

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

April 2019

Hurray, it's April! Seaport Books celebrates two years of providing books and gift items to our residents and visitors to La Conner. Thank you all for your business and the many compliments about our store! It is our pleasure to put good books into your hands.

We especially enjoy having visitors place a dot on our US and world maps to tell us where you are from. It is a real pleasure to welcome you to La Conner and Skagit Valley.



At Seaport Books good reads abound just waiting for the right person to explore them. We hope to see you in the store soon and at one of our enticing free events.

Meet the Author Events

Thursday, April 18, 2019, 4:30 PM. A **Fireside Chat** about the history of tulips in our valley and the historic La Conner Tulip Show with **Janna Gage**. Beginning in 1947 the La Conner Civic Garden Club ladies set up a massive floral display in the high school gym. It was open only one weekend but thousands of visitors came to town. Traffic was gridlocked on our narrow country roads and the entire valley was covered in tulips. Come join the discussion and learn how it all got started.

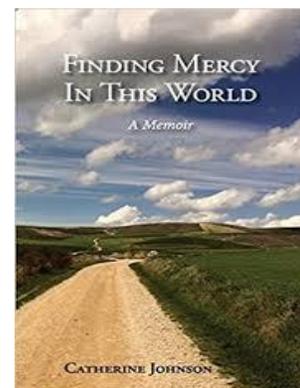
Friday, April 26, 2019, All Day! Come into **Seaport Books** and enjoy **Marion Melville's** fine homemade cookies as we celebrate our **Second Birthday**. We are happy to be here and would like to thank you for your support.

Thursday, May 16, 2019, 4:30 PM. Candace Wellman, the author of *Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast through Cross-Cultural Marriages*, now has a second history to tell us about. *Interwoven Lives: Indigenous Mothers of Salish Coast Communities* will be published in March by WSU Press and is every bit as informative and revealing as her first book. In this volume she tells us of four more Native American women who impacted our culture and history including Fort Bellingham Commander George W. Pickett's wife. Candace has more interesting stories to share with us.

Saturday, June 22, 2019, 12:30 PM. Maple Hall, **A Novel Affair**, a fundraiser for a new library building in La Conner. A Novel Affair, Volume II, features a delicious catered luncheon, live and silent auctions, raffle prizes and featured speaker, **Robert Dugoni**. Dugoni is a bestselling author of crime-suspense-mystery stories set in the Pacific Northwest. Seaport Books will be on hand to sell all of Dugoni's lively, thought-provoking novels.

Celebrating Pacific Northwest Authors **Catherine Johnson**

Catherine has been awarded the prestigious Sarton Literary prize for best memoir of 2018! We welcomed Catherine, who lives on Vashon Island, to our Meet the Author event here at Seaport Books and knew she had written a courageous and literary account of her life journey. We are so very pleased that the rest of the world feels the same way. We have her fine book, *Finding Mercy in this World*, in stock and always will. Congratulations, Catherine!



Young Readers May Submit Book Reviews

If you are acquainted with any young readers please let them know that we welcome their very own review of any book they have read. We have a special bookmark for them which explains the details. They may even find their review on our website.

The Seaport Books website (www.seaportbooks.com) has a category of popular books that especially appeal to younger readers. Graphic novels, fiction and non-fiction are all within reach at the store. Try the *Amulet* series by Kazu Kibuishi, *Ready Player One* by Ernest Cline, and *Wild Robot* by Peter Brown for example. The apple sticker on the spine also guides young readers through the adult fiction collection.

Our staff is always ready to help find just the right book for the young reader you have in mind.

Book Groups

The Second Thursday Evening Group, (meets 6:00 PM at Seaport Books) has selected *The Art of Hearing Heartbeats* by Jan-Philipp Sendker.

The Fourth Monday Morning Group, (meets 9:30 AM at Seaport Books) has selected *The Friend: A Novel* by Sigrid Nunez.

Both groups welcome new members.

Happy Birthday refreshments
Friday, April 26, all day!

We love being your bookstore in La Conner!

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