

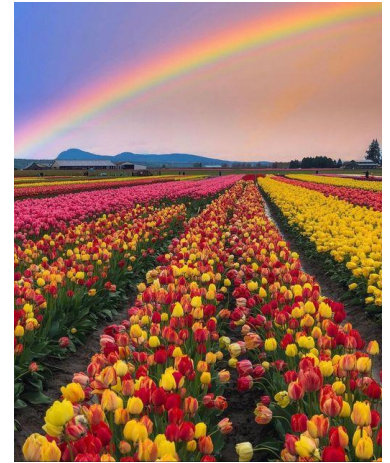
Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

April 2024

Tulips in Skagit Valley!

The tulips are blooming, filling the valley with brilliant colors. Come early in the season and early in the day to experience all the delightful events that occur at this time. Fresh, new books arrive in the Spring too. Come by Seaport Books as we slide gracefully and gratefully into our 8th year of providing good reading to our customers. We will be especially happy to see you!

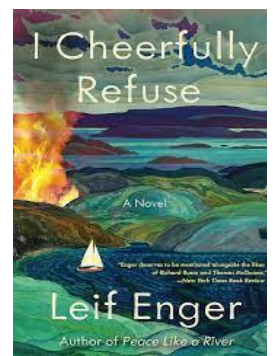


New Books to Investigate in April

North Woods, Daniel Mason. The author tracks history by relating the experiences of those citizens who occupied a certain place in Massachusetts. His story gives us a new view of pioneer families.

Brave the Wild River: The Untold Story of Two Women who Mapped the Botany of the Grand Canyon, Melissa Sevigny. In the summer of 1938 two botanists who happened to be women ventured down the Green and Colorado Rivers to make important scientific contributions and historic information before it was lost forever. A thrilling, fascinating read.

I Cheerfully Refuse, Leif Enger, author of *Peace Like a River*. Set in “the near future” a sailing trip on Lake Superior is a symphony against despair and a rallying cry for our future.



Oath and Honor: A Memoir and a Warning by Liz Cheney. A first-hand account by a leading Republican who dares to oppose Donald Trump. She explains why so many still support him despite his lies and obfuscations.

La's Orchestra Saves the World, Alexander McCall Smith. In our view this is the best of the author's stand-alone novels. We have one hardcover edition signed by the author! Others in softcover.

The Best of Ogden Nash: America's Laureate of Light Verse, edited by his daughter. Perhaps you can remember this erudite man. What a wit he had with a firm grip of human nature, whimsy, and word play. For instance: “Candy is dandy but liquor is quicker.”

Mrs. Plansky's Revenge by Spencer Quinn. A recent widow in her 70s is startled awake by a phone call purported to be from her grandson. Sound familiar? Soon her savings account is zeroed out and it is up to her to do something about it – and she does! What a good story.

More Good Books from our Northwest Authors

Orca: Shared Waters, Shared Home, Lynda Mapes. An excellent history and review of how our southern resident orcas are doing. If you are whale watching this summer this is the book for you!

San Juan Islands Mystery Series by D. W. Ulsterman. Begin with *The Writer* and continue through five more. **Dark Waters** is number 2. Adele Plank is the investigative reporter who tries to determine who she can trust while finding the truth. Good stories in a beautiful place.

The Women, Kristin Hannah. In 1965 a young nursing student is thrown into the war in Vietnam. Little did she know that she would fight another war when she came home. This novel tells us how it was and perhaps still is for women. There is a different side than men know.

Young Adult Selections

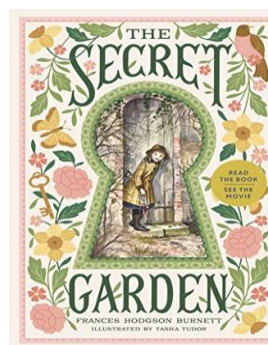
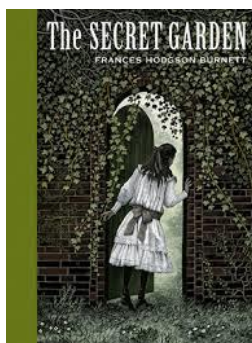
Sky Fall Series: by Shannon Messenger. Vane Weston is caught up in a tornado and lands in a strange new place. #1 *Let the Sky Fall*, #2 *Let the Storm Break*, #3 *Let the Wind Rise*. Age 12 and up.

The Complete Baking Book for Young Chefs, America's Test Kitchen, a complement to the Cookbook for Young Chefs. Kid tested and kid approved! Good for any age, actually.

Something About the Sky by Rachel Carson, illustrated by Nikki McClure. Cut-paper wizard Nikki McClure is a brilliant steward for Carson's eloquent essay in this wondrous ode to clouds – and the scientific “language of the sky.” Found in the children's area but also in art books!

The Illustrated Walden: Or Life in the Woods, Henry David Thoreau. Contains the 1854 text accompanied by a variety of art from simple woodcuts to full page oils and watercolors. The impressive art slows the reader who can then more easily absorb the philosophy and wisdom as well as the words. This special edition is very accessible by youth today.

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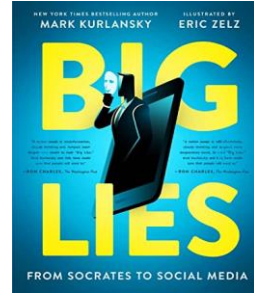
Coming Events in La Conner

Saturday, April 6, 2:00 – 3:30, Tulip Parade down First St. in La Conner. Anyone can join. Assemble at Marina parking lot. No entry too small or too wacky!

Daily from Saturday, April 6, through April 28, Tulip Festival Dungeness Crab Lunch Cruise. Leave La Conner at 12:00, enjoy Skagit Bay, wildlife, Deception Pass and return at 2:30. San Juan Cruises, www.whales.com, 1-800-443-4552.

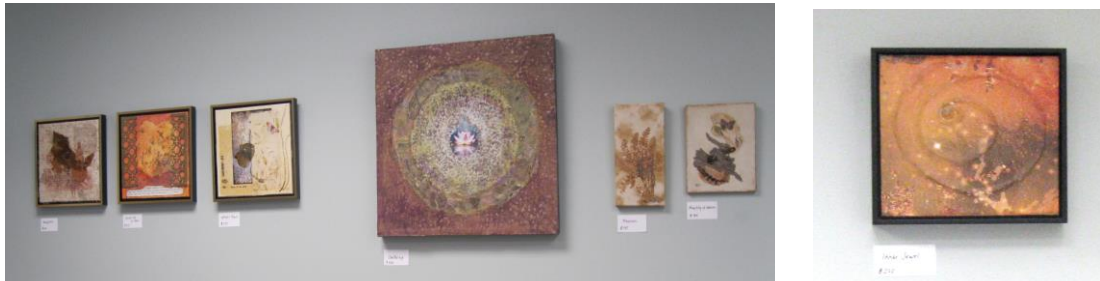
Thursday, April 11, 1:30 pm, Hook a Book Discussion Group will share their ideas and opinions of Mark Kurlansky's book *Big Lies*. Just come to Skagit Cellars next door to our store. Everyone is welcome!

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, April 12, 13, 14, Art Bash 2024 in Maple Hall. Thirty-five artists display their work with art activity stations for kids. Open Fri, Sat, 10-7, Sun 10-3. Free admission.



----Now Showing ----

Margaret Carpenter Arnett



Our West wall behind the sales area is now devoted to a rotating display by local artists. Margaret Carpenter Arnett's THOUGHTFUL COLLAGES will be featured through April and May. And, Yes! Items are for sale.



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