

# Seaport Books

## Newsletter and Coming Events

September 2021

### Enjoying our Beautiful Pacific Northwest



September is the best time of the year to get out of the house and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us. We are so very fortunate to live just minutes away from beaches, trails, overlooks, and accessible parks. We love putting just the right books into your hands that will guide you to the beauty and healing power of nature.

A good book can inspire and guide you.

### From Agates on the Beach to Eagles in the Sky

You have your choice of hiking trails and beach guides in many varieties, from hikes with the kids and dogs, creaky knees, waterfalls, history and all of the Urban Trails. Find the ones that fit your needs best. Here are a few you may have missed.

*By the Shore*, Nancy Blakey. A unique seasonal guide to beaches with recipes and more.

*A Cloud a Day*, Gavin Pretor-Pinney. We don't need to move at all. Clouds come to us!

*Rockhounding Washington*, Lars Johnson, has good maps and tool lists.

*Exploring Deception Pass*, Jack Hartt, retired director of this most popular state park.

*Getting to the Water's Edge on Whidbey & Camano*, Sound Water Stewards.

*100 Classic Hikes: Washington*, Craig Romano

*Exploring Camano Island*, Val Schroeder. A brief history as well.

*Great Views of Washington for the Disabled and Everybody Else*, Bob Whitefield

*San Juan Islands Best Hikes*, from Moon Guides, Dan Pitcher

*Day Hiking North Cascades*, Craig Romano

Don't forget the pleasure of stepping aboard a Washington State Ferry for a roundtrip tour through the San Juan Islands. Or take a drive to the top of Mt Erie or Little Mountain for a spectacular view to contemplate at your leisure.

## **Folding, Laminated Guides Ideal for Pockets**

We have inexpensive guides for identifying gemstones, seaweed, amphibians, birds, mushrooms, marine mammals, medicinal plants, wildflowers and trees. Because they are waterproof you can also use them for placemats or a quick rain hat!

## **Preparing for What You Will Find Out There**

*North Cascades: Finding Beauty and Renewal in the Wild Nearby*, William Dietrich

*Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home*, Lynda Mapes and the Seattle Times. An extraordinary view of our history and our future with our favorite mammals.

*Natural Skagit: A Journey from Mountains to Sea*, Skagit Land Trust

*Braiding Sweetgrass* by Robin Kimmerer. It will change how you look at “weeds.”

*What It’s Like to be a Bird*, David Allen Sibley, an excellent reference to bird behavior.

*The Salish Sea: Jewel of the Pacific Northwest*, Audrey Benedict, Joseph Gaydos

*Audubon Field Guide to the Pacific Northwest*, Peter Alden, Dennis Paulson

## **Surprising Bayview is Just Minutes North of Us**

First, there is **Bayview State Park** which is a beautiful place for a day visit or for an overnight stay. There is also the **Padilla Bay National Estuarine Research Center** and the **Breazeale Padilla Bay Interpretative Center** to explore and learn so much about our natural world. There are upland trails, picnic areas and shore trails, most of which are easily accessed.

## **Want a Good Map?**

We have Washington state and US road atlases as well as regional maps of the San Juan Islands, Olympic Peninsula, and Western Washington and Lower British Columbia. In addition, we have FREE Skagit County biking trail maps and a Walking Trails Guide.

## **Kids Love these Books**

*Curious Kids Nature Guide*, Fiona Cohen, excellent illustrations and curious questions.

*Explore the Salish Sea: A Nature Guide for Kids*, Joseph Gaydos, Audrey Benedict

*Common Backyard Birds*, Doris Dumrauf, good pictures with how and where to look.

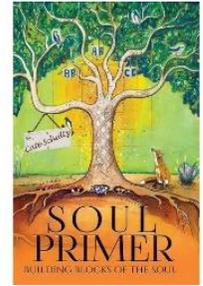
*Inky’s Amazing Escape*, Sy Montgomery, the acknowledged octopus behavior expert.

*Homer’s Big Adventure*, Art Kendall, of Shelter Bay, embellishes this real story.

*Little Kids First Big Book of Bugs*, National Geographic, Catherine Hughes

## Meet the Authors

**Thursday, September 23 at 4:30 pm.** Author **Cate Shultz** will discuss *Soul Primer: Building Blocks of the Soul*. Her book is a work of art as well as providing wisdom and helpful tips for living a fulfilling life. Come learn how this book will enhance your day-to-day, one week at a time. She has other books and programs to tell us about as well.



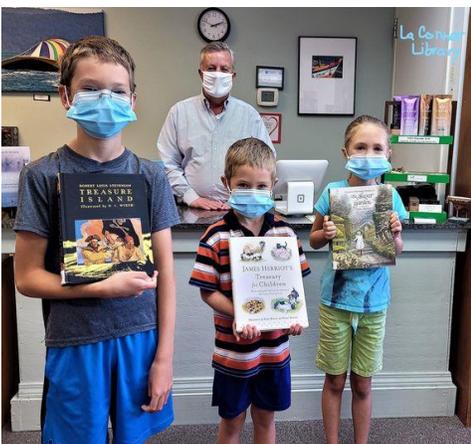
**Thursday, October 21 at 4:30 pm.** Mystery writer, **Mike Rostron**, has two thrillers and an excellent historical memoir to tell us about. *Cape Decision*, *The Kabul Conscript*, and *The Roving Fitzgeralds*. Mike captures with an experienced hand, the landscape and rawness of the land these stories demand. Come meet Mike and learn more.

## Good News

Seaport Books now has clever magnifying bookmarks priced at \$3.95. They are just the right tool to make that small print larger or seeing details on a mushroom or flower.

## More Good News

Congratulations to the young readers who participated in the La Conner Regional Library Summer Reading Program. They were each rewarded with books selected from our store, compliments of the Friends of the La Conner Library. What good choices they made!



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