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in some respects, but we all share a special connection with the land and are concerned with preserving and sustaining our natural resources, which serve as the wellspring of our most basic value systems. Poetry and prose with a Plains and rural aesthetic assert the value of the land, thus making its experience visible and comprehensible to the public at large. In this manner, poetry and prose are also capable of transcending a designation as being merely regional.

"Ted Kooser has been quoted as saying, 'Poetry is about communication. Anyone in the world can write a poem people can't understand,'" Reese said. "I have that quote pasted outside my office door. If Plains poetry is accessible — good. Hot damn! Maybe that'll bring more readers to the big dance."

With that in mind, he strives to make his poetry accessible. Many poems are short stories about a place or incident. Fordyce, Neb., and Irene are among the places that make appearances in "ghost on 3rd" and will certainly jog the imaginations of locals.

"I'm pretty sure most people don't want to pick up a book and try to figure out what somebody is trying to say," Reese said. "I don't think they have the time or patience now to do that."

Reese has already begun working on his next collection, which he hopes will include more humor.

"I love making people laugh," he said. "My dad always says, 'You're not that funny of a guy, but you can write pretty funny.' I like that. I've always had a notion that I would like to be a stand-up comedian. I think that would be fun to do, but it would also be one of the hardest jobs in the world."

Reese will be signing copies of "ghost on 3rd" at the Mount Marty College bookstore at 3 p.m. March 1.

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