other of an incubating Upland Sandpiper. Throughout the book, Johnsgard has sprinkled quotes from writers such as Peter Matthiessen, William Least Heat-Moon, and Henry David Thoreau. Each chapter ends with a brief section on additional reading, and there is a substantial bibliography and glossary at the end of the book. An appendix describing some of the major grassland preserves in the Great Plains is also included. Johnsgard says it best, "...but a prairie without the song of a Horned Lark or a Sprague's Pipit overhead is no prairie at all. And a place with no prairies at all is not a place that will stir the heart."—Mary Bomberger Brown

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