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South Dakota State Historical Society Releases New Book: *Small-town Boy, Small-town Girl: Growing Up in South Dakota*

PIERRE, S.D.—*Small-town Boy, Small-town Girl: Growing Up in South Dakota, 1920-1950*, the latest book from the South Dakota State Historical Society, reveals lively personal accounts of growing up in Milbank and Mitchell.

Authors Eric Fowler and Sheila Delaney looked at their communities from different viewpoints, but their childhood and young adult memories of South Dakota share common themes. Fowler dealt with the hardships of a low-income, single-parent family in Milbank. Delaney experienced the wealth and occasional grandeur of Mitchell's social elite.

Yet, both found respite from their situations and youthful joy in mid-century South Dakota. These two contrasting memoirs bring forth commonalities in the authors' early experiences of small-town life, even while the two young people followed differing paths to adulthood.

Written after they retired, Fowler and Delaney illuminate how South Dakota was linked to the modern world.

Born and raised in Milbank, Fowler received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Upon receiving his degree, Fowler worked for many years at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico before retiring to Albuquerque, N.M.

Delaney was born and raised in Mitchell. In the early 1960s, she moved to the southwestern United States, where she worked, attended school and raised a family. She retired in Albuquerque.

Mitchell native Molly P. Rozum, associate professor of history at Doane College in Crete, Neb., edited the book. She provides the introduction, drawing the two stories together.

Available for \$17.95 plus shipping and tax, *Small-town Boy, Small-town Girl* can be purchased from most bookstores, or ordered directly from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press. Visit www.sdshspress.com or call (605) 773-6009.

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