

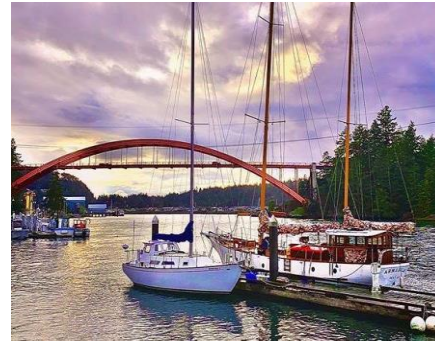
# Seaport Books

## Newsletter and Coming Events

### May 2024

### The Beautiful Month of May!

The rain and overcast clouds have cleared, and the sun is out. Boats are cruising the Swinomish Channel and the ospreys are nesting. May is filled with interesting events and the boardwalk provides an excellent view of the activities. Our quiet little town welcomes you for a relaxing weekend or an extended vacation.



### Seaport Books has New Books to Investigate

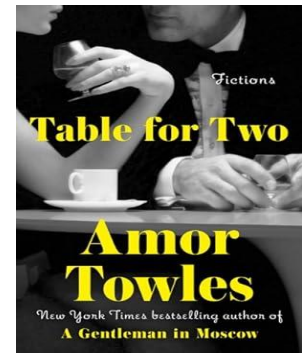
*A Wild and Heavenly Place*, Robin Oliveira. A sweeping story of star-crossed lovers and poignant views of early Seattle. A compelling story of love and duty.

*Table for Two*, Amor Towles. A delightful buffet of seven stories where two characters often find themselves sitting across a table where their future depends on the direction of their conversation. A lovely collection of stories.

*The Island of Missing Trees*, Elif Shafak. Written with imagination, originality and magical realism, this novel brings the turbulent history of Cyprus alive all through a fig tree. It is a wonderful story.

*Between Pacific Tides*, Edward Ricketts, Jack Calvin and Joel Hedgepeth, 5<sup>th</sup> edition. Originally published in 1939, this classic work details the important role of the flora and fauna of the Pacific intertidal areas of our coastline. This has been updated over the years and is even more relevant today.

*On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity and Getting Old*, Parker J. Palmer. A true elder of our time, Palmer brings us essential wisdom in a wonderfully rich mix of reality and possibility. All ages will benefit from his words.



Books are the treasured  
wealth of the world.

## Our Northwest Authors Continue to Shine

**Robert Dugoni**, *A Killing on the Hill*, published last month introduces a new character, William “Shoe” Shumacher, a reporter, in a seedy Seattle of 1933. This stand-alone thriller could very well become a series.

**Lavone Newell**, *Skagit Valley Fare: A Cookbook Celebrating Bounty and Beauty in the Pacific Northwest*. Her cookbook contains art from the best Skagit County artists she knew so well.

**William Dietrich**, *Natural Grace: The Charm, Wonder, and Lessons of Pacific Northwest Animals and Plants*. In our view, no one knows more or has written of it better than this man! These insightful essays are adapted from his popular articles in the Seattle Times.

**Matika Wilbur**, *Project 562: Changing the Way We See Native America*. We had the honor of giving this book to Timothy Egan when he visited Mount Vernon and also came to Seaport Books. As I placed it in his hands he sighed, “A modern day Edward Curtis.” Yes, she is that and more.

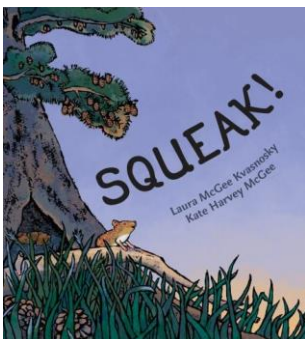
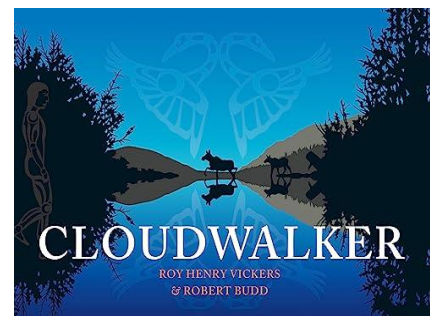
## Our Best Timeless Tales

*The Enchanted April*, Elizabeth Von Arnim. Published in Britain in 1922 this story of the healing magic of nature in sunny Italy is still popular and in print. It has been a success as a play on Broadway and as a movie. It even played a part in the area around Portofino becoming a popular tourist destination. Well, it is just a lovely story!

*The Illustrated Walden*, Henry David Thoreau. A fresh look at his wisdom with the artwork of timely artists. The best of the best at an economical price.

## For You and Your Young Readers

*Cloudwalker*, by Roy Henry Vickers and Robert Budd. This beautiful book tells the classic northwest First Nations legend of the origin of the life-giving lakes and rivers of northern British Columbia. The illustrations will take your breath away as you read it to a youthful audience. It is memorable in every way.



*Squeak!* By Laura Kvasnosky and Kate McGee. It is morning in the trees and somebody says “Squeak.” Your young listeners will love all the sounds they can make to accompany the reading of this book. It is such fun. Always remember that there is no App like a lap!

## Coming Events in La Conner

**Saturday, May 4, 3:00 pm. Opening Day of Yachting Season.** A parade of boats up and down the Channel with the **Swinomish Yacht Club** and friends. We love a parade!

**Thursday, May 9, 1:30 pm, Hook a Book Discussion Group** will share their opinions of *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. Just come to Skagit Cellars next door to our store.

**Saturday, May 11, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. Master Gardener’s Plant Sale** at the Fairgrounds in Mount Vernon. Seaport Books will be there to sell gardening books and more. Come on by.

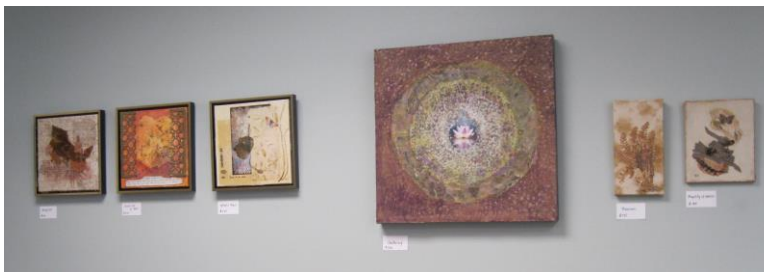
**Friday, Saturday, Sunday, May 17, 18, 19.** All day. **Annual Guitar Festival** at Maple Hall and other venues. Tickets and information at [www.laconnerguitarfestival.com](http://www.laconnerguitarfestival.com). An amazing show of handmade instruments and skilled performers.

**Monday, May 20, 1:00-6:00 pm. Author Douglas Smith** meets and greets and signs his book *Futurecide*, a good look at the turnaround our planet requires. Mother Nature bats last!

**Sunday, May 26 – September 2, 1:00-4:00 pm, Concerts in Gilkey Square.** A lineup of local bands for your dancing and listening pleasure! Right outside our door.

----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 May. And, Yes! Items are for sale.



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