

# Seaport Books

## Newsletter and Coming Events

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### Finding Your Best Summer Reading



We are so happy to have you with us as we ease into a more normal operation and our fifth year of being your local independent bookstore in La Conner.

We like the new sign in Gilkey Square. You can take a family photo there or check out the location of our next Meet the Author event.

**People are venturing out in boats, RVs and family vacations.  
They need good books to read!**

*World Travel: An Irreverent Guide* by Anthony Bourdain, the famous outspoken chef and traveler. This is an entertaining adventure book with food, quips and tales of his global experiences. A large section is devoted to the United States.

Erin Benzakein of Floret Farms, located right here in Skagit Valley, now has three books to appeal to you visually and to give practical gardening advice: *Cut Flower Garden*, *A Year in Flowers*, and *Discovering Dahlias*. All are beautiful, informative and inspiring books for any time of the year.

*One Long River of Song* is Portland author Brian Doyle's last book. This collection of personal essays and anecdotes is heartfelt, humorous, ecstatic and thoughtful in every way. You can easily read it one essay or two at a time.

*Every Day is a Gift* by Tammy Duckworth. Tammy is a U.S. senator from Illinois, a disabled, retired Army Lt. Col., a mother of two, a minority race, and a force to be reckoned with. Her true life story is an inspiration for everyone.

*Little Washington* by Nicole Hardina is a nostalgic look at 100 Washington small towns. You may want to visit some of them. Yes, La Conner is among them.

## Good Summer Fiction

*Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn has many twists and is spectacularly sneaky.

*Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson. Oceans apart, an unexpected love story evolves between letters and souls cast adrift by life's happenstances.

*Miss Benson's Beetle* by Rachel Joyce is a story that captivates you from page 1.

*Before She was Helen* by Caroline Cooney. Her life didn't turn out the way she expected so at age fifty she makes herself a new one. Wonderful characters.

*The Next to Last Stand* by Craig Johnson is his latest in the Sheriff Longmire series. Now in hardcover it is worth it. Maybe the best of all.

*Inland* by Tea Obreht, a story not to be missed. Not simply a Southwestern frontier novel, but a capturing of a time, place, and characters that you will never forget.

*In Her Tracks* by Robert Dugoni is the latest in his Tracy Crosswhite series and *The Last Agent* is the latest book in the Charles Jenkins series. Both great reads!

## Meet the Authors

Seaport Books is excited about this fine line-up of author events. Please mark your calendar for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 4:30 in Gilkey Square. Wear a mask and keep an appropriate distance. Free to everyone!

**May 27 at 4:30 pm, The Right to Vote** presented by local author **Nicola Pearson** and a theatrical group that re-enacts the words and actions of the suffragettes who worked tirelessly from 1848 until 1920 to give women the right to vote in America. Enjoy the period costumes and hear their emotional words. **The Right to Vote** is still an ongoing battle for many Americans today!

**June 24 at 4:30 pm.** Our own **Claire Swedberg** launches her new book *The Medic*, a World War II historical account of the experiences of La Conner resident **Henry Chamberlain**. Now in his 90s, Henry will also be on hand to accept your thanks and congratulations for this fine new history.

**July 22 at 4:30 pm.** We focus on children's books with two local authors, **Barbara Davis-Pyles** is the author of three picture books, and **Tara Ellis Meyers** has several series books for ages 8 to 12. This is an ideal program for a family audience.

## New Children's Books

*Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library* by Chris Grabenstein. Several twelve year olds are excited to be selected for an overnight stay in the new library in their town. But the game artist genius who built it has some surprises for them. The adventure continues through several volumes. Kids age 8-12 who like mysteries, games and puzzles to solve will soon be caught up in the adventures.

*Wings of Fire*, a series by Tui Sutherland. Ideal middle school dragon fan stories. Begin with *Dragonet Prophecy* and *The Last Heir*, continue through all 14 books. Each book features different dragons and the challenges in their dragon world.

*Ruby's Birds* by Mya Thompson. This picture and read-aloud story book is also a bird identification source for children. These birds can be found in the child's own neighborhood, even in cities. Ages 3 to 7.

*Stubby the Fearless Squid, Cliff the Failed Troll, and Grizzly Boy*, are fun picture books to read aloud all by local author Barbara Davis-Pyles who lives in Everson. She will also be part of our July 22 Meet the Author event in Gilkey Square.

*Samantha Wolf Series* by Tara Ellis Meyers may remind you of your favorite Nancy Drew books only these contemporary girls are with it, spunky, and sometimes fearless. Ages 8 to 12. If you have a budding author in your family these books may give them the spark to start writing. She has several other series books as well. Tara will also be with us on July 22.

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