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Episode Summary: Sara and Daniel interview local historian Seth Bate, author of *Winfield's Walnut Valley Festival*, as they delve into ReadICT category 6: a book about time to talk about the timelessness of music, building community through a shared passion, and why more people should play musical saws.

Guest Bio:



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Seth Bate's book, *Winfield's Walnut Valley Festival*, has been named to the 2023 Kansas Notable Books list and received the Tihen Publication Award from the Kansas State Historical Society. Seth is a Walnut Valley Festival emcee each year and was an associate producer of *Winfield!: A Bluegrass Musical*, which debuted in 2022. Seth Bate, MA, PCC, moved to Winfield, Kansas, in 1989. His interest in local history was sparked by traveling throughout Kansas for his work at the Wichita State University Community Engagement Institute. Seth's writing has been recognized by the Kansas Association of Historians and appeared in the Kansas Leadership Center Journal.

(Source: [Watermarkbooks.com](https://www.watermarkbooks.com))

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Books by Seth Bate

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Other Resources

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September's Song: 45 Years of Winfield's Walnut Valley Festival by Bob Hamrick (2016)

[Folk Music](#)

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[PBS American Experience: History of John Brown's Body"](#)

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[Dulcimer.net: What is an autoharp](#)

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[Kerrville Folk Festival \(Kerrville, TX\)](#)

[The Barefoot Movement “Don’t Fear the Reaper” cover \(video\)](#)

[Smithsonian Folkways Recordings](#)

[Kentucky Educational Television: Sourwood Mountain Dulcimers/John Jacob Niles \(video\)](#)

[The Library of Congress American Folklife Center: John McCutcheon Homegrown Concert \(video\)](#)

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