

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

May 2022

We Welcome Delightful May!

Thank you to everyone who visited our valley to see the beautiful fields of tulips. A special thank you to all of you who stopped by Seaport Books. We deeply appreciate your support.

While the tulips have a short history here, the stories of our valley date back to its indigenous first settlers. The titles included in this newsletter bring that early history to us in all forms: history, fiction, poetry and legends.



Our First Settlers

When the Light of the World is Subdued, Our Songs Come Through: An Anthology of Native Nations Poetry, by Joy Harjo. The timeless wisdom of past generations who lived so very close and in harmony with nature have much to tell us. We are honored to have this book on our shelves today.

Indians of Skagit County, Chief Martin Sampson. Published in 1972, this is a careful discussion of the many tribes located in Skagit County, how they lived and how they were impacted by the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855.

Peace Weavers: Uniting the Salish Coast through Cross-Cultural Marriages, Candace Wellman and the companion volume, *Interwoven Lives: Indigenous Mothers of Salish Coast Communities*.

Chechacos All: The Pioneering of Skagit, 1973, Skagit County Historical Society. A well-illustrated study of the terrain, the native tribes, the first European explorations and the first white settlers to approximately 1895.

Selected History and Historical Fiction Tells Us More

“The historian will tell us what happened. The novelist will tell you what it felt like from the inside,” E. L. Doctorow. Only now, as our present generations of authors bring their fiction, essays, and poetry forward can we understand more clearly the human cost of wars, natural disasters, and human endeavors of many kinds.

All Quiet on the Western Front, Erich Maria Remarque, 1928, and still popular today.

The Other Einstein, Marie Benedict, brings this scientist out from the shadow of her famous husband. She has also written *The Only Woman in the Room*, *The Personal Librarian* and *Carnegie’s Maid*, all best-sellers that can now be told in historical fiction.

Black Elk Speaks: Being the Life Story of a Holy Man of the Ogala Sioux, John G. Neihardt. A vision of life, a comprehensive view of native life, wisdom, and knowledge.

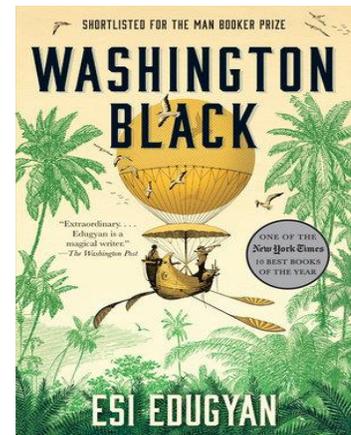
Winter Brothers: A Season at the Edge of America, Ivan Doig. Based on the journals of James Gilcrest Swan from the 1850s, Doig blends his own journal into a delightful, informative biography of past and present.

The 1619 Project, The New York Times unprecedented collection of what it is like to be black in America.

Washington Black, Esi Edugyan. An 11 year old field slave on a Barbados sugar plantation is transported to freedom and a totally different yet challenging life. A surprising adventure.

The Forest Lover, Susan Vreeland. The real story of British Columbia’s most celebrated artist, Emily Carr, who blazed a trail for all artists who happened to be women.

A Gentleman in Moscow, Amor Towle. One man, a member of the aristocracy in Russia, has a unique confinement to his quarters, yet he finds equally unique methods to survive.



Children’s Books

Shark Lady: The True Story of How Eugenie Clark Became the Ocean’s Most Fearless Scientist, Jess Keating. A picture book that impresses adults as well as children.

On Wings of Words: The Extraordinary Life of Emily Dickinson, a picture book.

One Crazy Summer, Rita Williams-Garcia, three sisters visit 1970 era Berkley CA.

Number the Stars, Lois Lowry, young girls in Denmark help and hide Jewish families.

The War that Saved My Life, Kimberly Bradley. An abused child finds help when she is relocated from London during WWII.

Coming Events

Events in Gilkey Square will, of necessity, be weather dependent.

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 13-15, 2022, La Conner Guitar Festival. In Maple Hall, luthier displays, workshops, exhibits, and free concerts in local restaurants. Purchase tickets for 3 day passes or individual events at laconnerguitarfestival.com or at Maple Hall.

Thursday, May 26, 2022, 4:00 PM, New Books by Local Authors! We have invited all of our local authors to gather in Gilkey Square with a table and their books. All sales will be paid directly to the authors. Come browse to your heart's content. Bring a picnic! There is no ending time. Stay as long as you like.

Thursday, June 23, 2022, 4:30 PM, The Pacific Crest Trail. Mount Vernon resident, Howard Shapiro, author and editor of *Crossing Paths: A Pacific Crest Trailside Reader*, has walked his talk. He will entertain you with the triumphs, terrors, and tales of this 2,650 mile hike from Canada to Mexico. He will sign books and answer questions in Gilkey Square.

Seaport Books Now Has Online Ordering

We are now part of bookshop.org a website for Indie bookstores which enables customers to order books online. This gives us an online presence which will be handy for those living outside of our area, and a percentage of the price comes to us. You can reach our display by searching bookshop.org/shop/seaportbooks.

And a teaser for next month:
We just put the biographical history of Esther Ross of the Stillaguamish Tribe on our shelves today! It is fabulous! What a woman.

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Henry David Thoreau said in *Walden* in 1854: "Men have become the tools of their tools."

He knew, even then, the importance of reading, learning, introspection and empathy.

