

The Bookworm

A Revealing 'Hidden Kennedy'

"Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter" by Kate Clifford Larson; © 2015, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt; 302 pages.

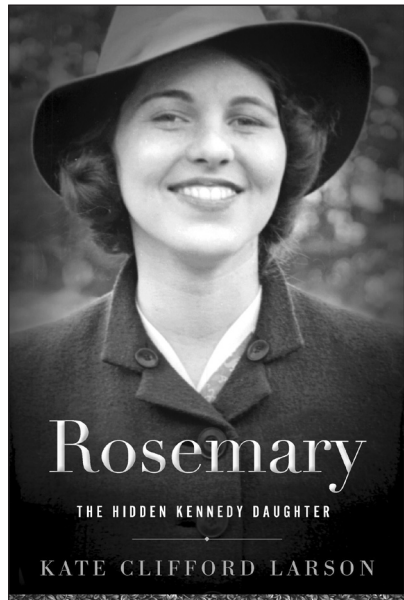
BY TERRI SCHLICHENMEYER

The King has spoken. And in pretty much every fairy tale, that's all it takes for a Happy (or not-so-Happy) Ending: he decrees, and it is so. And in the new book "Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter" by Kate Clifford Larson, you'll see how that affected the oldest girl in what many say was America's Royal Family.

When Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy went into labor on the 13th of September, 1918, she figured her third baby's birth would be as uneventful as that of her first two children. Alas, the doctor was delayed in caring for Boston's Spanish Flu victims so the nurse, unauthorized to deliver the child, held the baby in place in the birth canal for two excruciating hours.

By the time little Rosemary Kennedy was a year old, it was obvious that something was amiss. Compared to her older brothers, "Rosie" was delayed in all milestones, which her mother blamed on "gender and temperament." Still, hoping her daughter would catch up, Rose vowed to spend more time with Rosemary.

No matter how much parental attention she had, however, Rosemary would never be a rough-and-tumble Kennedy. As younger siblings were born and quickly



overtook her both physically and mentally, it became apparent that she was going to need more than the family could offer. Doctors diagnosed her as "mentally retarded"; she might also have suffered from epilepsy. Inwardly, she struggled; outwardly, she was charming and fun-loving. Many thought she was just "shy." Desperate for a cure that would never come, Joseph and Rose Kennedy sent Rosemary to a succession of schools until, in 1938, a good fit was found in Great Britain but World War II intervened.

Nineteen-year-old Rosemary was pulled from that school for her safety, and her stateside return sent her into a tailspin.

By 1941, Joseph Kennedy was searching for new methods of treatment for his daughter, and had considered lobotomy (a radical brain surgery). Family members recommended against it, but he'd been "assured" it would work and so, sometime in early November 1941, without telling his wife or children, he authorized the surgery ...

Stunned. Absolutely stunned. That was me, as I read this sit-still book. Yes, I was aware that Rosemary lived until relatively recently, tucked away in small-town Wisconsin, but the rest?

I had no idea ... That story, however, isn't all that lies inside "Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter": author Kate Clifford Larson also lays out plenty of history, both of the family as a whole and of the world. She reaches back to the earliest Kennedy years and, as she pulls us forward, she puts into context each phase of Rosemary's life, plunging us into the way things were early in the last century. Then, believe it or not, in Larson's hands, this tragic tale culminates in an oddly happy ending.

I couldn't get enough of this astounding book and, especially if you like a splash of historical biography in your scandal, you'll love it, too. "Rosemary: The Hidden Kennedy Daughter" is a book I can't speak enough about.

New At The Library

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

ADULT BOOKS

- Cleopatra's Shadows by Emily Holleman; Fiction
- The Company She Kept by Archer Mayor; Fiction
- The Double Life of Liliane by Lily Tuck; Fiction
- Eye by Wm. Paul Young; Fiction
- Finale by Thomas Mallon; Fiction
- Fool's Quest by Robin Hobb; Fiction
- Jade Dragon Mountain by Elsa Hart; Fiction
- The Killing Lessons by Saul Black
- The Last September by Nina De Gramont; Fiction
- The Survivor by Vince Flynn; Fiction
- Those We Left Behind by Stuart Neville; Fiction
- Vintage by David Baker; Fiction
- A Window Opens by Elisabeth Egan; Fiction
- The Year of Necessary Lies by Kris Radish; Fiction
- Blackout by Sarah Hepola; Nonfiction
- Cultivating Chaos by Reig, Kress & Becker; Nonfiction

- The End of Memory by Jay Ingram; Nonfiction
- Fail, Fail Again, Fail Better by Pema Chodron; Nonfiction

- Food52: Baking by Amanda Hesser; Nonfiction
- Geo Power by Donal Blaise Lloyd; Nonfiction
- Infectious Madness by Harriet A. Washington; Nonfiction

- One Man Against the World by Tim Weiner; Nonfiction

- Sage Living by Anne Sage; Nonfiction
- 10-Minute Hairstyles by Andre Martens; Nonfiction

ADULT AUDIO BOOKS

- Above the Waterfall by Ron Rash; Fiction
- Eight Hundred Grapes by Laura Dave; Fiction
- The Murder House by James Patterson & Dave Ellis; Fiction

- Shadow Play by Iris Johansen; Fiction

ADULT DVDS

- Jupiter Ascending
- Pitch Perfect 2

YOUNG ADULT BOOKS

- Carry On by Rainbow Rowell; Fiction
- The Dogs by Allan Stratton; Fiction
- Dumplin' by Julie Murphy; Fiction
- Empire of the Night by Kelley Armstrong; Fiction
- No Such Person by Caroline B. Cooney; Fiction

JUNIOR BOOKS

- Big Nate: Welcome to My World by Lincoln Peirce; Fiction
- Dork Diaries: Tales from a Not-So-Dorky Drama Queen by Rachel Renee Russell; Fiction
- Frank Einstein and the Electro-Finger by Jon Scieszka; Fiction
- The Secret Mission by William Tuck; Fiction
- LEGO: Awesome Ideas by Daniel Lipkowitz; Nonfiction
- No Summit Out of Sight by Jordan Romero; Nonfiction

EASY BOOKS

- Crybaby by Karen Beaumont; Fiction
- Hiawatha and the Peacemaker by Robertson & Shannon; Fiction
- Mickey & Minnie Storybook Collection by Disney; Fiction
- Princess Storybook Collection by Disney; Fiction
- Thank You and Good Night by Patrick McDonnell; Fiction

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

Tell Us Your Tales Of Things Unseen!

The Yankton Press & Dakotan is seeking your spookiest encounters with the unknown for its Oct. 31 edition of River City.

Let us know what hides in your darkened corners. If your house is crawling with ghosts or you have experienced paranormal events that you can't explain, give us the eerie details.

We want to hear about the best haunted houses or haunted places in the area. There is a lot of history creeping beneath those floorboards. All those spine chilling sounds might be urging you to tell their story.

For tips on where these creatures might linger, submit them to news@yankton.net by 5 p.m. on Oct. 23.

Frighten us, if you dare.

Scotland's Annual Haunted House Set

SCOTLAND – The annual Scotland Haunted House will be held again this year. The house is located on Main St. in Scotland.

Dates and times for the Haunted House are:

- Oct. 16-17, 23-24 and Oct. 30 – 7-11 p.m.
- Oct. 31 – 7 p.m.-midnight.

Admission is \$10, or \$8 with a nonperishable food item. Proceeds will go toward youth and community programs. Parental discretion is advised.

Hank Williams Tribute At Gayville Hall

GAYVILLE — Gayville Hall presents "A Celebration of Hank Williams," starring John and Susan McNeill, Owen DeJong and Nick Schwebach, on Saturday, Oct. 17, at 8 p.m. in Gayville.

The two-hour tribute to country-music's greatest songwriter and singer is Gayville Hall's most enduring presentation. First performed as the fourth show of the hall's inaugural season in 2001, it has been repeated annually at Gayville Hall and multiple times on the road in Sioux Falls, Brandon, Dell Rapids and Okoboji, Iowa.

Gayville Hall's country music host, John McNeill, who created the tribute and sings most of the tunes, plays drums, guitar, and harmonica in the show. Susan McNeill sings a number of songs as well and plays bass.

Schwebach plays lead and steel guitars, and DeJong, who holds a master's degree in violin performance, plays fiddle. They are members of the band Poker Alice and regular performers at Gayville Hall.

Gayville Hall is at 502 Washington Street. Call (605) 267-2859 for ticket information.

Carson's Birthday Party At Norfolk

NORFOLK, Neb. – Celebrate what would have been Johnny Carson's 90th birthday at the Elkhorn Valley Museum in Norfolk on Friday, Oct. 23. Starting at noon, remember this legendary local by enjoying a special marathon of our favorite clips and episodes of "The Tonight Show."

An entire additional exhibit case filled with Johnny memorabilia and the fascinating Carson Connection exhibit will be available. From 5-7 p.m., Norfolk Panther JOOI Clubs will be providing games for the children and birthday cake at 6 p.m. This will be included with museum admission.

This event is sponsored by the Norfolk Morning Optimist Club and the Norfolk Noon Optimist Club.

Trobaugh Presents Concert At Elk Point

ELK POINT — Isabel Trobaugh of Elk Point, will share songs from her new 17-song CD "Isabel's Favorites" at United Parish Church, 601 S. Pearl St. in Elk Point, on Saturday Oct. 24, at 7 p.m.

Trobaugh, a member of the South Dakota Country Music Hall of Fame, will play her favorite instrumental inspirational, gospel and country songs on the piano with back up by guitarist Dave Bergquist from Lynch, Nebraska; and, Steve Bankey with Two Bird Dog Studio in Dakota Dunes, who engineered this exciting project for Isabel.

This event is also a fundraiser for the Elk Point Food Pantry. Attendees are asked to bring an item/donation for the pantry.

Refreshments to follow the concert.

Oktoberfest Set For Menno Oct. 24

MENNO — The Sodak Stamm annual Oktoberfest will be held Saturday, Oct. 24, at the Menno school auditorium. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

A show from Nashville, the usual German meal with lots of kuchen, and a huge bake sale are among the highlights of this year's event. There will also be a chance to win a free trip to Branson.

The musical group featured at this year's Oktoberfest is Down Home. Committed to faith and family roots, the group brings a fresh new mix to country and gospel music. The show is packaged with state-of-the-art sound and lighting and full media presentation.

For advance tickets, you may contact: Gary Jerke – 583-4544 or 770-3003; Wyona Hofer – 925-7218; Donna Zeeb – 387-5577; Schoenfish CPA – 928-7241; Vi Ranney – 665-3596; David Mogck – 936-6781; or Eugene Weidenbach – 587-4470.

RC Harmony Performance Oct. 25

River City Harmony Barbershop Chorus will present its 2015 show, "God and Country" at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 25 at The Center, 900 Whiting Dr., Yankton.

The guest quartet is Vocal Effect. The MC is Carolyn Kappel.

Tickets are on sale at Hy-Vee and Rexall Drug.



Gregory DeTurck

Pianist To Present Visiting Artist Concert At USD

VERMILLION — Gregory DeTurck, a solo pianist trained at Juilliard School who has appeared worldwide, will perform a recital Oct. 19 at the University of South Dakota as the 2015 Rawlins Fall Visiting Artist and conduct a master class for USD piano students the following day.

DeTurck, D.M.A., also a graduate of the Juilliard School Eastman School of Music, has made solo appearances at Carnegie Hall and with various musical groups, including the Los Angeles Philharmonic and International Festival Orchestra Beijing. Honoring his talents are awards such as the 2010 William Petschek Award and the Raeburn Prize for Artist of Special Promise at the 2006 Honens Competition in Calgary. As an alumnus of The Academy (a program of Carnegie Hall, the Juilliard School

and the Weill Music Institute), DeTurck has given concerts and helped lead outreach residencies in Tokyo, Merida, Abu Dhabi, Mumbai, Asturias, Baltimore and New York. He has spent the past four summers at the Dakota Sky International Piano Festival as an adjunct faculty member and worked as a lecturer of music at the University of Pennsylvania's School of Arts and Sciences from 2011-2015. He will soon be returning to Carnegie Hall to perform as part of Beethoven Discovery Day.

The USD recital will be 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, and the master class for students will be 10 a.m.-noon, Tuesday, Oct. 20. Both events take place in the Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts' Colton Recital Hall and are open to the public at no cost.

'One Book SD' Talk Oct. 22

Join the staff at the Yankton Community Library for a discussion of the 2015 One Book South Dakota title "Ordinary Grace" by William Kent Krueger. The book discussion takes place on Thursday, Oct. 22, at 6:30 p.m., with Mount Marty

Professor and Humanities Scholar Jamie Sullivan as our facilitator.

Books are currently available for check out at the library.

For further information, contact the library at 668-5275.

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not giving up much of their time for it."

Henrickson believes audience members can also look forward to getting drawn into the story.

"People will be hearing and seeing things that will speak to them personally," he added. "The things that are talked about are things that are family subjects. People can look forward to some new talent and a mix of comedy and drama."

Tickets are available at www.mtmc.arts or by calling the MMC Theatre box office at 605-668-1234. The box office is located in the Roncalli Student Center.

The O'Conner Girls Cast List: Sarah Furrow (Sarah O'Conner); Rachel Shippy (Liz O'Conner); Alanna Binder (Martha O'Conner); Khristina Stevens (Margie

O'Conner); Vincent Raia (David Stevens); Andy Henrickson (Director); Gabby Slowey (Stage Manager); James Hovland (Designer/TD); Dawn Ferris (Costume Designer); Catherine Pratt (Props).

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