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The Pets/Wildlife Shelf

The Mystery of the Pheasants
Mark Meierhenry and David Volk, authors
Susan Turnbull, illustrator
South Dakota State Historical Society Press
900 Governors Dr., Pierre, S. Dak. 57501
9780984504190, \$14.95, www.sdshspress.com

"The Mystery of the Pheasants" tells an interesting true story about the introduction in 1909 of the Chinese ring-necked pheasant to the plains of South Dakota, where they survived and flourished and eventually became famous as the state bird representative of South Dakota. On the third week of October, an annual pheasant hunt is celebrated in South Dakota. Twins Hannah and Max are taking part in the hunt for the first time. The exciting conclusion of this historical story weaves in many traditions and threads of an educational nature. "The Mystery of the Pheasants" is excellent reading for children age 8 and up.