

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

September 2019

If you identified the schooner Zodiac in the August newsletter, you are a very astute observer. The number 8 on her sail was a good clue. Even “Alexa” got it wrong when she guessed Adventuress. We did have a winner and he selected a chocolate fudge energy bar for his gift.

During September Seaport Books celebrates “Freedom to Read,” highlighting those stories which have been banned by a group or agency. This year “Banned Book Week” is September 22 to 28.

Refresh your memory by reading a book from the following list of classics that have all been banned:



The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, To Kill a Mockingbird, Animal Farm, The Grapes of Wrath, Fahrenheit 451, The Diary of a Young Girl, The Sun Also Rises, The Catcher in the Rye, The Handmaid’s Tale, Brave New World, Of Mice and Men, Slaughterhouse Five, Catch 22, On the Origin of Species, Their Eyes Were Watching God, A Light in the Attic, All Quiet on the Western Front, The Great Gatsby, and more.

If you think of a good theme for us to use in the upcoming months, please send it to us. We will give you a \$20 gift certificate if we use your theme-of-the-month! Send your email entries to: info@seaportbooks.com.

Coming Events

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 4:30 PM. Meet author Eric Finke. Eric lives in Bellingham, is a chemical engineer who worked for the federal government for 35 years, and has now turned to writing fiction. At least we hope it is fiction. His first novel, *The Sweet Bounty*, is a mystery which explores the ramifications of poisoning our earth and the communities such actions may impact. Fiction or fact? Come meet Eric and ask your questions!

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 4:30 PM. Meet author Mike Rostron. Mike has written a chilling mystery set in the misty fjords of Southeast Alaska. The title is *Cape Decision: Revenge and Remorse in the Alaskan Wilderness*. Mike has spent twenty-five years in Alaska and uses every bit of the natural setting to spin a fine yarn that readers from all areas will enjoy. Come meet Mike, an author, playwright, musician, and sailor, who is hard at work on his next Conrad Slocum mystery novel.

Tuesday, November 5, 2019, La Conner Schools auditorium. **Meet author Jim Keeffe**, afternoon program for students, evening program for public. Jim's father, Lt. Col. James H. Keeffe, USAF, (Ret.) was shot down over Holland during World War II. His harrowing story of survival, betrayal, and a prisoner of war is told in *Two Gold Coins and a Prayer*. This story has won several prestigious awards and is a fitting tribute to all veterans and their service. Come meet Jim Keeffe who lives in Fall City, Washington, and learn about his father's story.

News of our Pacific Northwest Authors and Venues

Canadian author, **Margaret Atwood**, appears on the big screen at the **Lincoln Theatre** in Mount Vernon live from London, on September 10 at 7:30 PM. Atwood is best known for her seminal work *The Handmaid's Tale*. Now, 34 years later, she introduces a sequel, *The Testaments*.

Kelli Estes, author of *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, has just released her second historical novel, *Today We Go Home*. This story shines a much-needed light on the brave, bold women of all eras whose military service puts even more than their lives on the line.

We introduce some new arrivals this month:

Summer of '69 by Elin Hildebrand

My Soul is Filled with Joy: A Holocaust Story by Karen Treiger

Interwoven Lives: Indigenous Mothers of Salish Coast Communities
by Candace Wellman.

Skagit River Journal: History & Folklore 2019

Cedar: Tree of Life to the Northwest Coast Indians by Hilary Stewart

Edgar: An Autobiography by Edgar Martinez and Larry Stone

A Better Man by Louise Penny

Exploring Deception Pass: An Insider's Guide to Washington's Favorite State Park by Jack Hartt

Book Groups

The Second Thursday Evening Group, (meets 6:00 PM at Seaport Books) has selected *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury and *Mink River* by Brian Doyle. Discuss either one or both.

The Fourth Monday Morning Group, (meets 9:30 AM at Seaport Books) has selected *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho.

Both groups welcome new members.

We hope to see your smile at Seaport Books this September.

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