

# Seaport Books

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## Newsletter and Coming Events

### May 2023



May is a good time to visit La Conner on your boat, RV, and camping trips. The Swinomish Channel provides a beautiful shortcut to the San Juan Islands and the greater Salish Sea.

We have maps, travel atlases, hiking guides and a wide variety of books about the Pacific Northwest. It's always nice to have a good book on your bunk! We have many interesting books waiting just for you!

#### **New Northwest Books on Our Shelves**

***Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America***, Matika Wilbur. A heartfelt contemporary view of all federally recognized tribes in our 50 states. Matika has set the bar high in every way, exceeding Edward S. Curtis. It is in stock and always will be!

***Jesintel: Living Wisdom from Coast Salish Elders***, edited by Darrell Hillaire. Jesintel means learning and growing together. Extensive interviews, including Canadian tribes, includes Claude Wilbur of the Swinomish.

***Stomp and Shout***, Peter Blecha, is a view of the Pacific Northwest music scene from 1940 to the 1960s, including the origins of Northwest rock and roll and "the Northwest Sound." Perfectly indexed, you will be able to find any performer or group. Keep in mind that we also have ***Broken Horses*** by Brandi Carlisle and ***Surrender*** by Bono.

***The Book of Form and Emptiness***, Ruth Ozeki. In this novel Ozeki endows certain inanimate objects with voices and only certain people can hear them – and then one of them walks into a library!

***Alaska's History: The People, the Land, and Events of the North Country***, Harry Ritter. One travel friendly, well-illustrated volume, concise and enough without being too much.

## More New Additions to Our Shelves

***A Fever in the Heartland: The Ku Klux Klan's Plot to Take Over America, and the Woman Who Stopped Them***, Timothy Egan. Egan brings us a new view of our history in the form of a suspenseful thriller, revealing one of the darkest times in our history.

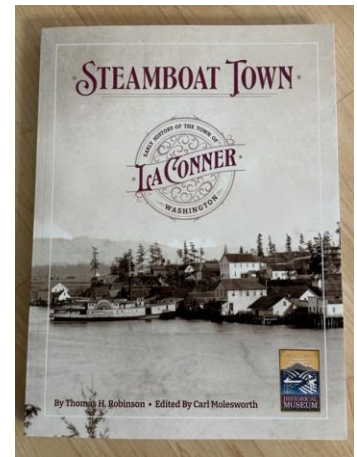
***The White Lady***, Jacqueline Winspear. Winspear introduces heroine/sleuth Elinor White, a veteran of two wars, who is drawn back to a life she is anxious to leave behind. Different from her famous Maisie Dobbs, but no less captivating.

***Her Deadly Game***, Robert Dugoni. Keera Duggan, a Seattle prosecutor, takes on a murder case with personal overtones of every kind. A new character for Dugoni who knows what we like!

***Steamboat Town: Early History of the Town of La Conner, Washington***, Thomas Robinson, Edited by Carl Molesworth. A history we have been waiting for. An excellent source for information of the pioneer days until 1930.

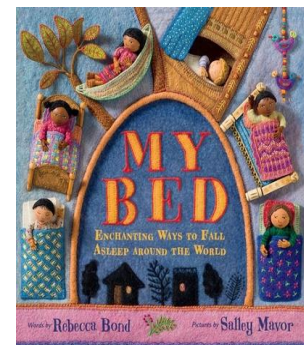
***Stoner***, John Williams. First published in 1965, this novel has endured for good reason. William Stoner is an English professor in a mid-western college. His life becomes complicated and we realize that we could be him. Best if read slowly to embrace the language, rhythm, and issues. This quiet work of art is, in our view, a perfect novel.

***The Power of Trees: How Ancient Forests Can Save Us if We Let Them***, Peter Wohlleben. He has revealed the social networks of trees to us in ***The Hidden Life of Trees***, and now returns with a searing critique of forestry management and explains how trees will heal themselves and us.



## A Soothing, Gentle Children's Book

***My Bed: Enchanting Ways to Fall Asleep Around the World***, Rebecca Bond, Salley Mavor. Poetry and fabric relief illustrations as comforting as a homemade quilt. A perfect bedtime story and gentle introduction to other cultures. The illustrator recently visited our Quilt and Textile Museum.



## **The Latest Young Adult Novel**

*The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*, Suzanne Collins. Soon to be in movie theaters this is a prequel to *The Hunger Games*, *Mockingjay* and *Catching Fire* and is the exciting beginning of the popular trilogy.

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## **May Events in La Conner**

**Thursday, May 11, 1:30 pm. Hook-A-Book Discussion Group**, meets at **Skagit Cellars** next door to Seaport Books. Open to everyone. A few organizing details and then a good discussion of our first selection, *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Wine is available by the glass. We intend to meet every second Thursday of the month. Members of the group will select the titles to discuss.

**Thursday, May 25, 4:30 pm. Jay Bowen**, La Conner artist and author of *5 Days in Heaven: A Conversation with God*, shares his experience while surviving a medical emergency and coma. He will sign his book as well.

**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 19, 20, 21, Guitar Festival**, Maple Hall and other venues. Luthiers from around the country gather to display, sell, and play their instruments in the best of settings. Tickets online at [tickets.laconnerguitarfestival.com](http://tickets.laconnerguitarfestival.com) or at the door.



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