

Seaport Books

Newsletter and Coming Events

December 2025

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

We thank you, our solid gold customers, for coming through our doors. It is our pleasure to provide you with books of the highest quality and the finest reading we can locate for you. Reading books has never been more important.

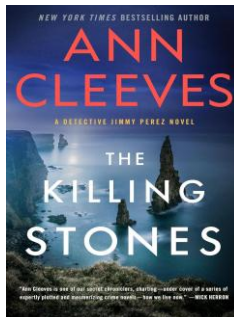


Gift Books for All Tastes and Ages

Cascade, Alpine Guide: Climbing & High Routes, 3rd Ed., Fred Beckey. This edition is **Stevens Pass to Rainy Pass**. It is the ultimate guide to serious hikers and climbers by the master himself. This rare 2024 edition is on our shelves.

Chasing Wildlife Secrets: A Biologist's Journey, Scott McCorquodale. Hot off the press at WSU this book vividly reflects the author's 40 years of experience as our wildlife biologist. His book is compelling, humorous, so informative and well told.

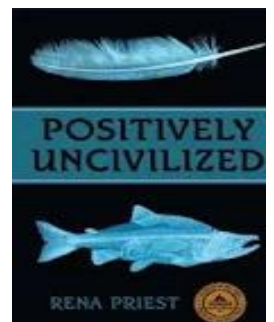
A Taste for Vengeance, Martin Walker. Bruno, Chief of Police, finds himself with two troublesome cases to solve in the friendly town of St. Denis in this 11th book of his French countryside adventures. An ideal gift for all Bruno followers.



The Killing Stones, Ann Cleeves. The beloved detectives of her Shetland series, Vera Stanhope and Jimmy Perez, team up in a gripping investigation and a stunning new setting.

The Invisible Life of Addie Larue, V. E. Schwab, voted the readers' favorite fantasy. A fascinating story of a deal made in which she lives forever but no one remembers her – until she enters a bookstore!

Positively Uncivilized, Rena Priest. The author is a poet, and it is with her gentle hand and receptive, tender, indigenous state of mind that she gives us this book of essays, detailing our collective behavior toward our fellow inhabitants of the sea and shore. It is an important part of our history to know.



The Jury Is In!

No hold outs here. Everyone said “Thumbs down” on author Sophie Hannah’s rendition of Agatha Christie’s detective Hercule Poirot. We also felt she will find a new readership for these novels given time.

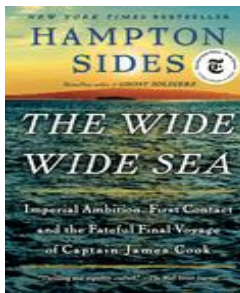
Outstanding Gift Selections

Getting to the Water's Edge on Whidbey & Camano Islands, Sound Water Stewards. This guide contains maps, photos, shoreline access and facilities as well as local history.

Clouds: A Guide for the Curious, Susan E. Clark. She gives us all the good reasons and information about why we should look up.

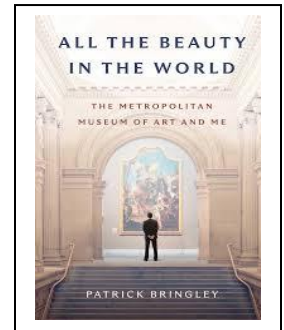
On Island Time, A Traveler's Atlas: Illustrated Adventures on and Around the Islands of Washington and British Columbia, Chandler O'Leary. The art is amazing. The ferry information is accurate and the local history is done well. It's the best!

Why We Love Baseball: A History in 50 Moments, Joe Posnanski. A delightful smorgasbord of baseball's most memorable plays and players.



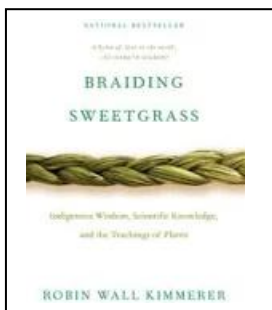
The Wide Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook, Hampton Sides. This skillfully written book is now available in paperback. Every history fan will treasure it.

All the Beauty in the World: The Metropolitan Museum of Art and Me, Patrick Bringely. This is a tenderly told love story of one man's experiences as a security guard who spent twelve years carefully and systematically studying the art he protected. It's a lovely story.



This is Happiness, Niall Williams. We have enjoyed introducing many discerning readers of fiction to this book and his others, *History of the Rain*, *Time of the Child*, *Four Letters of Love*. This Irish author's prose is magical!

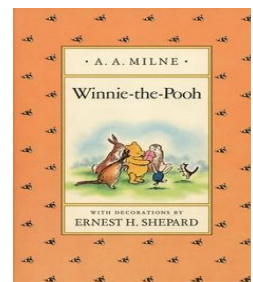
Remarkably Bright Creatures, Shelby Van Pelt. This charming book is one of our most popular reads. Our customers just love it. Your family and friends will appreciate it too!



Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants, Robin Wall Kimmerer. She will show you and teach you the wisdom of nature and the world.

Happy 100th Birthday to Winnie-the-Pooh!

Winnie-the-Pooh was first published on December 24th of 1925 by *The Evening News* in London, England. Just think of all the lives this little bear has touched in the past 100 years! Such is the power of books.



Coming Events in La Conner

Saturday, December 6, 8:00 am-3:00 pm, Rotary Breakfast with Santa 8:00-11:00 am, Kiwanis Holiday Craft Show 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, both in Maple Hall in La Conner. Both benefit La Conner youth and schools. A visit with Santa and gifts for all ages on sale.

Wednesday, December 10, 2:00-4:00 pm, Margaret Carpenter Arnett Reception and the introduction of her new book *Seasons of Change*, cleverly sized to fit into backpacks or bags.

Friday, December 12, 7:30 pm, Hometown Holiday Concert, Skagit Community Band, Maple Hall, La Conner. Free admission, donations accepted.

Saturday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 pm, Holiday Lighted Boat Parade. Down Swinomish Channel and back again to the Marina. Best viewed from the boardwalk and Gilkey Square.

Wednesday, December 17, 2:00-4:00 pm, Author Sara Harlan meets and greets her many La Conner and Skagit County fans and signs her memoir *Morsels of Zen*.

Friday, December 19, 2:00-4:00 pm, Author Mickey Bambrick launches her new book *Nuggets from Norway*. All fans of her years of La Conner newspaper articles will love it.

Capturing Moody Views of the Pacific Northwest William Gregory, Lightfall Photography



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