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Search for place leads back to South Dakota prairie in new State Historical Society Book

PIERRE, S.D.—A new memoir from the South Dakota State Historical Society Press delves into life on the edge of the Great Plains.

Circling Back Home: A Plainswoman's Journey is the story of one woman's search for place at a time when values of home, family and care of the land seem increasingly absent. Looking to her past to create a life of significance for her family, Darcy Lipp-Acord revisits the prairie of her grandmothers, who survived personal hardships and lived off what the land provided.

Lipp-Acord mourns the loss of one child and celebrates the births of others, all while balancing her own desire to put down roots with her husband's life as an itinerant ranch hand. Written over 10 years, these essays compose a picture of endurance and grace as the author addresses her history and finds her way home.

In her foreword, Linda M. Hasselstrom states, "[Darcy] Lipp-Acord is one woman, but she tells a dozen stories, her ancestors' voices mingling with her own: the farmer's daughter, the Catholic woman, the wife, the mother, the artist. . . . *Circling Back Home* reflects the life of a ranch woman in all its prismatic variety."

The granddaughter of German-Russian immigrants, Lipp-Acord grew up in Timber Lake, on a farm worked by three generations of her family. She currently lives on a ranch with her husband, Shawn, and their six children near the Montana-Wyoming border. She won the Wyoming Arts Council's Frank Nelson Doubleday Award for women writers and received an honorable mention for the Neltje Blanchan Award. Lipp-Acord's essays have appeared in several anthologies, including *Woven on the Wind*.

Hasselstrom writes poetry and nonfiction from her ranch in South Dakota. She founded the Windbreak House Writing Retreats, and her latest book is *Dirt Songs: A Plains Duet*.

Circling Back Home: A Plainswoman's Journey is available for \$16.95 plus shipping and tax and 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. For publicity information, please contact info@sdshspress.com.

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