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Books

Bishop, Ellen Morris

Living with Thunder (2014)

Living with Thunder is a detailed geologic history of the Northwest United States. Preeminent Northwest geologist Ellen Morris Bishop explores the past, present, and future of the area, paying particular attention to the roles of volcanoes, climate changes, and tectonics, in crafting today's landscapes. (*Nonfiction; Geology*) AS

Brin, David

The Postman (1986)

After a limited but devastating war, the handful of Americans who remain struggle to survive. One such man borrows the jacket of a dead postal worker to keep warm and migrates west to Oregon. He finds the old worn uniform still has power as a symbol of hope of an age now gone. (*Science Fiction; Dystopian Fiction*) JFS

Brooks, Paula

Sensitive Plants of the Malheur, Ochoco, Umatilla and Wallowa-Whitman National Forests (1991)

US Forest Service Study of the plants native to Central Oregon. If you are planning a low maintenance, low water garden you might want to check this one out! (*Non-Fiction; Natural Science*) JK

Burrow, Rebecca

Oregon's Historic Bridge Field Guide (2013)

Bridges create a sense of passage, open up wide vistas, and frame views. The appearance of an old bridge can suggest a sense of place, harking back to an earlier era. It can even make you feel at home. This guide was written to update the ODOT's Historic Highways Bridges of Oregon and it does a fine job. (*Non-fiction; Field Guides*) JK

Carlson, Melody

Love Finds You in Sisters, Oregon (2009)

Hope Bartolli has avoided Sisters for years both her hometown of Sisters, Oregon and her two sisters who live there. When the corporate lawyer returns home to attend her beloved grandmother's funeral, she is surprised to learn that she has inherited her house, her little dog Andy. If she had any hopes of burying the hatchet with her sisters, these gifts from Nana aren't going to help, but the more Hope is reacquainted with old friends and the charming town she once loved, the harder she realizes it will be to return to her fast-paced city routine. (*Romance; Inspirational*) MR

Cleary, Beverly

Ramona's World (1999)

Follows the adventures of nine-year-old Ramona at home with big sister Beezus and baby sister Roberta and at school in Mrs. Meacham's class. (*Juvenile Fiction*) JK

Cross, Mary Bywater

Quilts of the Oregon Trail (2007)

Presents quilts as documents of history that help us learn about the lives and experiences of the many women who traveled the Oregon Trail from 1840-1870. (*History*) JK

Dunn, Katherine

Geek Love (1989)

Geek Love is the story of the Binewskis, a carny family whose mater- and paterfamilias set out—with the help of amphetamine, arsenic, and radioisotopes—to breed their own exhibit of human oddities. There's Arturo the Aquaboy, who has flippers for limbs and a megalomaniac ambition worthy of Genghis Khan; lphy and Elly, the lissome Siamese twins; albino hunchback Oly, and the outwardly normal Chick, whose mysterious gifts make him the family's most precious—and dangerous—asset. (*Offbeat*) JFS

Frank, Ann Wall

Northwest Style: Interior Design and Architecture in the Pacific Northwest (1999)

Northwest Style captures the spirit and diversity of this region's architecture, landscape, and lifestyle by presenting a collection of beautiful and distinctive homes in Oregon, Washington, and British Columbia. (*Architecture*) JK

French, Giles

Cattle Country of Peter French(1964)

Actual lives and times of Southeast Oregon's great cattle barons, chief of whom was Peter French, manager of the P Ranch and "Boss of the Blitzen." Includes many photos! (*History*) JK

Geary, Valerie

Crooked River (2014)

Two sisters growing up in rural Oregon find their world shaken when they stumble across a dead woman in the river that runs through their father's property. (*Mystery; Suspense*) MR

Gilbert, Toni

Images of Our Time: A History and Pictures of a Pioneer Family (2015)

A pictorial and written record of life in rural Oregon during the late 1800s and early 1900s, includes a brief history of immigration to the United States and the Oregon territories. (*Biography*) JK

Gloss, Molly

Wild Life (2000)

Beautifully written and historically accurate, "Wild Life" is a highly original tale set at the very edge of civilization, where one woman takes on the untamed world of nature, and in the process, discovers much about the deepest recesses of her very own human nature. (*Historical Fiction*) AS

Graf, Mike

Oregon (2004)

An introduction to the geography, history, government, politics, economy, resources, people, and culture of Oregon, including maps, charts, and a recipe. (*Juvenile Non-fiction*) JK

Hawkins, III, William J.

Classic Houses of Portland, Oregon: 1850-1950 (1999)

The majority of Portland's classic houses are still standing, a rich legacy and essential link to a time of stunning architectural accomplishment. This lavishly illustrated volume features more than 300 residences representing twenty-three distinct architectural styles from Greek Revival, Queen Anne, and Tudor to Bungalow, Prairie, Craftsman, and the uniquely regional Northwest Style. (*Architecture*) JK

Helms, Irene

Remembering School Days of Old Crook County (1980)

Published by the Prineville Print Shop, this scrap holds mementos from a time gone by. (*History*) JK

Juris, Frances

Old Crook County: The Heart of Oregon (1975)

The original Crook County, formed in 1882, reached from the summit of the Cascades east to the John Day River, and north from the present Klamath County border to the Wasco County line, covering more than 8000 square miles. Counties of Jefferson, Wheeler and Deschutes were created from its area. (*Non-fiction, Local*) JK

Jordan, Grace

Home Below Hell's Canyon (1954)

"The thrilling story of a [depression era] pioneer family [homesteading along the Idaho/Oregon border]. . . . An intensely human account filled with fun, courage and rich family life."--*Seattle Post Intelligencer (Biographies)* JK

Kirkpatrick, Jane

Homestead (1991)

Joining her husband in the fight to create a home out of a rugged stretch of sagebrush, rattlesnakes, and sand in Eastern Oregon, Jane Kirkpatrick uneasily relinquishes the security of a professional career; the convenience of electricity, running water, and a phone line; and, perhaps most daunting, the pleasures of sporting a professional manicure. (*Biography*) JK

Lent, Steve

Central Oregon Historical Moments (2003)

Articles from the Central Oregonian Newspaper, from the first explorations of Fremont to the current day discussion of the lumber and tire industries, have been collected. (*History*) JK

Lent, Steve

Central Oregon Place Names, Vol I: Crook County (2001)

Picking up where McArthur left off; Steve Lent takes use around Central Oregon explaining the origins of the region's place names. This is a wonderful driving companion. (*History; Reference*) JK

Raff McCaulou, Lily

Call of the Mild: Learning to Hunt My Own Dinner (2012)

When Lily Raff McCaulou traded in an indie film production career in New York for a reporting job in central Oregon her perspective shifted. She began spending weekends fly-fishing and weekdays interviewing hunters for her articles, realizing that many of them were more thoughtful about animals and the environment than she was. So she embarked upon the project of learning to hunt from square one. (*Regional Author; Biography*) JK

Rakha, Naseem

The Crying Tree (2009)

The Stanley family is just settling into their new life in Crook County when their 15-year-old son Shep is shot and killed. The murderer is caught and sentenced to death. Shep's mother Irene copes by waiting, week by week, for Daniel Robbin's execution and the justice she feels she and her family deserve. Ultimately, faced with a growing sense that Robbin's death will not stop her pain, Irene takes the extraordinary and clandestine step of reaching out to her son's killer, and the two forge an unlikely connection. (*Drama; Psychological Fiction*) JFS

Reed, Mary J, Carol Wayne, & Nancy Dachtler, editors

Life is a Road: An Anthology by the Scribblers (2014)

From life's journeys west and north to Central Oregon, amateur and professional writers compile their visions; humorous and serious, barefoot or shod, hatless or coiffed, pioneers and newcomers, the Scribblers share their stories. An anthology covering almost three decades, 1987-2014, and a dream realized by Prineville, Oregon Scribblers Writing Club. (*Essays; Short Stories; Poetry*) SF

Richmond, Scott

River in the Sun (2012)

Logan McCrae has lost everything. So when his former employer, the NSA, intercepts a call from a European terrorist cell that mentions the Deschutes River, Logan seizes the chance to investigate. From the small town of Maupin, Logan explores the potential security threat and works on reconnecting with his daughter. Woven in are Casey, a young fishing guide, and Hank O'Leary, a professional fly tyer, both seeking to rediscover love in their lives. But all face an uncertain and ultimately dangerous future. (*Family; Thriller; Romance*) SF

Rule, Ann

Heart Full of Lies (2003)

Liysa Northon was stunningly attractive and charming, with a core of loyal supporters who refused to believe she could be guilty of a horrendous crime--in this case, the cold-blooded execution of her handsome husband, Chris. With firsthand testimony from the Northon's friends and family, this brilliant investigative work travels from Hawaii to Texas to Hollywood as it tracks the remorseless steps of a woman who used the many men who loved her as stepping stones to wealth and fame. (*True Crime*) AS

Schlosser, S.E.

Spooky Oregon (2009)

A girl goes missing in Newport's haunted lighthouse. A Portland man who conspires to send his despised stepson to sea is later visited by the drowned boy's ghost. A Bedford man's lust to possess a woman's golden arm comes back to haunt him. All this and much more. (*Nonfiction; Folktales*) MR

Smith, Alexis

Marrow Island (2016)

Twenty years ago, the May Day Quake set loose catastrophic waves along the west coast, from Alaska to California, shattering thousands of lives. The tragedy destroyed Marrow Island's ecosystem and sent Lucie to the mainland to start anew. Bouncing between the Malheur Refuge and the mysterious colony reviving the island Lucie finds that "our choices may bring us to the brink, but within our promises to each other and our hopes for the future, at the intersection of science and faith and grace, there may well be miracles in the making." (*Regional Author; Thriller*) JK

Steber, Rick

Grandpa's Stories: Tales of the Wild West (1991)

Great-grandfather has witnessed so much change in his life. All the years and hard work have taken their toll but when he is seated in his favorite rocking chair, great-grandchildren scattered at his feet, his eyes sparkle as lively as they must have in his youth. He exuberantly recounts the past, painting vivid pictures of his life on the western frontier as a pioneer, miner, freighter, stage driver, Indian fighter, trapper, homesteader, logger, buckaroo... . (*Non-fiction; Local*) JK

Steber, Rick

Oregon Trail: Last of the Pioneers (1993)

Long after the railroads were built--until the automobile was in widespread use--families continued to load their belongings in wagons and follow the old Oregon Trail, braving the elements, privation, and assaults from bandits. They buried their dead along the way. Steber walked 500 miles of the trail and interviewed some 42 men and women who, as children, traveled west along it. (*Non-fiction; History*) JK

Winch, Martin

Biography of a Place: Passages Through a Central Oregon Meadow (2006)

An exploration of history from the view of one meadow with a memorable cast of characters, this surprising and entertaining storyline follows the people who visited and touched this land, from traditional time to the Civil War, and the eventual settlers of the area. Probe the attitudes on the environment and the interplay between the natural and human communities that led to the meadow becoming a nature preserve. (*Natural & Social History*) SF

Movies

The Indian Fighter (1956)

Though known as an Indian fighter, a frontier scout responsible for a wagon train of settlers suddenly finds himself caught up in a war between two very different worlds. (*Western*) MR

Meek's Cutoff (2010)

A wagon train of three families has hired mountain man Stephen Meek to guide them over the Cascade Mountains. Claiming to know a shortcut, Meek leads the group on an unmarked path across the high plain desert, only to become lost in the dry rock and sage. Over the coming days, the emigrants face the scourges of hunger, thirst, and their lack of faith in their own survival instincts. When they encounter a Native American, they must choose between following their guide or an "enemy." (*Drama; Western*) SF

Mr. Holland's Opus (1995)

A frustrated composer comes to realize that his real passion is teaching and that his legacy is not a truly memorable piece of music, but the generations of young people whose lives he affects. Filmed in Portland the sets were crafted in Gresham. (*Drama*) JK

One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (1975)

When Randle Patrick McMurphy (Jack Nicholson) gets transferred for evaluation from a prison farm to a mental institution, he assumes it will be a less restrictive environment. But the martinet Nurse Ratched (Louise Fletcher) runs the psychiatric ward with an iron fist, keeping her patients cowed through abuse, medication and sessions of electroconvulsive therapy. The battle of wills between the rebellious McMurphy and the inflexible Ratched soon affects all the ward's patients. (*Drama; Academy Award Winners*) JFS

Oregon Story: Country Doctors, Rural Medicine (2003)

OPB's documentary on on the rich past, troubled present and uncertain future of one of Oregon's oldest industries. (*Documentary*) JK