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Obituaries



Tisdale

Colleen Tisdale, age 94, of San Angelo peacefully went to be with the Lord on January 21, 2021.

She was born January 7, 1927, in Ft. Worth, Texas to Otto and Irene Robbins.

Colleen graduated from Pascal High School in Ft. Worth and went on to attend L.I.F.E. Bible College in Los Angeles, where she met L.G. Tisdale. They were married on June 17, 1949, and were blessed with fifty-nine years together.

Her Christian faith was an important part of her life. Colleen and L.G. served the Lord while pioneering and pastoring churches in Oklahoma and Texas. They were members of Parkside Community Church in San Angelo.

Known as Mama and Maw Maw to her family, she will be remembered for her sweet smile and loving hugs. She fervently prayed for each of them daily by name and shared that blessing with each encounter. Colleen's faith and compassion touched

everyone she met, including her many friends she loved at Christian Village.

Colleen was preceded in death by her husband, L.G.; her sisters, Maxine Russell, Nina Sue Bird and daughter-in-law, Brenda Bryant Tisdale.

Colleen was a loving dedicated mother to her children, Patty Tisdale Byrne (Jimmie), Judy Tisdale Curtis (Steve), and Lynn Tisdale (Kay); her grandchildren, Doss Byrne, Sarah Byrne Altom (Rick), Tiffany Angel, Jerrod Angel (Ashley), Misty Tisdale Mullins (Chuck), and Jeremy Tisdale (Heather); plus, five great grandchildren, Austin Byrne, Lauren Altom, Teagan Batten, Summer Mullin and Emmett Tisdale. Colleen is also survived by her sister-in-law, Irene Tisdale; and brother-in-law, Charley Tisdale, plus many nieces and nephews. She loved her extended family deeply.

Services were provided by Robert Massie Funeral Home. A public viewing was held on Monday, January 25 from 4 pm until 8 pm. To keep friends and loved ones safe, the family held a private graveside service at Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. Please sign the online guest register at www.robertmassie.com.

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brain, so I did not want to hear someone else's voice applied to those characters. I began to reconsider in the last couple of years. I started to read more non-fiction, primarily history and biographies, which were often very large books. It's easier to find time to plow through a short novel than a complex 500-page work of history or biography. I realized that I had a lot of time - driving, getting ready in the mornings, etc. - that I could apply to audiobooks. I took a spin with some biographies on Audible and I was sold. Whereas I was bothered by the voice of a fictional work on audio, I found a non-fiction audiobook to be like listening to a very interesting lecture. This newfound

appreciation was much to my wife's chagrin, I might add. Turns out it's not her preferred hobby to be subjected to secondhand listening of books that are dozens of hours long.

I've picked out twelve books that I read in 2020 to share today. I found each of these to be particularly interesting or worth sharing. I'll warn you: a few of these books are the length of multiple books, so they are not for the faint of heart. In general, I read to be educated, but I like to be entertained as well. A good book should be interesting and compelling about the topic. I focus most of my reading on understanding the world around me and how to impact it, so that leads me to mostly history, leadership, and

deep-dives into topics of specific importance. I'd rank several of these books as among the best books I have ever read:

"Team of Rivals: the Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln": by Doris Kearns Goodwin

Widely renowned and adapted into a Spielberg film, you don't need me to tell you this is a good read, but I set out to learn more about Lincoln and I got even more than I bargained for. Lincoln's failures, successes, and tragic death are well known, but my overarching lesson was one of empathy. Lincoln had an incredible ability to empathize with disparate parties, even parties literally at war with each other. Because of his deep empathy, Lincoln preserved the Union in a manner that might not have been possible otherwise. I walked away from this book thinking that, had Lincoln presided over Reconstruction, our country's post-war history might have been very, very different.

"Grant" by Ron Chernow

The portrayal of General Ulysses S. Grant in "Team of Rivals" left me wanting to learn more about a man who is often poorly depicted in history, as a drunken soldier and a terrible, corrupt politician. This definitive biography tells the proverbial "rest of the story." Grant was an alcoholic who battled the disease with full self-

awareness. His lapses were lampooned by his enemies and rivals for their own personal benefit, because none of them had his skill as a leader of military men. Grant was often too trusting of others, which led to his abuse by grifters and schemers whose actions ultimately marred his own reputation. Despite the complicated history, U.S. Grant deserves to be seen as a titan of American history.

"The Bully Pulpit: Theodore Roosevelt, William Howard Taft, and the Golden Age of Journalism" by Doris Kearns Goodwin

I'm a sucker for any good Roosevelt book and I found this one enthralling. It's less a Roosevelt biography and more of a simultaneous view of how Roosevelt, Taft, and the "muckracker" journalists intersected for social and economic reforms at the dawn of the 20th century. Roosevelt mastered the bully pulpit, but the continuation of his reforms required an equally decisive and convicted salesman. Taft was a wonderful judge and government administrator who was a sterling choice for many jobs. Following Theodore Roosevelt as President was not one.

"Destiny of the Republic: a Tale of Madness, Medicine, and the Murder of a President" by Candice Millard

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Dale Patterson, Pastor
 Sun. 10 am Sunday School
 11 am & 5 pm Worship

First Baptist Church

424 S. Washington • Bronte
 (325) 473-2331 • Pastor George Cooper
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 10:55 am Worship, 6 pm Bible
 Study & Worship

Wednesday 6 pm RA's & GA's,
 6:30 pm Youth & Adults

First United Methodist Church

Corner of Washington & Holmes
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Rev. Stacy Sprinkle, Pastor
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 11:00 am Worship

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 Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Jr., Pastor
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 Sunday 10 am Sunday School, 11 am and
 5 pm Worship, Wed 5 pm Bible Study

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 Pastor Brantly Robertson
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 Recardo Reyes, Preacher
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11 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Worship

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Services: Sun. 10 am

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 (325) 365-2687

Rev. Yesu Mulakaleti, Pastor
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5 pm

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PO Box 493 • 22 W. 11th
 (325) 453-2724
 Chris Walls, Pastor

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11 am & 7 pm, Worship
 Wed. 7 pm, Prayer Meeting

Victory Assembly of God

(325) 453-2208, PO Box 638
 202 E. 6th Street, Robert Lee
 Rev. Rocky Youngblood, Pastor
 Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School

10:45 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6 pm, Bible Study

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 Robert Lemmond, Pastor
 Sunday, 10:30 am

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 PO Box 542 • 12 miles West of
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 (325) 453-2065, Bill Hood, Pastor
www.pecanbaptistchurchrl.com
 Sun. 10 am, Sunday School

11 am & 7 pm, Worship

Tennyson

Tennyson Baptist Church
 Hwy 277 • Tennyson
 (325) 473-2040

Sun. 9:45 am, Sunday School
 11:00 am & 6 pm, Worship
 Wed. 6:00 pm Prayer Meeting



2020: A Year of Reading

By James M. Decker

In March 2020, as our community, state, and nation halted many "normal" activities to limit the spread of the coronavirus, many of us found ourselves with more free time than usual. I vowed to prioritize that time for more reading. As I wrote, I have always loved to read, but the nature of adult life can make it hard to prioritize reading. It is more difficult when your daily duties require heavy reading - when you spend too much time reading screens and documents as a necessity, the unfortunate human inclination is to avoid reading when you don't "have" to do it.

I'll also confess that I'm late to the audiobook game. For years, friends extolled the virtues of audiobooks, but I was not convinced. I spent much of my youth reading a lot of fiction, so the audiobook concept bothered me. I am the kind of reader who imagines the voices of each character inside my

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