

# Washington Reads

## The Fifth Year Selections from the State Librarian

### Fall 2007 through Summer 2008

Each season for the past five years Washington State Librarian, Jan Walsh has chosen a theme and then selected at least one adult, one young adult and one children's book to fit her topic. This is a compilation of her fifth year choices. Her themes were:

*Beach Reads—summer 2008*  
*Disasters—fall 2007*  
*Exploring Washington—spring 2008*  
*Of Beaches and the Sea—winter 2008*

To read Ms. Walsh's comments about each book go to: [http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/wa\\_reads.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/wa_reads.aspx)

NW prefixed books are available for check out and interlibrary loan. R (Reference) prefixed books are available to be viewed only at the State Library. All books were in print at the time of Ms. Walsh's selection.

Alexie, Sherman. **The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian.** Illustrated by Ellen Forney. Little, Brown, 2007. 229 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 813.6 ALEXIE 2007; R 813.6 ALEXIE 2007

Atwater, Brian, and others. **The Orphan Tsunami of 1700: Japanese Clues to a Parent Earthquake in North America.** U.S. Geological Survey, 2005. 133 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 551.2209 ORPHAN 2005; R 551.2209 ORPHAN 2005

Baskas, Harriet. **Washington Curiosities: Quirky Characters, Roadside Oddities & Other Offbeat Stuff.** 2nd edition. Insiders' Guide, 2008. 327 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 917.9704 BASKAS 2008; R 917.9704 BASKAS 2008

Bauer, Alan and Dan A. Nelson. **Best Desert Hikes, Washington.** Mountaineers Books, 2004. 250 p. (Adult)  
NW 796.5109 BAUER 2004; R 796.5109 BAUER 2004; RARE 796.5109 BAUER 2004

Berg, Norah with Charles Samuels. **Lady on the Beach.** Associated Arts of Ocean Shores, 2007. 268 p. (Originally published in 1952.) (Adult)  
NW 979.795 BERG 2007; R 979.795 BERG 2007

Bjornstad, Bruce N. **On the Trail of the Ice Age Floods: A Geological Field Guide to the Mid-Columbia Basin.** Kokee Co., 2006. 307 p. (Adult)  
NW 551.31 BJORNST 2006; R 551.31 BJORNST 2006

Black, Naomi. **Springer's Journey.** Illustrated by Virginia Heaven. San Juan Publishing, 2006. 1 volume. (Children)

NW 813.6 BLACK 2006; R 813.6 BLACK 2006

Caletti, Deb. **The Nature of Jade.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2007. 288 p. (Young Adult)

NW 813.6 CALETTI 2007; R 813.6 CALETTI 2007

Dillon, Patrick. **Lost at Sea: An American Tragedy.** Dial Press, 1998. 264 p. (Adult)

NW 917.97 DILLON 1998

Reprinted by Touchstone in 2000

NW 917.97 DILLON 2000; R 917.97 DILLON 2000

Emerson, Earl. **Firetrap: A Novel of Suspense.** Ballantine Books, 2006. 350 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 EMERSON 2006; R 813.6 EMERSON 2006

Fairbanks, Diana. **Backroads of Washington: Your Guide to Washington's Most Scenic Backroad Adventures.** Photography by Mike Sedam. Voyageur Press, 2004. 160 p. (Adult)

NW 917.9704 FAIRBAN 2004; R 917.9704 FAIRBAN 2004

Glidden, Helene. **The Light on the Island: Tales of a Lighthouse Keeper's Family in the San Juan Islands.** 2nd edition. San Juan Publishing, 2001. 215 p. (Originally published in 1951.) (Adult)

NW 813.54 GLIDDEN 2001; R 813.54 GLIDDEN 2001

Hannah, Kristin. **Firefly Lane.** St. Martin's Press, 2008. 479 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 HANNAH 2008; R 813.6 HANNAH 2008

Hobbs, Richard. **Catastrophe to Triumph: Bridges of the Tacoma Narrows.** Washington State University Press, 2006. 188 p. (Adult)

NW 624.2309 HOBBS 2006; R 624.2309 HOBBS 2006

Kehret, Peg. **Escaping the Giant Wave.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003. 151 p. (Young Adult)

NW 813.6 KEHRET 2003; R 813.6 KEHRET 2003

Kirk, Ruth and Carmela Alexander. **Exploring Washington's Past: A Road Guide to History.** Photography by Ruth Kirk and Louis Kirk. Revised edition. University of Washington Press, 1995. 543 p. (Adult)

NW 917.9704 KIRK 1995; R 917.9704 KIRK 1995

- Krist, Gary. **The White Cascade: The Great Northern Railway Disaster and America's Deadliest Avalanche.** Henry Holt and Company, 2007. 315 p. (Adult)  
NW 979.777 KRIST 2007; R 979.777 KRIST 2007
- Lachenmeyer, Nathaniel. **Searching for Sasquatch.** Illustrations by Vicki Bradley. Sasquatch Books, 2006. 1 volume. (Children)  
NW 001.944 LACHENM 2006; R 001.944 LACHENM 2006
- Lamb, Andrew and Bernard P. Hanby. **Marine Life of the Pacific Northwest: A Photographic Encyclopedia.** Harbour Pub., 2005. 398 p. (Adult)  
NW 578.7709 LAMB 2005; R 578.7709 LAMB 2005
- Lawson, Michael. **The Second Perimeter.** Anchor Books, 2007. 384 p. (Adult)  
NW 813.6 LAWSON 2007; R 813.6 LAWSON 2007  
Originally published in 2006 by Doubleday.
- Losi, Carol. **Salt & Pepper at the Pike Place Market.** Westwinds Press. 30 p. (Children)  
NW 813.6 LOSI 2004; R 813.6 LOSI 2004; RARE OVERSIZ 813.6 LOSI 2004
- Lucas, Eric. **Hidden Washington: Including Seattle, Puget Sound, San Juan Islands, Olympic Peninsula, Cascades and Columbia River Gorge.** 6th edition. Ulysses Press, 2007. 413 p. (Adult)  
NW 917.9704 LUCAS 2007; R 917.9704 LUCAS 2007
- Lynch, Jim. **The Highest Tide: A Novel.** Bloomsbury USA, 2005. 247 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 813.6 LYNCH 2005; R 813.6 LYNCH 2005
- Maclean, John N. **The Thirtymile Fire: A Chronicle of Bravery and Betrayal.** Henry Holt, 2007. 241 p. (Adult)  
NW 363.379 MACLEAN 2007; R 363.379 MACLEAN 2007
- Macomber, Debbie. **Twenty Wishes.** MIRA Books, 2008. 360 p. (Adult)  
NW 813.6 MACOMBE 2008; R 813.6 MACOMBE 2008
- Matthews, Sara. **Washington: The State of Wine.** Introduction by Kevin Zraly. Graphic Arts Books, 2006. 112 p. (Adult)  
NW 641.2209 MATTHEW 2006; R 641.2209 MATTHEW 2006
- McNair-Huff, Rob and Natalie. **Washington Disasters: True Stories of Tragedy and Survival.** Insiders Guide, 2006. 193 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 979.7 MCNAIR 2006; R 979.7 MCNAIR 2006

Moody, Skye Kathleen. **Washed Up: The Curious Journeys of Flotsam & Jetsam.** Sasquatch Books, 2006. 231 p. (Adult)

NW 910.9146 MOODY 2006; R 910.9146 MOODY 2006

Mullen, Thomas. **The Last Town on Earth: A Novel.** Random House, 2006. 394 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 MULLEN 2006; R 813.6 MULLEN 2006

Nance, John J. **Saving Cascadia.** Simon & Schuster, 2005. 352 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 NANCE 2005; R 813.6 NANCE 2005

Peterson, Brenda and Linda Hogan. **Sightings: The Gray Whales' Mysterious Journey.** National Geographic Society, 2002. 286 p. (Adult)

NW 599.5221 PETERSO 2002; R 599.5221 PETERSO 2002

Randlett, Mary. **Mary Randlett: Landscapes.** Introduction by Ted D'Arms; with an essay and poems by Denise Levertov; contributions by Barry Herem, Jo Ann Ridley, and Joyce Thompson. University of Washington Press, 2007. 118 p. (Adult)

NW OVERSIZ 779.36 RANDLET 2007; R OVERSIZ 779.36 RANDLET 2007

Rusch, Elizabeth. **Will it Blow?: Become a Volcano Detective at Mount St. Helens.** Sasquatch Books, 2007. 47 p. (Children)

NW 551.2109 RUSCH 2007; R 551.2109 RUSCH 2007

Russell, Dick. **Eye of the Whale: Epic Passage from Baja to Siberia.** Simon & Schuster, 2001. 689 p. (Adult)

NW 599.5221 RUSSELL 2001; R 599.5221 RUSSELL 2001

Sherer, Michael W. **Island Life.** Five Star, 2008. 385 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 SHERER 2008; R 813.6 SHERER 2008

Skewes, John. **Larry Gets Lost in Seattle.** Sasquatch Books, 2007. 1 volume. (Children)

NW 917.9777 SKEWES 2007; R 917.9777 SKEWES 2007

Spalding, David A. E. **Whales of the West Coast.** Harbour Pub., 1998. 211 p. (Adult)

NW 599.5097 SPALDIN 1999; R 599.5097 SPALDIN 1999

Stein, Garth. **The Art of Racing in the Rain: A Novel.** Harper, 2008. 321 p. (Adult)

NW 813.6 STEIN 2008; R 813.6 STEIN

