



2024 marks the tenth year of One Book One Cozad

The notion of a one book/one city started with an idea by Seattle librarian Nancy Pearl. First initiated in 1998 by the Washington Center for the Book, the Library of Congress reports that such programs are abundant around the world.

Wilson Public Library agrees with the Nebraska Center for the Book's philosophy that "reading great literature provokes us to think about ourselves, our environment and our relationships," and that "talking about great literature with friends, families and neighbors often adds richness and depth to the experience of reading."

We encourage you to read *The Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern. We have multiple copies available at our library.

Please check our One Book One Cozad tab on our website under Programs & Services at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org or our Facebook Events page at Wilson Public Library for additional programs and events scheduled after this brochure printed in January 2024.

One Book One Cozad Events in 2024

Saturday, February 17

Yvonne Hollenbeck with Humanities Nebraska will present "Cowboy Poetry"
Wilson Public Library in Cozad

11:00am

Monday, March 18

Open Book Discussion off *The Floor of the Sky*
at the Wilson Public Library in Cozad.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

11:00am

Thursday, August 22:

Open Book Discussion off *The Floor of the Sky*
at the Wilson Public Library in Cozad.

The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

11:00am

Date to Be Announced:

Author Visit: Pamela Carter Joern will join us to discuss her book, The Floor of the Sky

Tentative:

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OTHER BOOKS BY PAMELA CARTER JOERN:

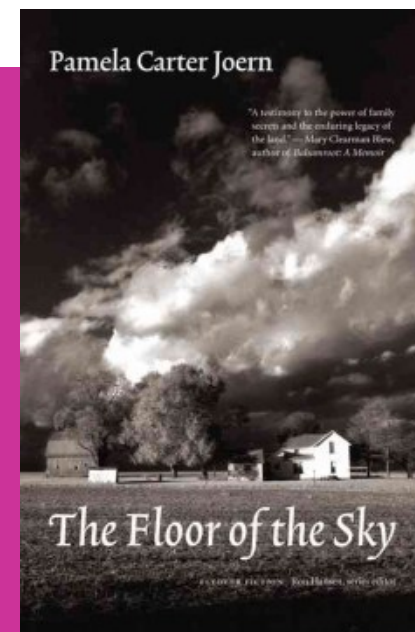
Toby's Last Resort (2023)

In Reach (2014)

The Plain Sense of Things (2008)

One Book One Cozad 2024

The Floor of the Sky by Pamela Carter Joern



Cover by University of Nebraska Press

The Floor of the Sky ~ About This Year's Selection:

In January 2024, the Wilson Public Library in Cozad, NE, launches their tenth One Book One Cozad program with the selection of *The Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern.

"In the Nebraska Sandhills, nothing is more sacred than the bond of family and land—and nothing is more capable of causing deep wounds. In Pamela Carter Joern's riveting novel *The Floor of the Sky*, Toby Jenkins, an aging widow, is on the verge of losing her family's ranch when her granddaughter Lila—a city girl, sixteen and pregnant—shows up for the summer. While facing painful decisions about her future, Lila uncovers festering secrets about her grandmother's past—discoveries that spur Toby to reconsider the ambiguous ties she holds to her embittered sister Ger-tie, her loyal ranch hand George, her not-so-sympathetic daughter Nola Jean, and ultimately, herself. Propelled by stark realism in break-neck prose, *The Floor of the Sky*

"A resonant love story whatever the age of lovers."
— *Kirkus Reviews*

reveals the inner worlds of characters isolated by geography and habit. Set against the sweeping changes in rural America—from the onslaught of corporate agribusiness to the pressures exerted by superstores on small towns—Joern's compelling story bears witness to the fortitude and hard-won wisdom of people whose lives have been forged by devotion to the land" (from publisher marketing).

Scheduled discussions and events will be held throughout 2024 in a variety of formats for all interested persons beginning in February. A special set of books will be set aside near the library's circulation desk for those wishing to check out the book. Additionally, our website has information regarding events on a special tab, which you can find at www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org. Wilson Public Library encourages all local book clubs to thoughtfully consider adding *The Floor of the Sky* by Pamela Carter Joern to their selection lists for 2024.

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Pamela Carter Joern is the author of four works of fiction, published by the University of Nebraska Press: *Toby's Last Resort*, *In Reach*, *The Plain Sense of Things*, and *The*

Floor of the Sky. She has published short stories and essays in various literary journals. Joern has also written six plays that have been produced in the Twin Cities, including a musical, *Alchemyra's Art*. Pamela co-edited *Re-Membering* and *Re-Imagining*. She taught writing at the Loft Literary Center for many years.

Joern won the Nebraska Book Award for Fiction and also the Alex Award from the Young Adult Library Service Association in 2007 for *The Floor of the Sky*. She lives in Minneapolis, is a graduate of United Theological Seminary, and holds an MFA from Hamline University.