Northwest

Titles set in the Pacific Northwest

Razor Clams: Buried Treasure of the Pacific Northwest by

David Berger

DBC19124

In this lively history and celebration of the Pacific razor clam, David Berger shares with us his love affair with the glossy, gold-colored Siliqua patula and gets into the nitty-gritty of how to dig, clean, and cook them using his favorite recipes. In the course of his investigation, Berger brings to light the long history of razor clamming as a subsistence, commercial, and recreational activity, and shows the ways it has helped shape both the identity and the psyche of the Pacific Northwest. Nonfiction.

Wildwood (#1, The Wildwood Chronicles) by Colin Meloy

DB075397

When her baby brother Mac is kidnapped by crows, seventh-grader Prue McKeel sets out to reclaim him. She ventures into the forbidden Impassable Wilderness--a dangerous and magical forest at the edge of Portland, Oregonand soon finds herself involved in a war among the various inhabitants. Also check out Under Wildwood (DB077923) and Wildwood Imperium (DB078133). Nonfiction.

Red Paint: The Ancestral Autobiography of a Coast Salish Punk by Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe

DBC19303

Sasha taqwšəblu LaPointe has always longed for a sense of home. With littler more to guide her than a passion for the thriving punk scene of the Pacific Northwest and a desire to live up to the responsibility of being the namesake of her beloved great-grandmother, Sasha throws herself headlong into the world, determined to use the power of her voice to build a better future for herself and her people. Set against a backdrop of the breathtaking beauty of Coast Salish ancestral land and imbued with the universal spirit of punk, Red Paint is ultimately a story of the ways we learn to find our true selves while fighting for our right to claim a place of our own. Nonfiction.

The Ex Talk by Rachel Lynn Solomon

DB101962

Shay loves being a producer at a Seattle public radio station, even if she does keep butting heads with new colleague Dominic. When the station decides to create a show with two exes giving relationship advice on air, her boss suggests that she and Dominic pretend to be exes to host the program. Nonfiction.

Devolution: A Firsthand Account of the Rainier Sasquatch Massacre by Max Brooks

DB099847

In the wake of the eruption of Mount Rainier, a small Washington community is cut off from the world. With no weapons and their food supplies dwindling, Greenloop's residents slowly realized that they were in a fight for survival, trapped in the wild with creatures out of myth. Fiction.

Martin Marten by Brian Doyle

DBC06886

This book tells the parallel stories of Dave, a 14 year old boy who lives on Mount Hood and Martin, a pine marten, who lives in the surrounding forest. Their paths sometimes cross as they spend the year coming of age. Some strong language and some violence.

The Sasquatch Hunter's Almanac: A Novel by Sharma Shields

DBC06954

Welcome to the weird Pacific Northwest. When Eli Roebuck was a boy, his mother ran off with Mr. Krantz, whom Eli, with reason, thinks might be a bigfoot. Eli grows up obsessed with searching for the bigfoot, while his family encounters other fantastic creatures. Some strong language. Fiction.

In Earshot of Water: Notes from the Columbia Plateau by Paul J Lindholt

DBC00377

"In Earshot of Water" illuminates the Pacific Northwest in vivid detail as the author writes with the precision of a naturalist, the critical eye of an ecologist, the affection of an apologist, and the self-revelation and self-awareness of a personal essayist. Nonfiction.

Natural Grace: The Charm, Wonder, & Lessons of Pacific Northwest animals & plants by William Dietrich

DBC00375

A collection of essays by a Pulitzer Prize winning author exploring the natural splendors of the Pacific Northwest. Written with simplicity and humor, "Natural Grace" is based on a popular series that ran in the Seattle Times Sunday magazine, "Pacific Northwest," with a depth in its treatment of both famous and obscure species, coupled with language aimed at lay audiences. Nonfiction.

Black Spokane: The Civil Rights Struggle in the Inland Northwest by Dwayne Mack

DBC00384

Recovers a crucial chapter in the history of race relations and civil rights in America. Drawing on oral histories, interviews, newspapers and a rich array of other primary sources, the author sets the stage for the years following World War II in the Inland Northwest, when an influx of black veterans would bring about a new era of racial issues. Nonfiction.