

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

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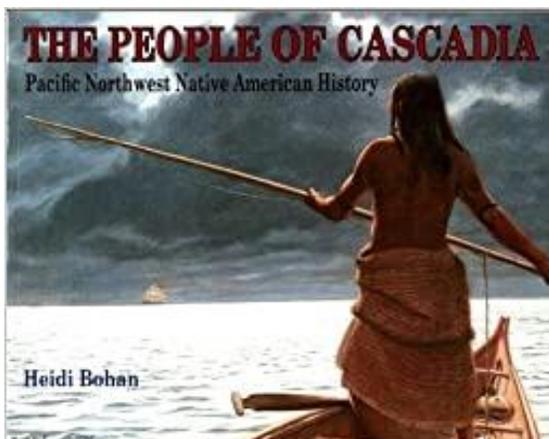
It's a Brand New Year!

We in the Northwest on the edges of Puget Sound and the Salish Sea feel rather smug about our mild winters. So, it comes as a surprise to us when the temperatures dip to ten degrees and stay there! We are grateful when the electricity stays on and we have lovely books to read at our leisure.

It is a good time to pick up that book from the coffee table and learn more about a subject that is of interest or make a plan for an experience to come later in this brand-new year.



Books to Spend More Time With



The People of Cascadia, Heidi Bohan

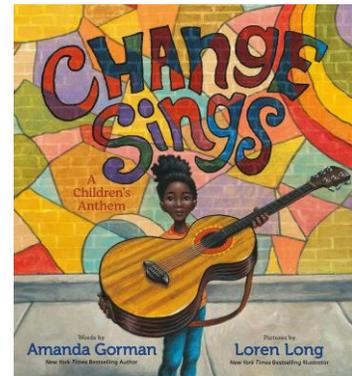
Author/illustrator Heidi Bohan is helping to keep the wisdom of the Salish Coast Native Americans alive which served them for over 500 generations. Heidi lives in Shelton, Washington, and has 25 years of research between the covers of this book. She believes there is wisdom here that can become part of future solutions.

Every aspect of life is considered here. The information she presents about the many uses of native plants, including the Western Red Cedar, are well documented and clearly illustrated. With over 300 illustrations in 175 pages, this book may be studied for years and prove to be extremely informative and useful.

Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home, by Lynda Mapes, winner of the National Outdoor Book Award for 2021, 192 pages, photographs by Seattle Times.

Journalist, Lynda Mapes, explores the natural history of the South Resident Group of orcas and the increasingly urban world they live in. Today only 74 individual whales are left in this group. What more can we do to preserve our Pacific Northwest diversity?

The Poetry of Amanda Gorman. Many people were introduced to Amanda Gorman when she took part in President Joe Biden's inauguration ceremony. She has three books in print.



Change Sings is a delightful children's book, while *The Hill We Climb*, and *Call Us What We Carry*, are intended for an older audience, but it all sings directly to our hearts!

The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story, by Nikole Hannah-Jones and The New York Times Magazine. Through a collection of poetry, history, essays, music, art, and reflection, the truth of our origins and our culture are revealed as they are seen, experienced, and recorded. In many cases the political whitewash is worn away and the real circumstances and truths are laid out. It is time for it all to be understood and recognized.

Dreams of El Dorado: A History of the American West, H. W. Brands. This interesting title does much to explain what drew people to explore and settle the Western United States. The story begins in 1804 with Thomas Jefferson and Lewis and Clark. Each phase of history is told through the major players in the events. It is a well-told story of the development and unfolding of the west, but also an exceedingly accurate history. Teddy Roosevelt is used expertly by the author as a symbol of this time in our history.

A Thousand Trails Home: Living with Caribou, Seth Kantner. Best selling, award-winning author of *Ordinary Wolves*, gives us a conservation-based story of a changing arctic. Full color photography with a stunning firsthand account of a life spent hunting, studying, and living alongside caribou, reveals the fragile intertwined lives of people and animals surviving on an uncertain landscape of sweeping changes.

This compelling and complex tale revolves around the politics of caribou, race relations, urban vs. rural demands, and cultural priorities. And yet, it is precious and beautiful.

Thank You for an Excellent 2021!



Our Seaport Heritage

Founded in 1869, La Conner is the oldest town in Skagit County and in the days when everything was transported by water, soon became the seaport for the entire Skagit Valley. The steamboats stopped here on their way between Whatcom and Seattle, hauling to market the crops of grain, hay, and barley, as well as logs and coal. Returning with all the goods that the white settlers required to run farms and build communities and towns.

If you enter Seaport Books through our door on Gilkey Square you may not notice the large historic photographs in our breezeway. Use our other door which serves also as our level, handicapped entrance, and enjoy a sample of the history of La Conner on the walls.

Seaport Books was instrumental in bringing these historic photographs to our building. We feel they honor our hometown's legacy as our first seaport, and reflect our ability to bring you the best books and information from the wider world today.

We hope La Conner is your next port of call!

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