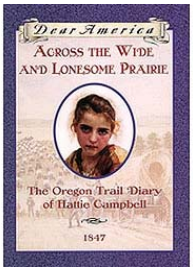
150 Oregon Books for the Oregon Sesquicentennial

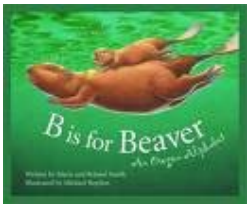
Is there a better way to celebrate Oregon's 150th birthday than by curling up with a good Oregon book? Here are 150 books, carefully selected for your reading enjoyment by librarians at the Oregon State Library in Salem. The list includes books for young readers as well as for older readers. It includes fiction, non-fiction, history and poetry. Some of these books are in-print and available at bookstores, and some are long out-of-print classics. Your local library should have many of them, or library staff can get them for you. Print out this list and start reading!

Books for Young Readers



Across the Wide and Lonesome Prairie: Dear America (1997) Kristina Gregory. In her diary, thirteen-year-old Hattie chronicles her family's arduous 1847 journey on the Oregon Trail.

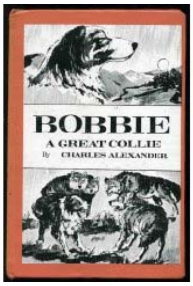
Apples to Oregon: Being the (Slightly) True Narrative of How a Brave Pioneer Father Brought Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Grapes, and Cherries (and Children) Across the Plains (2004) Deborah Hopkinson. A pioneer father moves his family and his beloved fruit trees across the country to Oregon. An *Oregon Reads 2009* selection.



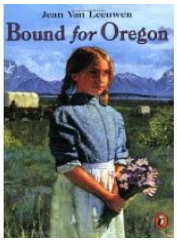
B is for Beaver: An Oregon Alphabet (2003) Marie and Roland Smith. A journey across the Oregon Trail and through the picturesque Beaver State.

Bat 6 (2000) Virginia Euwer Wolff. This narrative uses a sixth-grade girls baseball game in 1949 Oregon as a vehicle for examining prejudice and the internment of Japanese-Americans during WWII. An *Oregon Reads 2009* selection.

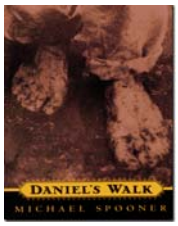
Bess's Log Cabin Quilt (1995) D. Anne Love. With her father away and her mother ill with fever, ten-year-old Bess works hard on a log cabin quilt to save the family farm.



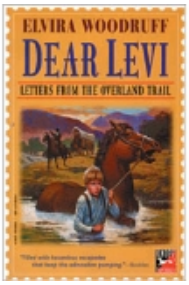
Bobbi: A Great Collie (1926) Charles Alexander. The true story of Bobbie, who was separated from his owners in Indiana and made his way home unaided to Silverton, Oregon.



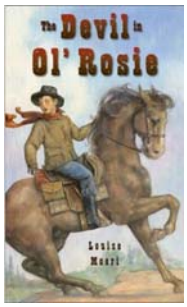
Bound for Oregon (1994) Jean Van Leeuwen. The Todd family sets out from their Arkansas home on a two thousand mile trek to Oregon in 1852.



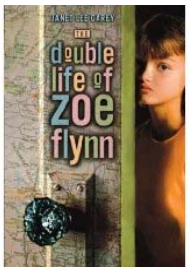
Daniel's Walk (2001) Michael Spooner.
A teenage boy walks the Oregon Trail in search of his missing father in 1844.



Dear Levi: Letters from the Oregon Trail (1994) Beth Peck. Twelve-year-old Austin Ives heads to Oregon in 1851 and describes his trek in letters to his younger brother.

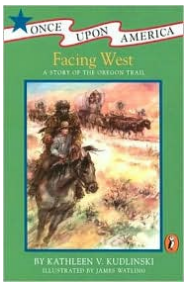


The Devil in Ol' Rosie (2001) Louise Moeri. Sent into the wilderness of Eastern Oregon in 1907 to round up the family's escaped horses, twelve-year-old Wart struggles against great dangers before gaining his father's respect.



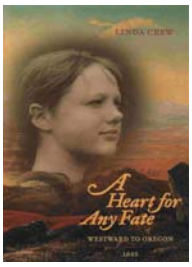
The Double Life of Zoe Flynn (2007) Janet Lee Carey. When Zoe's family has to live in their van for months after moving from California to Oregon so her father can find work, Zoe tries to keep her sixth-grade classmates from discovering that she is homeless.

Eli's Songs (1991) Monte Killingsworth. When his musician father hits the road, twelve-year-old Eli is sent to live with his aunt and uncle in the Oregon woods.

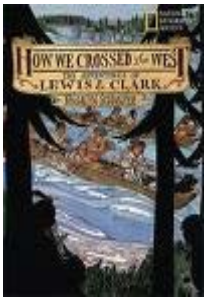


Facing West: A Story of the Oregon Trail (1994) Kathleen Kudlinski. As his family sets out from Missouri to Oregon in 1845, young Ben, who suffers from asthma, is fearful of the dangers that lie ahead.

The Ghost Stallion (1999) Laura Williams. In 1959, thirteen-year-old Mary Elizabeth rides with her father to kill the wild stallion that is luring away horses from their Oregon ranch and ruining their livelihood, but she secretly wants to save him.

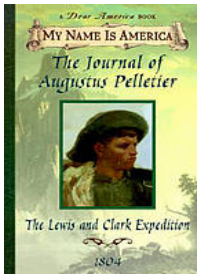


A Heart for Any Fate: Westward to Oregon 1845 (2006) Linda Crew. A spirited young woman joins her family in an overland journey to Oregon that will test each one of them to the limits of their faith and endurance.

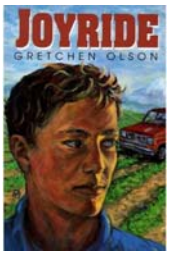


How We Crossed the West: The Adventures of Lewis and Clark (2002) Rosalyn Schanzer. A well-illustrated account of the 1804-1805 journey of exploration with text from the actual diaries and letters of Lewis and Clark.

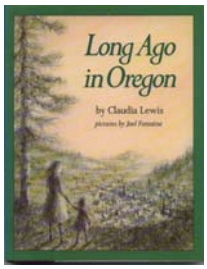
I'm Sorry, Almira Ann (1999) Jane Kurtz. Eight-year-old Sarah's high spirits help make her family's long journey from Missouri to Oregon more bearable, though they cause both her and her best friend Almira Ann some problems.



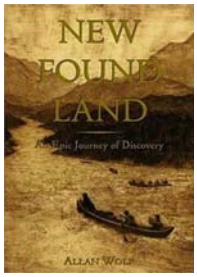
The Journal of Augustus Pelletier: The Lewis and Clark Expedition, 1804 (2000) Kathryn Lasky. A fictional journal kept by twelve-year-old Augustus Pelletier, the youngest member of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery.



Joyride (1999) Gretchen Olson. Seventeen-year-old Jeff is required to spend his summer working on an Oregon strawberry farm where new friendships with field hands and migrant workers, as well as the farmer's daughter, change his outlook.

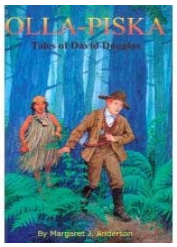


Long Ago in Oregon (1987) Claude Lewis. These 17 autobiographical poems describe the family life and activities of a young girl in a small town in Oregon during 1917 and 1918.

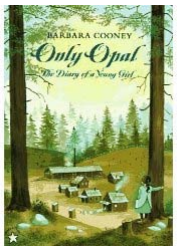


New Found Land: Lewis and Clark's Voyage of Discovery (2004) Allen Wolf. The letters and thoughts of Thomas Jefferson, members of the Corps of Discovery, their guide Sacagawea, and Captain Lewis's Newfoundland dog, are used to tell the story of the historic expedition to the Pacific Ocean.

The New Rules of High School (2003) Blake Nelson. A restless Portland teenager nearing the end of high school begins questioning his approach to life.

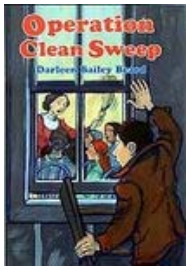


Olla-Piska: Tales of David Douglas (2006) Margaret J. Anderson. An account of the great botanist and explorer and his travels in Oregon in 1824-25.



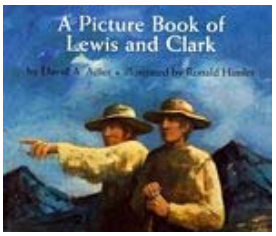
Only Opal: The Diary of a Young Girl. (1994) Barbara Cooney. Selections from Opal Whiteley's diary bring to life an extraordinary child and evoke images of rural life in early 20th century Oregon.

On to Oregon! (1991 reprint) Honore Morrow. The epic journey of the Sager children by covered wagon from Missouri to Oregon in 1848.

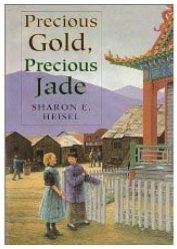


Operation Clean Sweep (2004) Darleen Bailey Beard. In 1916, just four years after getting the right to vote, the women of Umatilla, Oregon band together to throw the mayor and other city officials out of office, replacing them with women.

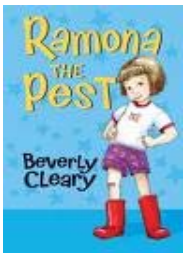
Oregon, Sweet Oregon: The Petticoat Party Book, # 3 (1998) Kathleen Karr. As her family settles into their new lives in the Oregon territory, thirteen-year-old Phoebe Brown yearns for more of the freedoms she had experienced on the difficult cross-country journey.



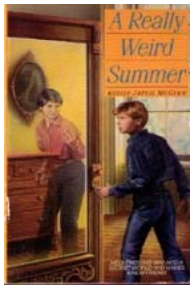
Picture Book of Lewis and Clark (2003) David A. Adler. An introduction to the lives of Lewis and Clark and to the expedition they led from St. Louis to the Pacific Ocean in the early nineteenth century.



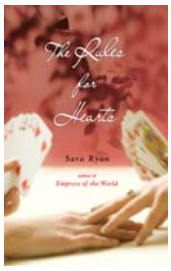
Precious Gold, Precious Jade (2000) Sharon E. Heisel. Two Southern Oregon sisters befriend a Chinese family despite the racism and fear that overwhelm the residents of their small mining town.



Ramona the Pest (1968) Beverly Cleary. Ramona meets lots of interesting people in kindergarten class, like Davy, whom she keeps trying to kiss, and Susan, whose springy curls seem to ask to be pulled.



A Really Weird Summer (1977) Eloise Jarvis McGraw. While staying with relatives who live in an old inn, twelve-year-old Nels finds a secret passageway to a part of the building that no longer exists and meets a strange boy whose family is trapped in a leftover pocket of time.



The Rules for Hearts (2007) Sara Ryan. A story set in Portland about secrets, revealed truths, and the ins and outs of all kinds of love.

Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West With Lewis and Clark (1999) Gail Karwoski. The Newfoundland dog belonging to Meriwether Lewis proves his value as a hunter, navigator, and protector while accompanying the Corps of Discovery.

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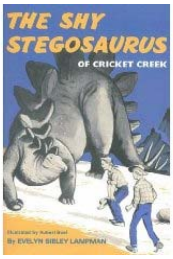
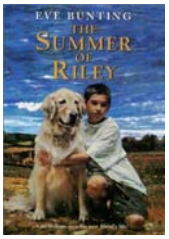
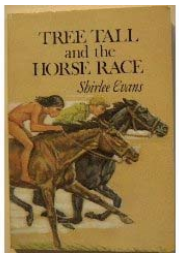


The Shy Stegosaurus of Cricket Creek (1955) Evelyn Sibley Lampman. The story of twins who discover a stegosaurus living on their Oregon ranch.

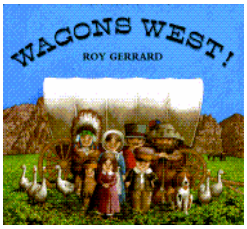


The Summer of Riley (2001) Eve Bunting. Shortly after he gets "the perfect dog," Riley, an Oregon boy must fight for the dog's life after Riley is taken away for injuring an elderly neighbor's horse.

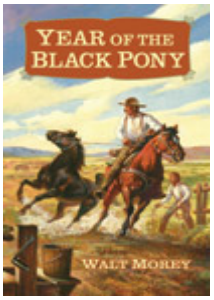


Tree Tall and the Horse Race (1986) Shirlee Evans. Tree Tall, an Indian boy living on an Oregon reservation in the mid-nineteenth century, wins a horse of his own in a race but finds his victory marred by misunderstanding and prejudice.

Tulip Sees America (2002) Cynthia Rylant. A young man and his dog drive west from Ohio, and once they reach Oregon decide to stay.

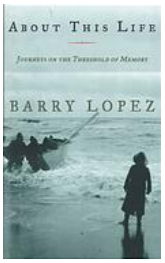


Wagons West! (1996) Roy Gerard. Buckskin Dan leads a young girl and her family and neighbors over rough terrain and through deep rivers until they reach Oregon.

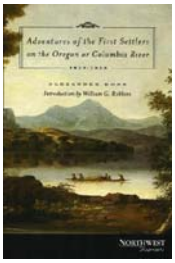


Year of the Black Pony (1976) Walt Morey. A boy growing up in the Oregon country in the early 1900's experiences the death of his father, the remarriage of his mother, and the ultimate attainment of a dream.

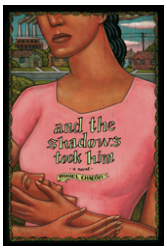
Books for Older Readers



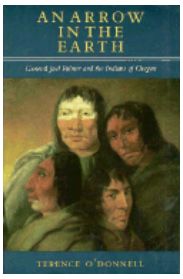
About This Life: Journeys on the Threshold of Memory (1998) Barry Lopez. One of Oregon's most accomplished writers reflects on the mysterious connections among landscape, memory and imagination.



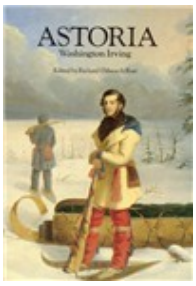
Adventures of the First Settlers on the Oregon or Columbia River, 1810-1913 (2000 reprint) Alexander Ross. An historical account of the expedition financed by John Jacob Astor and its struggles to establish a successful fur trading post at the mouth of the Columbia.



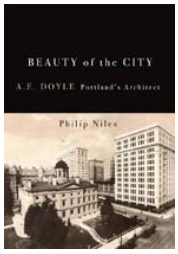
And the Shadows Took Him (2005) Daniel Chacón. The Molinas move from their Central California barrio to Medford, Oregon where they are one of only three Latino families.



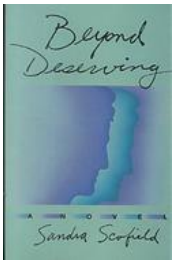
An Arrow in the Earth: General Joe Palmer and the Indians of Oregon (1991) Terence O'Donnell. A book that addresses relations between Indians and new settlers from the 1830s to the 1870s and discusses the social, political, cultural and religious development of Oregon during those formative years.



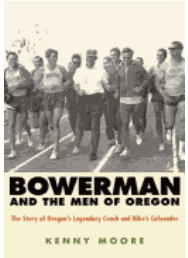
Astoria: or, Anecdotes of an Enterprize Beyond the Rocky Mountains (1982 reprint) Washington Irving. Irving recounts John Jacob Astor's attempt to establish a commercial empire in the Pacific Northwest.



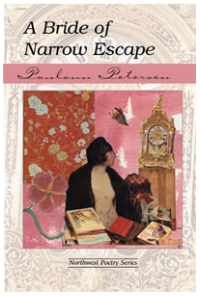
Beauty of the City: A. E. Doyle, Portland's Architect (2008) Philip Niles. Biography of the celebrated architect of the Central Library, Benson Hotel, Reed College, and the Meier & Frank building.



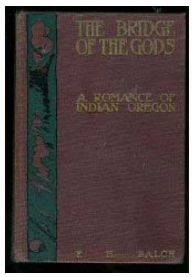
Beyond Deserving: A Novel (1991) Sandra Scofield. A complex, moving tale about a colorful, contentious clan living in Southern Oregon.



Bowerman and the Men of Oregon (2006) Kenny Moore. The compelling story of the legendary University of Oregon track coach and co-founder of Nike.

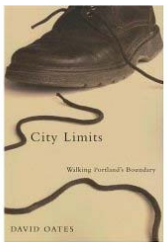


A Bride of Narrow Escape (2005) Paulann Petersen. The third collection of poems by one of Oregon's best contemporary poets.

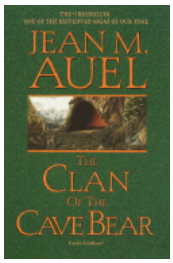


The Bridge of the Gods: A Romance of Indian Oregon (1890) Frederick Homer Balch. A classic tale of a New England missionary who comes to Oregon and encounters a chief named Multnomah.

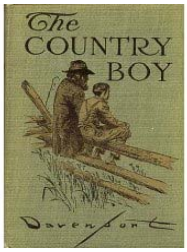
The Brink (2000) Peter Sears. Sears' fourth collection of poems was the winner of the 1999 Peregrine Smith Poetry Prize.



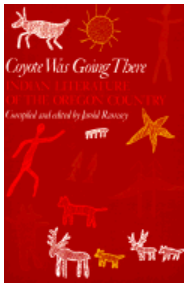
City Limits: Walking Portland's Boundary (2006) David Oates. Oates walks the legally-imposed and shifting Urban Growth Boundary of Portland and considers how planning, in general, and constraint, specifically, play out in the lives of Portlanders.



The Clan of the Cave Bear (1980) Jean Auel. The first in a series of acclaimed novels set in pre-historical times by one of Oregon's most successful writers.



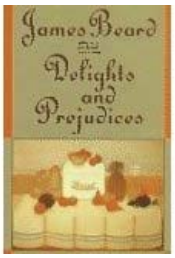
The Country Boy: The Story of His Own Early Life (1910) Homer Davenport. A humorous narrative of life in Silverton by the great early 20th century cartoonist.



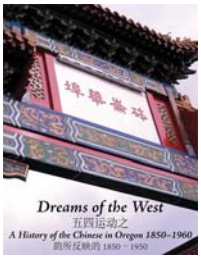
Coyote Was Going There: Indian Literature of the Oregon Country (1977) Jarold Ramsey. The vivid imagination, robust humor, and profound sense of place of the Indians of Oregon are revealed in this anthology, which gathers together hitherto scattered and often inaccessible legends originally transcribed and translated by scholars.

A Day With the Cow Column in 1843 (1952 reprint) Jesse Applegate. A classic personal reminiscence of the first organized wagon train to follow the Oregon Trail.

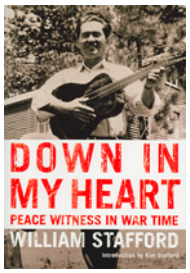
Deer Drink the Moon (2007) Liz Nakazawa, ed. In this collection, thirty-three of Oregon's most esteemed poets write about the state they call home.



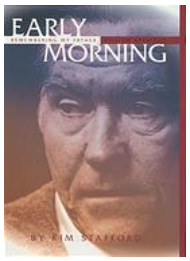
Delights and Prejudices (1964) James Beard. A memoir with recipes by the great American gastronome, with vivid recollections of Portland and Gearhart.



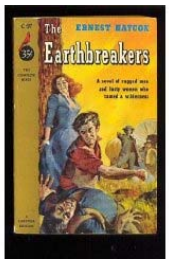
Dreams of the West: The History of the Chinese in Oregon, 1850–1950 (2007) Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, ed. A well-researched and richly illustrated account of the Chinese in Oregon.



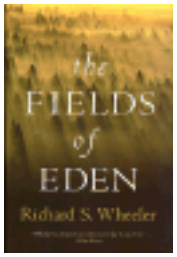
Down In My Heart: Peace Witness in War Time (2006 reprint) William Stafford. Memoir of the years Oregon's greatest poet was interned in camps for conscientious objectors after refusing to be inducted into the U.S. Army during WWII.



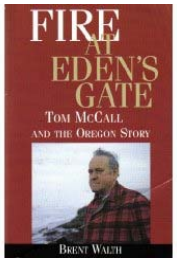
Early Morning: Remembering My Father (2002) Kim Stafford. Kim Stafford offers a view into the remarkable life of his father, the poet William Stafford.



The Earthbreakers (1952) Ernest Haycox. Classic Oregon historical fiction about a new community on the Oregon frontier.

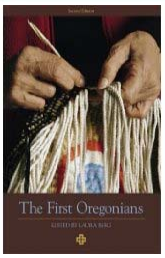


The Fields of Eden (2001) Richard S. Wheeler. An historical novel about pioneers who fought to overcome their shattered dreams in settling Oregon.

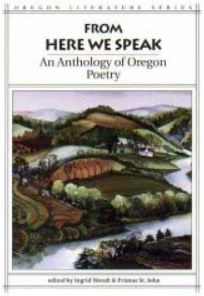


Fire at Eden's Gate: Tom McCall & the Oregon Story (1994) Brent Walth. The definitive biography of Oregon's greatest governor is a fascinating story of McCall's successes and shortcomings.

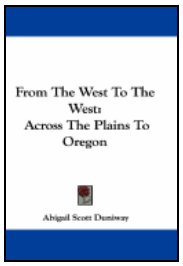
Fire's Edge: A Novel (2002) Alan Siporin. A riveting novel of suspense where people, good and bad, are tested by hate in Oregon's skinhead underworld.



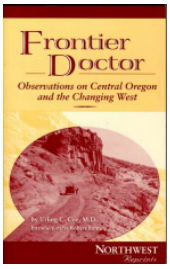
The First Oregonians (2007) Laura Berg. This book provides a comprehensive view of Oregon's native peoples from the past to the present.



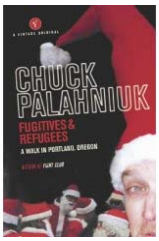
From Here We Speak: An Anthology of Oregon Poetry (1993) Ingrid Wendt. This historical anthology opens with Native American texts and ends with a broad sampling of Oregon's finest contemporary poets.



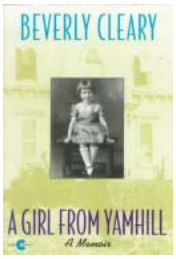
From the West to the West: Across the Plains to Oregon (1905) Abigail Scott Duniway. This classic novel is based on the author's own arduous 2,500-mile overland journey in a train of covered wagons to the Pacific Northwest in 1852.



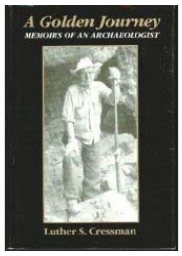
Frontier Doctor: Observations on Central Oregon and the Changing West (1996 reprint) Urling Coe. Coe's autobiography recounts the experiences of a young physician in Bend in the early 20th century.



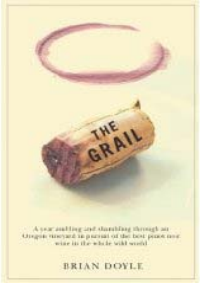
Fugitives and Refugees: A Walk in Portland, Oregon (2003) Chuck Palahniuk. An offbeat combination travel guide and memoir by one of Oregon's most prominent contemporary writers.



A Girl from Yamhill (1988) Beverly Cleary. A poignant and colorful memoir by Oregon's most beloved author of books for children.

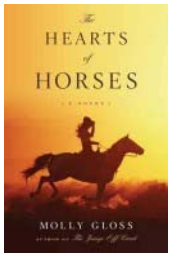


A Golden Journey: Memoirs of an Archeologist (1988) Luther Cressman. Cressman's autobiography charts his career path from Episcopal priest to one of Oregon's greatest anthropologists.

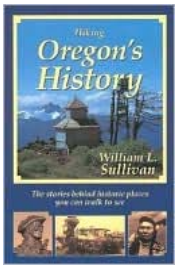


The Grail: A Year Ambling & Shambling Through an Oregon Vineyard in Pursuit of the Best Pinot Noir Wine in the Whole Wide World. (2006) Brian Doyle. One of Oregon's best contemporary writers describes a year at the Lange family winery in Oregon wine country.

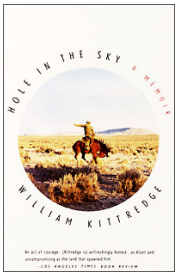
Heart of the Beast (2001) Joyce Weatherford. Twenty-eight-year-old Iris Steele inherits the family ranch in Northeastern Oregon; land the Nez Perce tribe claims is rightfully theirs.



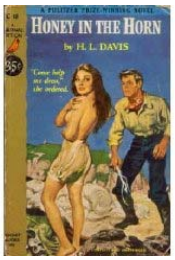
The Hearts of Horses (2008) Molly Gloss. The latest novel, set in rural Northeastern Oregon, by one of Oregon's best novelists.



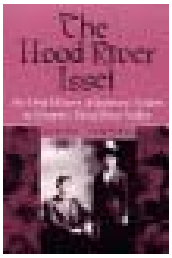
Hiking Oregon's History (1999) William L. Sullivan. For armchair traveler and hikers alike, this guidebook tells the stories behind 56 of Oregon's most scenic historic sites.



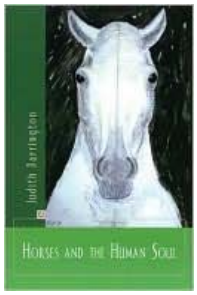
Hole in the Sky: a Memoir (1992) William Kittredge. Kittredge's vivid memoir, set largely in the cattle country of South-Central Oregon, is a Westerner's settling of accounts with the land he grew up in.



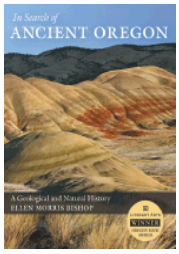
Honey in the Horn (1935) H.L. Davis. This Pulitzer Prize winning classic Oregon novel is a tale of the settling of Oregon in the first decade of the 20th century.



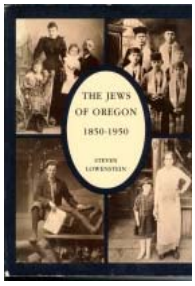
The Hood River Issei: An Oral History of Japanese Settlers in Oregon's Hood River Valley (1993) Linda Tamura. In this volume, surviving Issei who settled in the rural Hood River Valley in Oregon tell their own stories.



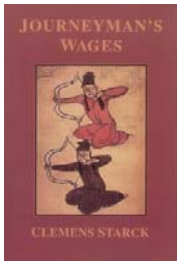
Horses and the Human Soul (2004) Judith Barrington. The most recent collection of poems by the Stewart Holbrook Award-winning author.



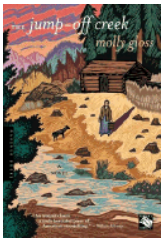
In Search of Ancient Oregon: A Geological and Natural History (2003) Ellen Morris Bishop. A beautifully photographed, expertly written account of Oregon's fascinating geological story.



The Jews of Oregon: 1850-1950 (1988) Steven Lowenstein. Lowenstein's handsomely illustrated volume chronicles the first century of Jewish life in Oregon.



Journeyman's Wages (1995) Clemens Stark. Winner of the Oregon Book Award, Stark's poetry speaks in precise, clear language rooted in mind and body.



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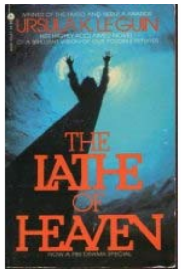
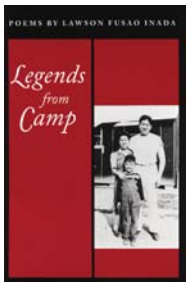
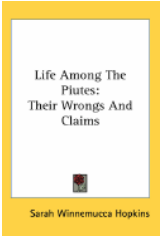


The Lathe of Heaven (1971) Ursula K. Le Guin. A science fiction classic by one of Oregon's greatest writers.



Legends From Camp (1992) Lawson Inada. Poems covering a wide array of subjects, from jazz, to life in the internment camp, by the Oregon Poet Laureate.



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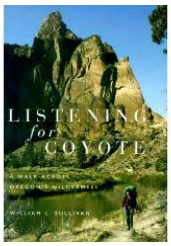
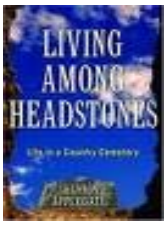


Listening for Coyote: A Walk Across Oregon's Wilderness (1988) William L. Sullivan. Equal parts trail log, regional history, and personal memoir, Sullivan's recorded journey is also a captivating look at Oregon's natural heritage and the efforts needed to safeguard its treasures.



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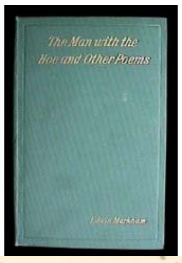

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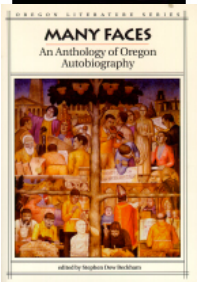
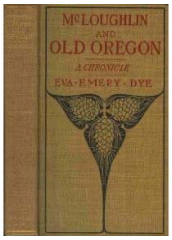


Many Faces: An Anthology of Oregon Autobiography (1993) Stephen Dow Beckham, ed. Forty Oregonians, from the prominent to the plain, tell their own stories.



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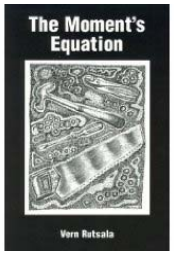
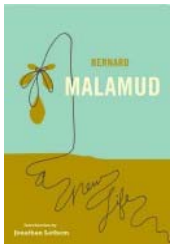


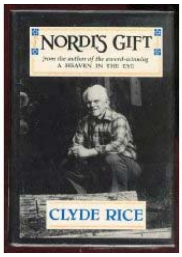
The Moment's Equation (2004) Vern Rutsala. A finalist for the 2005 National Book Award for poetry from one of Oregon's finest contemporary poets.

Nehalem Tillamook Tales (1990) Clara Pearson and Elizabeth Derr Jacobs. The energy, wit, and freshness of these sixty tales, as told by an accomplished Tillamook storyteller, make this volume one of the most accessible and readable collections of traditional Indian literature.

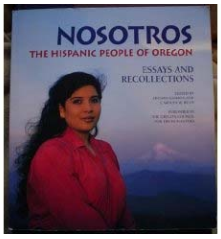


A New Life (1961) Bernard Malamud. A charming novel by one of the masters of 20th century fiction who taught for a decade at Oregon State University.

The Nez Perce Indians and the Opening of the Northwest (1997 reprint) Alvin M. Josephy. A classic of American history by a preeminent scholar of the American West.



Nordi's Gift (1990) Clyde Rice. An engaging memoir that spans the period between 1935 to 1955, and tells of a hard-scrabble life in rural Oregon.



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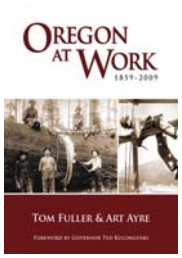

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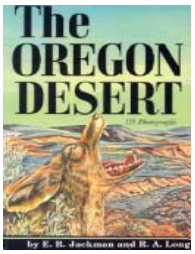

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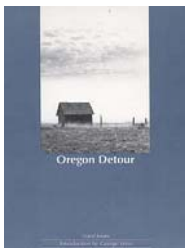
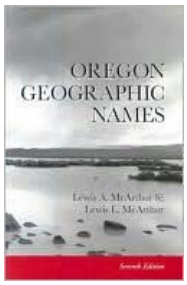


Oregon Detour (1990 reprint) Nard Jones. Jones' classic 1930 novel created a stir when it was published because of its thinly veiled, unflattering portrayal of the Eastern Oregon community where Jones grew up.



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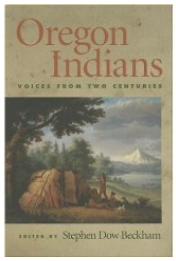
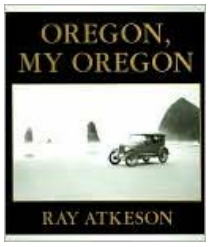
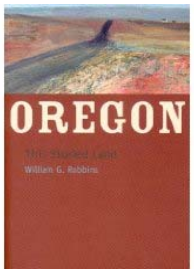


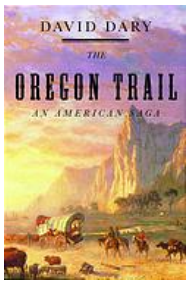
Oregon Indians (2006) Stephen Dow Beckham, ed. A rich documentary history that strives to let Oregon Indians tell their own story.



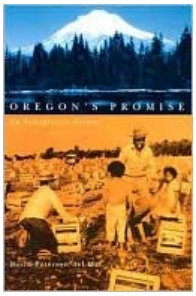
Oregon, My Oregon (2003) Ray Atkeson. A selection of the famed Oregon landscape photographers best work from the 1920's through the 1960's.



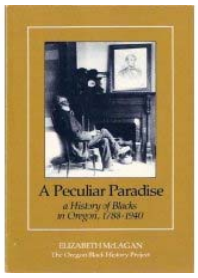
Oregon: This Storied Land (2005) William G. Robbins. A very readable one volume history of Oregon by one of our most accomplished historians.



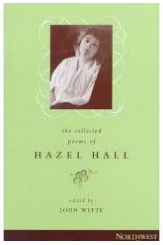
The Oregon Trail: An American Saga (2006) David Dary. The epic story of trailblazers, fur-traders, missionaries, and settlers who journeyed to Oregon in the 18th and 19th centuries.



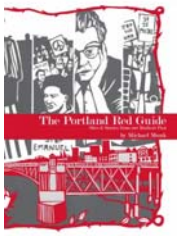
Oregon's Promise (2003) David Peterson Del Mar. A "People's History of Oregon" concerned with events that most profoundly affected the everyday lives of ordinary Oregonians.



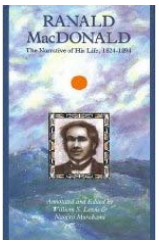
A Peculiar Paradise: A History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788-1940 (1980) Elizabeth McLagen. An important account of Oregon's sad legacy of racial prejudice.



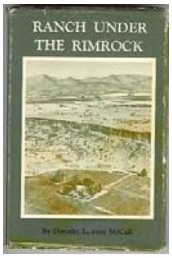
Poems: The Collected Poems of Hazel Hall (2000) ed. John Witte. A Portland poet whose brief career (1916-1924) produced poems that are now highly regarded.



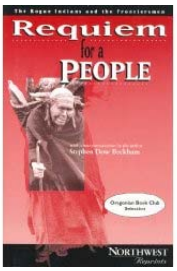
The Portland Red Guide: Sites & Stories of Our Radical Past (2007) Michael Munk. An historical guidebook of social dissent in Portland.



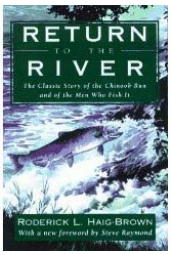
Ranald MacDonald: The Narrative of His Life (1990 reprint) Ranald MacDonald. Memoir of the Astoria native who became the first Westerner to visit Japan in 1948.



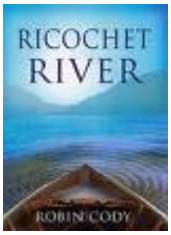
Ranch Under the Rimrock (1968) Dorothy Lawson McCall. A colorful, vividly-told memoir of life in the rugged High Desert country of Oregon by the mother of Governor Tom McCall.



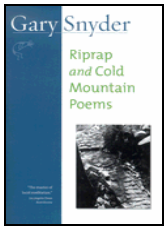
Requiem for a People: The Rogue Indians and the Frontiersmen (1996 reprint) Stephen Dow Beckham. The tragic story of the Rogue River Indians and their displacement by white settlers, authored by one of Oregon's finest historians.



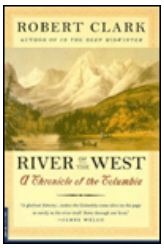
Return to the River: A Story of the Chinook Run (1997 reprint) Roderick L. Haig-Brown. This classic 1941 book tells the dramatic life history of one salmon from her hatching through her spawning, all from the point of view of the fish.



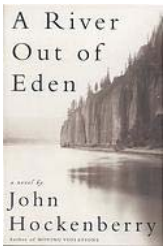
Ricochet River (2005 reprint) Robin Cody. An evocative coming of age novel about three teens, set in a small Oregon logging town in the 1960's.



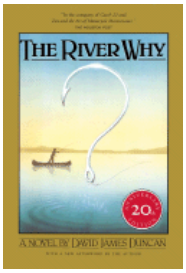
Riprap and Cold Mountain Poems (2003 reprint) Gary Snyder. The first collection of poems by one of the most highly regarded poets of our time who spent much of his early life in Portland.



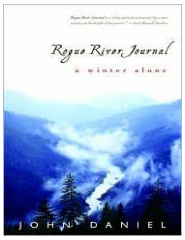
River of the West: A Chronicle of the Columbia River (1997) Robert Clark. A vivid 12,000 year history of the Columbia River.



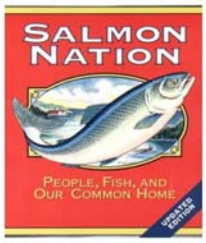
A River Out of Eden: A Novel (2001) John Hockenberry. A gripping thriller set amid the cultural and environmental wars of recent years.



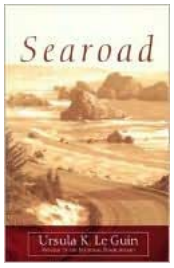
The River Why (2002 reprint) David James Duncan. Gus Orviston's search for the Pacific Northwest's elusive steelhead, a metaphor for Gus's internal quest for self-knowledge.



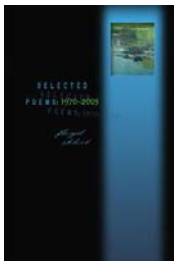
Rogue River Journal: A Winter Alone (2006) John Daniel. Poet and essayist Daniel's experience of solitude in the winter of 2000-01.



Salmon Nation: People, Fish, and Our Common Home (2003) Elizabeth Woody. With words, maps, and images, *Salmon Nation* invites its readers home to a place where people and fish can thrive together.

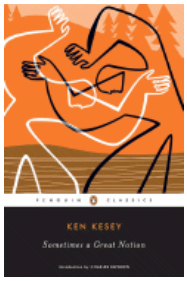


Searoad (2004) Ursula K. Le Guin. One of Oregon's most renowned authors explores the dreams and sorrows of a fictional Oregon beach town.

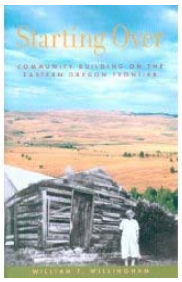


Selected Poems: 1970-2005 (2008) Floyd Skloot. Winner of the 2009 Pacific NW Booksellers Association William Stafford Memorial Poetry Award, a fine collection by one of Oregon's most accomplished writers.

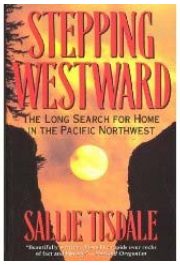
Skookum: An Oregon Pioneer Family's History and Lore (2005 reprint) Shannon Applegate. Award-winning chronicle of the Applegate family as they make their home in the Umpqua Valley.



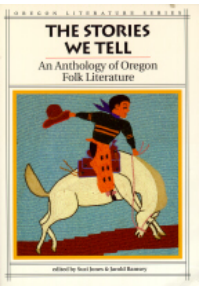
Sometimes a Great Notion (2006 reprint) Ken Kesey. This wild-spirited tale by one of Oregon's greatest writers tells of a bitter strike that rages through a small lumber town along the Oregon coast.



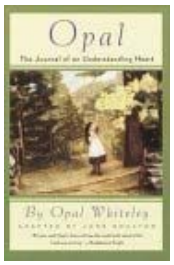
Starting Over: Community Building on the Eastern Oregon Frontier (2006) William Willingham. Willingham shows how the development of Long Creek illuminates key aspects of the story of the last phase of the settling of the American frontier.



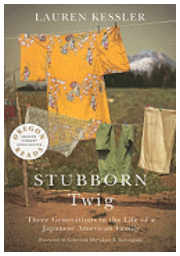
Stepping Westward: The Long Search for Home in the Pacific Northwest (1992) Sallie Tisdale. A blend of history and personal memoir about travels in the contemporary Pacific Northwest.



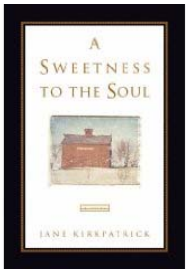
The Stories We Tell: An Anthology of Oregon Folk Literature (1994) Suzi Jones and Jerold Ramsey, ed. Traditional stories, songs, tales, and sayings reveal the richness of Oregon's oral traditions



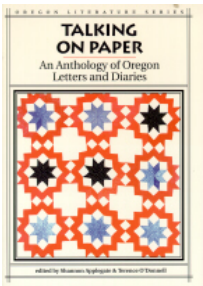
The Story of Opal: The Journal of an Understanding Heart (1995 reprint) Opal Whiteley. First published in 1920 and controversial ever since — purported to be the diary of a six-year-old rural Oregon prodigy.



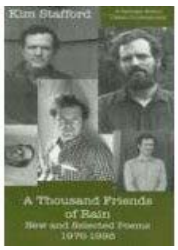
Stubborn Twig: Three Generations in the Life of a Japanese American Family (2008 reprint) Lauren Kessler. The trials and triumphs of the Yasui family. An *Oregon Reads 2009* selection.



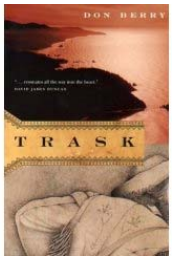
A Sweetness to the Soul (1995) Jane Kirkpatrick. Recounts the captivating story of young, spirited Oregon pioneer, Jane Herbert, who at the age of twelve faces a tragedy that begins a life-long search for forgiveness and love.



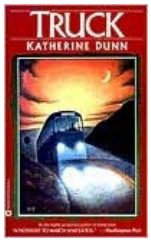
Talking on Paper: An Anthology of Oregon Letters and Diaries (1994) Shannon Applegate and Terrence O'Donnell, eds. These writings by ordinary Oregonians reveal a personal side of Oregon history, filled with the concrete details of everyday life.



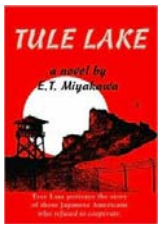
A Thousand Friends of Rain: New and Selected Poems, 1976-1998 (2005) Kim Stafford. An outstanding collection by one of Oregon's best contemporary writers and educators.



Trask, a Novel (2004 reprint) Don Berry. A classic work of Oregon fiction about a mountain man's quest for new opportunities and new land to settle.

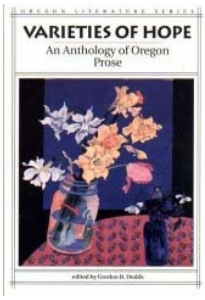


Truck (1990) Katherine Dunn. A feisty, adventurous adolescent goes trucking from Portland to Los Angeles on a quest in search of herself.

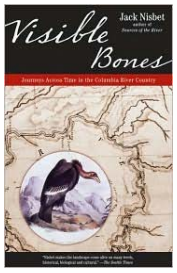


Tule Lake (1979) Edward Miyakawa. The first Japanese American novel to portray the struggle for justice and freedom from within the confines of America's internment camps during WWII.

Two Centuries of Lewis and Clark: Reflections on the Voyage of Discovery (2004) William L. Lang and Carl Abbott. This book examines the historical legacy of both the Lewis and Clark expedition and the Lewis and Clark Centennial Exposition held in Portland 100 years later.

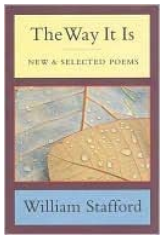


Varieties of Hope: and Anthology of Oregon Prose (1993) Gordon B. Dodds, ed. This anthology of speeches, essays, and works of biography, history, and journalism, profiles the Oregon experience.



Visible Bones: Journeys Across Time in the Columbia River Country (2003) Jack Nisbet. Historian and naturalist Jack Nisbet looks to the relics of a region to connect the present to the distant past.

Voyage of a Summer Sun (2002) Robin Cody. Oregon Book Award winning book recounts the author's trip down the entire Columbia River by canoe.



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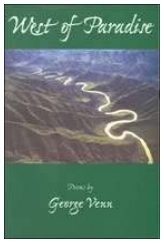
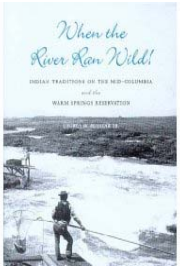
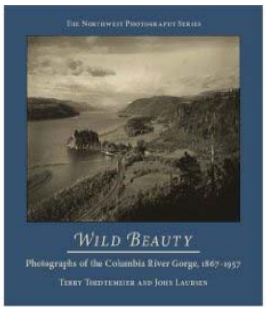


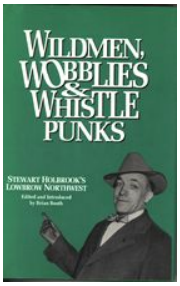
West of Paradise (1999) George Venn. A collection of poems exploring themes and characters of Eastern Oregon by the distinguished poet, educator, and editor of the Oregon Literature Series.



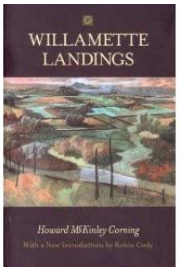
When the River Ran Wild: Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation (2005) George Aguilar, Sr. Part memoir, part tribal history of the Kiksht-speaking Eastern Chinookans, who lived and worked at the great fishing grounds of the Columbia River.



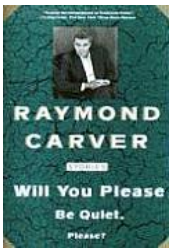
Wild Beauty (2008) Terry Toedtemeier and John Laursen. The history of photography in the Columbia River Gorge with more than 130 images, most published for the first time.



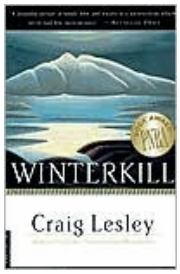
Wildmen, Wobblies & Whistle Punks: Stewart Holbrook's Lowbrow Northwest (2004) Brian Booth, ed. Irreverent accounts of the region's history, from forgotten scandals and murders to stories of forest fires and floods by one of Oregon's most colorful writers.



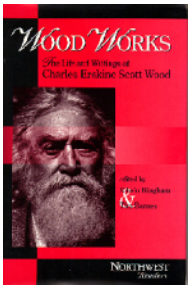
Willamette Landings: Ghost Towns of the River (2004 reprint) Howard McKinley Corning. New edition of the classic portrait of the Willamette River at a time when it was the bustling center of commerce and settlement.



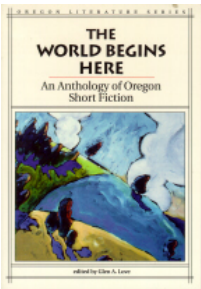
Will You Please Be Quiet, Please? (1992 reprint) Raymond Carver. The first collection of short stories by Oregon-born Carver, now considered one the 20th century masters of the short story.



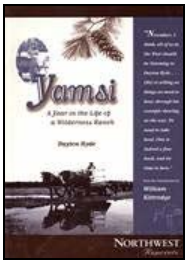
Winterkill (1996) Craig Lesley. A deeply moving and evocative novel of fathers and sons by one of Oregon's best contemporary writers.



Wood Works: The Life and Writings of Charles Erskine Scott Wood (1997) Edwin Bingham and Tim Barnes, ed. Anthology of C. E. S. Wood's writings includes nearly eighty selections, an extensive biographical introduction, and historic photographs.



The World Begins Here: An Anthology of Oregon Short Fiction (1993) Glen A. Love, ed. Oregon stories ranging from a Nez Perce tale to stories by contemporary writers including Ursula Le Guin, Barry Lopez, and Ken Kesey.



Yamsi: a Year in the Life of a Wilderness Ranch (1996 reprint) Dayton O. Hyde. A month-by-month account of the rewards and hardships of an Oregon cattleman.