

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

October 2021

The Best Books This Fall

The warm spells we experienced this summer have produced bumper crops in our beautiful valley. Our gardens came alive with bright red tomatoes and colorful flowers. The fields around us are now orange with pumpkins and those big white marshmallows of cow fodder. We have our choice of several farm stands to find fresh produce for preserving and creating fabulous meals. Treat yourself to a new cookbook! We have many to choose from.



This summer we put ourselves back out into the world, perhaps a bit cautiously. But have you ever thought about making a GIGANTIC change? Here are some books in which the characters did just that – they didn't give it a thought, they just did it because they couldn't NOT do it. It makes for excellent, thoughtful reading.

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, Rachel Joyce. He goes out to mail a letter...

The Book of Two Ways, Jodi Picoult. Even dead ancient Egyptians had to make choices.

Miss Benson's Beetle, Rachel Joyce. New Caledonia? It's where the beetle lives, maybe.

The Forest Lover, Susan Vreeland. Victorian artist, Emily Carr, takes off into the woods.

The Curve of Time, M. Blanchett. What's a widow with five children to do?

The 100 Year Old Man Who Climbed out a Window, Jonas Jonasson. He caught a train.

The Little Paris Bookshop, Nina George. Everything moves when the bowline is cast off.

The Enchanted April, Elizabeth Von Arnim. Published in 1921 and still enchanting.

Soul Primer, Cate Schultz. Here is the instruction book on how to do it!

A Native American saying comes to mind: Love many, trust few, and learn to paddle your own canoe.

New Books by Northwest Authors

The World Played Chess, Robert Dugoni. This coming of age story of three men is a stand alone book and also a sequel to *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*. How do young men break away and find their own paths and destinies? Let us count the ways!

Ella's Umbrella, a multi-award-winning children's picture book, by Courtney Shannon Strand and illustrator Jennica Lounsbury. It's all about the sounds. Delightful reading.

Meet the Author

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.

Art's Alive! 2021 In La Conner

Our 35th Anniversary Show, "Legacy in Light"

Friday through Monday, November 5, 6, 7, and 8

A celebration of the arts, including museums, galleries, merchants and restaurants, is back! Meet and greet the artists themselves at Maple Hall, the Museum of Northwest Art and at many of the galleries, shops and restaurants around town. Every type of art will be displayed and enjoyed. Don't wait a moment to make your reservations because the town will be full and humming. You may learn more about the artists and event times at www.artsalivelaconner.com. Masks are required at all events and on the streets of La Conner.

At Seaport Books on Gilkey Square we will display the photographic art of **Nancy Crowell**. Her work features our wildlife, birds, farm scenes, mountains, flowers, and her own hometown, La Conner. You may already be familiar with her work. We have sold her postcards and notecards since our opening day. She will be at Seaport Books on Saturday, November 6, for sure, and may drop by other days as well.

Also at Seaport Books, you may pick up a copy of Claire Swedberg's fine history of the arts in Skagit County, *In the Valley of Mystic Light*. It is the ideal souvenir of your visit.

Holiday Books are Arriving

Our Holiday Catalog will arrive with your copy of the *Skagit Valley Herald* and *Stanwood Camano News* the first week of November, or you may pick one up at our store. We have dedicated one entire area to these special books. We have begun ordering early to avoid backorders and will do our best to select books that you will enjoy.

It's important to know that it is the publishers who decide which books to present in the catalog. They allow us to put our store name on the catalog so you know where best to find them. Of course, we will have other good choices that we have selected throughout the store, especially in the children's and gift areas.

This lovely poem: Our gift to you.

I opened a book and in I strode.
Now nobody can find me.
I've left my chair, my house, my road,
My town and my world behind me.
I'm wearing the cloak, I've slipped on the ring,
I've swallowed the magic potion.
I've fought with a dragon, dined with a king
And dived in a bottomless ocean.
I opened a book and made some friends.
I shared their tears and laughter
And followed their road with its bumps and
bends
To the happily ever after.
I finished my book and out I came.
The cloak can no longer hide me.
My chair and my house are just the same,
But I have a book inside me.

Julia Donaldson

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