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Jacqueline Keeler



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Jim McDermott



Nick Neely

### Noon – 1:00 pm Authors On The Map Clackamas / Multnomah Rooms

These authors may not yet be household names, but they're ready to break out and want to team up with you to make it happen. Invite them to your stores, handsell their books, and do your part to put these Northwest Authors on the Map! Enjoy a box lunch during the presentations, then meet the authors while they sign in the Rotunda of the Exhibit Hall following the event. *Lunch tickets must be pre-purchased but are not required for attendance.*

On the 150th Anniversary of the publication of *Little Women*, **Elise Hooper's** debut novel *The Other Alcott* imagines the real woman behind the fictional "Amy March", Louisa's youngest sister, May Alcott. Like Amy, May was a talented artist who longed to experience the world beyond Concord, Massachusetts, and to make a name for herself in the male-dominated world of art. Selected as an Indie Next Pick, *The Other Alcott* (Morrow) combines well-researched historical detail with a moving portrait of a woman in search of her own identity, and of her sometimes uneasy relationship with her famous and strong-willed sister. A life-long reader of Louisa May Alcott, Elise Hooper lives in Seattle.

Navajo/Dakota writer and activist **Jacqueline Keeler** brings together 15 poets, writers, activists, teachers and public officials to speak for the preservation of the Bears Ears area in *Edge of Morning* (Torrey House Press). Through essay and poems, each contributing voice explores the importance and majesty of this fragile landscape now clouded in political controversy, bearing witness to the sacred nature of the Native fight to preserve this corner of Utah's red rock country. As co-founder of Eradicating Offensive Native Mascotry, Keeler has worked to end the use of outdated stereotypes of racial and cultural groups as mascots. She is a frequent contributor to both print and on-line journals, including *The Nation* and *Salon.com*; she lives in Portland.

Award-winning young adult science fiction and fantasy writer **Fonda Lee** makes her adult fantasy debut with *Jade City* (Orbit/Hachette), an epic tale of family and clan, honor and ambition, tradition and magic. In a world dominated by those who control the magic jade market, a new drug threatens the ruling Kaul family. How can they maintain their position and traditions when anyone using this new drug can tap into the magic of the jade? "Stylish and action-packed, full of ambitious families and guilt-ridden loves, *Jade City* is an epic drama reminiscent of the best classic Hong Kong gangster films but set in a fantasy metropolis so gritty and well-imagined that you'll forget you're reading a book." -- Ken Liu, Hugo and Nebula award winner. Fonda Lee is also the author of *Zeroboxer* and *Exo*. Raised in Calgary, she now lives in Portland.

Portland attorney **Jim McDermott's** debut novel is a tender story of the bond between father and son set against the blue-collar landscape of upstate New York in the 1970s and '80s. *Bitter is the Wind* (Rare Bird Books/IPS) chronicles the coming-of-age of George Johnson, Jr. as he stretches for a life beyond what his father has known, leaving home for college and, eventually, taking a job on Wall Street – a life a million miles away from the rural working class existence he knew before. Vivid and sympathetic characters bring McDermott's version of the search for the American Dream to life, offering a careful examination of class, dignity, recognition and hope. McDermott, a nationally recognized business litigation attorney, lives in Portland with his wife and two daughters.

New this fall in paperback is *Coast Range* (Counterpoint/IPS), **Nick Neely's** debut collection of essays about the uniquely Northwest landscape where mountains meet the sea. Using narrative journalism, memoir and lyric essays, Neely expresses his curiosity for and love of the natural environment, building a moving portrait of the Coastal Ranges of Oregon and California. In a starred review, Kirkus Reviews noted Neely's "Finely tuned essays that vary intriguingly in form and tone . . . Neely capably explores the complexity of his subjects with polish and finesse, looking carefully and think-

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ing deeply." Nick Neely's nonfiction has appeared in a range of journals, including *Orion*, *Audubon*, *Mother Jones*, and *Kenyon Review*. He lives in Hailey, Idaho with his wife, the painter Sarah Bird.

**Temperance Creek: A Memoir** (Counterpoint/IPS) is **Pamela Royes'** moving personal story of leaving the comfortable and conventional behind to seek out a wilder existence in Oregon's Hell's Canyon county. Caught first by the landscape, Pam then met and fell in love with Skip Royes, a Vietnam veteran and backcountry sheepherder. Their life together, challenging, simple, connected, echoed times past, and of a once familiar way of life now slipping away from the American landscape. Pamela Royes and her husband Skip live in Joseph, Oregon, where they raise cattle and hay. "Pam's memoir of this time and place made me shiver, it made me laugh, it made me wonder and above all it made me see with new eyes a place I thought I knew." —David Laskin, author of *The Family*

Here in the Northwest, we have plenty of opportunities to observe clouds, but few of us really understand just what we're looking at. Olympia writer **Maria Mudd Ruth** takes us on a wonderful journey into the world above our heads in *A Sideways Look at Clouds* (Mountaineers), an artfully blending science with a sense of wonder and humor. Whether scanning the sky to plan the next hike, or snuggling down in an armchair on an overcast day, readers will gain plenty of knowledge and appreciation for those "visible mass(es) of water droplets or ice crystals suspended in the atmosphere above the earth." Maria Ruth is the author of more than a dozen books on natural history and science, including *Rare Bird: Pursuing the Mystery of the Marbled Murrelet*.

**Kevin John Scott's** debut *Frederik Sandwich and the Earthquake That Couldn't Possibly Be* (Sourcebooks) is the perfect pick for middle grade fans of Lemony Snicket and *The Mysterious Benedict Society*. Delightfully strange and wonderfully funny, *Frederik Sandwich* opens one morning when the 11-year old Frederik is jolted awake by a powerful earthquake that, well, just should not have happened. Together with his mysterious (and somewhat irritating) neighbor Pernille, Frederik sets off on an adventure to find out what caused the earth to shake, and why no one wants to talk about it. Kevin Scott lives with his wife and son in Seattle. Plans call for more adventures with Frederik in the future.

The American culture of self-medication and drug use is in the news every day. Writer **Ingrid Walker** asks some fundamental questions about national drug policies and our society's obsession with getting high in *High: Drugs, Desire, and a Nation of Users* (Univ. of Washington Press). Why do we condone some drugs and criminalize others? What has the "war on drugs" brought us, and at what cost? Using current science and social science along with first-person narratives, Walker's book brings a fresh approach to the national discussion on drugs and drug use. Ingrid Walker is an associate professor of American Studies at the University of Washington, Tacoma.

**Tell**, by Portland author and decorated 20-year veteran **Margaret Witt**, is the important and inspirational true story of the woman behind the collapse of the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. Major Witt was an Air Force nurse, when, in 1993, she was chosen as the face of the Air Force for a recruitment campaign, the same year that the Clinton administration's plan to allow gay servicemen and-women to serve openly was rejected by Congress, and the compromise of DADT was instituted. That policy stood, with much controversy, until Major Witt's 2010 landmark civil rights case ultimately put a stop to it. "Margaret Witt's moving and inspirational story of how she took on the US military and won is a powerful testament to how regular people can help achieve extraordinary results." —Marc Solomon, author of *Winning Marriage*.



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