worth the time. If you are into fashion and shallow characters, it might be worth yours.

RATING: 1/2

THINK BIG—BEN CARSON

Ben Carson is a doctor and teacher at Johns Hopkins. His is a "rags-to-riches" story and in this book he shares about people who have greatly influenced him and principles of his success. Not a must read by any means... but helpful.

RATING:



THE LAST SACRIFICE—HANK HANEGRAAFF & SIGMUND BROUWER

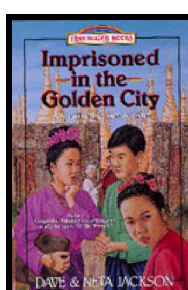
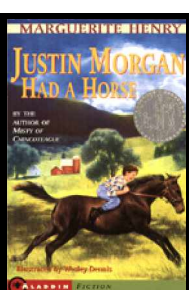
This is the 2nd book in the new "The Last Disciple" series. It is historical fiction from an a-millennial viewpoint. The Apostle John is still alive and Christians are in Nero's coliseum... not as spectators.

RATING: 1/2

JUSTON MORGAN HAD A HORSE—MARGUERITE HENRY

This is a fictional story based on the very real historical account of a new breed of horse... an American horse... the Morgan. Your kids will love reading this classic with you. Written in Henry's well-loved style.

KIDS' RATING:



IMPRISONED IN THE GOLDEN CITY—DAVE & NETA JACKSON

This is a story about America's first missionaries, Adoniram and Ann Judson. It is from the perspective of 2 Burmese girls who have gone to live with the Judsons. Our kids loved this and yours will too.

KIDS' RATING: 1/2

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FINANCIAL REPORTS

Since we moved at the end of March, we brought the expense records with us back to the USA to complete our reports. We apologize that we have not yet finished our financial reports for March and April. With traveling, grandma's passing, and our own carelessness, we're a little behind. Today the envelope with the records is in a different city than us. We'll get it ready for July.