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The Emigrants Series Book Club

Local Swedish farmer Andrew Peterson kept a daily diary from the time he left Sweden to about 2 days before his death. This 50+ year diary provides a wonderful insight into the lives of early pioneer farmers. Upon his death, Peterson's children donated this diary to the Minnesota Historical Society. In the 1940's, Swedish novelist Vilhelm Moberg discovered the diary there, and used the information contained in it as the basis for a series of novels— *The Emigrants* (1949), *Unto a Good Land* (1952), *The Settlers* (1956) and *The Last Letter Home* (1959). The novels were published in English in 1951, 1954, and 1961, respectively. Two films, *The Emigrants* and *The New Land* were made from these books in the 1970's.

Join us as we explore these books, and the worlds of protagonists Karl Oskar and Kristina. Discover connections to Andrew Peterson as we explore one book a month.

RSVP greatly appreciated but not required.

Dates: Saturdays— April 23, May 28, June 25, July 23

Times: 10am-12pm Cost: **FREE**

Books available through the CCHS. Copies also available through Carver County libraries.

****Get your books and start reading- book club starts in just under two months!****

About the Carver County Historical Society

Established in 1940, the Carver County Historical Society is a private, not-for-profit organization whose mission is to collect, preserve and interpret the history of Carver County. The museum houses five local history galleries, a veterans' exhibit and a local history and genealogy library. There is no charge to visit the museum or library.

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