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Bachelor Bess: The Homesteading Letters of Elizabeth Corey, 1909-1919. Edited by Philip L. Gerber. Foreword by Paul Corey. Afterword by Wayne Franklin. Iowa City: University of Iowa Press, 1990. Map, photographs, notes, index. lxxvi + 462 pp. \$42.50.

The experiences of a single female homesteader on the Great Plains of South Dakota are revealed in *Bachelor Bess*. This collection of letters spanning 1909-19 was written by Elizabeth Corey to her family in Iowa. The letters focus primarily on the social activities of Corey, who worked as a schoolteacher while homesteading in the West River country of South Dakota.

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