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### Prairie Pedagogy

People often ask me what the prairies are like. It is a land of extremes: extreme heat, extreme cold, extreme wind. This is why the weather has primacy, as it very much dictates each day. The following children's book captures the Northern Plains.

*If You're Not From the Prairies*

By David Bouchard and Henry Ripplinger

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Here is a photo of a recent grass fire not far from here.



Here is a photo, which Lisa took from our living room window: Extreme beauty.



As with all community cultures, we sometimes use our own unique language, prairie-ese: "You betcha," "crik" (not creek), "How'd you winter?", etc.

The other day, when it was a bit "breezy" (50 MPH), I met a local, and he said to me, "The winds are pretty much humpin' today." And, I understood and agreed.