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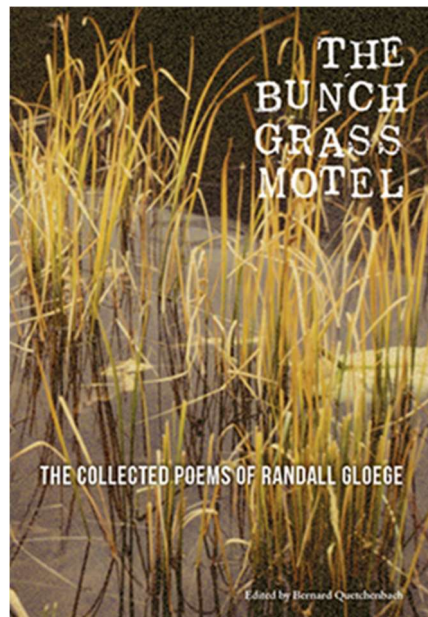
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Late MSU Billings professor selected as finalist for regional award

*Randall Gloege's **The Bunch Grass Motel** nominated in poetry
category of High Plains Book Awards*



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MSU BILLINGS NEWS SERVICES — A collection of poetry written by the late Randall Gloege, a retired professor of English at Montana State University Billings, has been selected as a finalist for a High Plains Book Award. Gloege wrote *The Bunch Grass Motel* and Bernard Quetchenbach, professor of English at MSU Billings, edited the book. Several MSU Billings faculty, alumni, and students were involved in the book's production.

Thirty-three regional authors were selected as finalists for the High Plains Book Award, of which 12 will receive top awards at the High Plains Bookfest banquet in October 2018. For a complete list of nominees, visit <https://www.highplainsbookawards.org>.

The Billings Public Library Board has established the High Plains Book Awards to recognize regional literary works which examine and reflect life on the High Plains, including the states of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, Nebraska, Colorado and Kansas, and the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. This is the 12th year of the awards ceremony.

The MSU Billings Foundation provided support for *The Bunch Grass Motel* while the University of Montana Press published [the book](#). A poetry sample from Gloege's book and short biography about Gloege was included in a news piece by [Montana Public Radio](#) earlier this year. Updates, readings, and coverage of *The Bunch Grass Motel* are available on [Facebook](#).

The Bunch Grass Motel is available for purchase by contacting the MSU Billings Department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages at 657-2348 or online via the [University of Montana Press](#).

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