



6:00 – 8:00pm **The Feast of Authors** Washington/Clark/Clackamas Rooms
Booksellers and Librarians at the Feast will receive a bag with at least twelve signed books. Tickets required.

BuzzBooks winners will be announced!



Richard Baker



David Biespiel



Peter Bognanni



Traci Chee



Rene Denfeld



Janet Fitch



Sundee Frazier



Dan Gemeinhart



Nancy Lord



Terese Maillhot

Richard Baker starts an exciting new chapter with *Valiant Dust* (Tor/Macmillan), the first book in a new military science fiction series featuring hero Sikander Singh North. As a gunner on the starship Hector, and the crew's only Kashmiri, Sikander finds himself dodging more than rebel bullets on the Hector's latest mission. In addition to his career as a writer, Richard Baker is a well-known game designer. He is the author of thirteen novels, including the NYT bestselling *Condemnation*.

The Education of a Young Poet (Counterpoint/IPS) is **David Biespiel's** moving and wide-ranging account of his awakening to writing and how language can shape a life. This slim but powerful book received a starred PW review, and was cited by Kirkus as "Lyrical, affectionate...Graceful reflections on creativity." David Biespiel won the 2016 Oregon Book award for *A Long, High Whistle*, and has published several books of poetry. He lives in Portland.

Young Adult readers who like their fiction emotionally packed will find much to love in **Peter Bognanni's** *Things I'm Seeing Without You* (Penguin/PRH), a tale at turns heartbreaking, humorous and life-affirming. Tess Fowler drops out of high school after the death of her internet boyfriend Jonah, then ends up finding some unexpected comfort in her father's alternative-style funeral home. Peter Bognanni teaches creative writing at Macalester College, and is the author of the award-winning *The House of Tomorrow*.

Fantasy writer **Traci Chee** follows her NYT bestselling debut *The Reader* with *The Speaker* (Penguin/PRH), book two of the *Ink and Gold* trilogy. Sefia, heroine of *The Reader*, is still on the run from the Guard, still trying to understand the secrets of the book left to her by her murdered father. This is young adult fantasy with a strong adult crossover appeal. A self-described word freak, Traci Chee lives in San Francisco with her "fast-fast dog."

Portland writer and professional investigator **Rene Denfeld** hits the Indie Next list with the *Child Finder* (HarperCollins), a haunting and suspenseful novel about the search for a missing girl. With their child now missing for three years, desperate parents turn to their last hope, the investigator known as "the Child Finder." Says Nicholas Butler, author of *Shotgun Lovesongs*, "My lord—what a book. *The Child Finder* is nothing short of a literary miracle." Rene Denfeld is also the author of several books of nonfiction, and the novel *The Enchanted*.

The cultural upheaval of the Russian Revolution is the backdrop for **Janet Fitch's** new novel *The Revolution of Marina M* (Little, Brown/HGB). Fitch portrays a privileged young woman swept up in momentous events, opening to new passions and suffering devastating losses. Janet Fitch has published three previous books, including the #1 bestselling and Oprah Pick novel *White Oleander*. A graduate of Reed College, she currently lives in Los Angeles.

Successful fifth-grade entrepreneurs Cleo and her best friend Caylee are at it again, ready to build their business empire with their Quick and Painless Tooth Removal Service in **Sundee Frazier's** *Cleo Edison Oliver in Persuasion Power* (Scholastic). But can their friendship survive the pressures of a growing business? Young readers will have fun finding out. Sundee Frazier is the author of both fiction and nonfiction works for children, including the award-winning *Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It*.

Dan Gemeinhart explores the themes of hardship, courage and redemption in *Scar Island* (Scholastic), the story of Jonathan Grisby, newly arrived at the Slabhenge Reformatory for Troubled Boys. The place is dismal and dank, but things really go wrong when the "troubled" boys of Slabhenge are left without any adult supervision. Gemeinhart is the author of several other young adult novels, including an Indie Next pick, *The Honest Truth*. He lives in Cashmere, Washington.

Quirky characters and climate science come together for some great storytelling in **Nancy Lord's** *pH: A Novel* (Westwinds Press/IPS). Bill McKibben, author of *Eaarth*, says: "Very few novelists remember that we live on an ocean planet, and none, as far as I know, have tracked the emerging science of ocean acidification, a threat of almost unparalleled dimension. That Nancy Lord does all that and still provides a superb story is testament to her great powers as a writer." Writer and naturalist Nancy Lord lives in Homer, Alaska; pH is her first novel.

Terese Maillhot's debut memoir *Heart Berries* (Counterpoint/IPS) is a refreshingly honest look at both the beauty and the brutality of growing up on Seabird Island, a First Nation reserve on Canada's western edge. Maillhot's memoir began as a diary she kept to work through the ghosts of her childhood when she was diagnosed with PTSD and Bipolar II disorder. Terese Maillhot is a frequent contributor to numerous journals and is a columnist for *Indian Country Today*.

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A tiny narwhal dreams of a life beyond the view from her tabletop fishbowl in **Lisa Mantchev's** charming new picturebook *Someday, Narwhal* (Simon & Schuster). Even as her dreams of the wide blue sky and a big city seem impossible to reach, she learns that sometimes the comfort of friends is worth more than adventure. Lisa Mantchev is the author of several young adult novels, as well as books for younger readers. Her 2015 picture book *Strictly No Elephants* garnered several awards and rave reviews.

Five generations of Orchiere women share the common trait of magic in **Louisa Morgan's** sweeping tale *A Secret History Of Witches* (Orbit/Hachette). Passed from mother to daughter, their inherited magical powers bring both joys and dangers, as each woman strives to master her gift while keeping it hidden from the world. Louisa Morgan is the penname of Louise Marley. As Marley, she has published several science fiction novels, including the recently reissued Endeavor-winning *The Child Goddess*.

At age 51, **Eric O'Grey** was 150 pounds overweight and facing the onset of diabetes. Fortunately for him, a new doctor gave him an unusual prescription: adopt a shelter dog. In *Walking With Peety* (GCP/Hachette), O'Grey chronicles the incredible story of how his life was changed with the adoption of Peety, an overweight, middle-aged and abandoned dog. Now healthy and happy, Spokane writer Eric O'Grey has appeared on *The Rachel Ray Show*, traveling the country as an inspirational speaker.

Longtime friend of PNBA and Northwest Indies **Robert Michael Pyle** returns to the show for the reissue of *Where Bigfoot Walks* (Counterpoint/IPS), more than 20 years after it was first published. Pyle examines the story of Bigfoot with the eye of a naturalist, trekking the wilderness in search of tracks, interviewing loggers and Forest Service workers for accounts of personal encounters, and hearing from Indians about the Seeahtiks, a lost tribe of not-quite humans. Robert Pyle is the author of more than a dozen books, including the PNBA Award-winning *Wintergreen*.

Australian writer **Sarah Schmidt's** debut novel *See What I Have Done* (Grove/IPS) is a vivid reimagining of the infamous true story of the murderess Lizzie Borden, digging below the commonly known facts of the case to examine a deeply troubled family. In a starred review, PW says: "Equally compelling as a whodunit, "whydunit," and historical novel, the book honors known facts yet fearlessly claims its own striking vision." Sarah Schmidt is a library reading coordinator in Melbourne.

Wedgie (the dog) and Gizmo (the guinea pig) are two pets thrown together when their families blend in **Suzanne Selfors's** hilarious new middle grade novel *Wedgie and Gizmo* (HarperCollins), the first book in a planned trilogy. Selfors is the author of many books for young readers, gathering numerous awards, pick-of-the-lists, and starred reviews. She lives on Bainbridge Island with her husband, a cat, a dog, but so far, no guinea pig.

On a stormy May night, a young girl knocks on Tom Olsen's door and announces she is his granddaughter Sarah. Tom's plans to head into the wilderness of the Olympic Peninsula with friends the following day are set, and against his better judgment, he decides to let her come along. *Strong Heart* by Washington writer **Charlie Sheldon** is a journey through ancient myths and family bonds, set against a uniquely Northwest landscape. Sheldon lives in Ballard, but hikes the Olympics whenever he can.

Two teens from widely different backgrounds cross paths for a few minutes each day on an Oakland, California bus. *The 57 Bus* (FSG/Macmillan) is **Dashka Slater's** riveting and timely nonfiction book for teens about those two kids and the one fateful day that would change both lives forever. Slater probes tough issues like race, class, gender, and crime and punishment. "An outstanding book that links the diversity of creed and the impact of impulsive actions to themes of tolerance and forgiveness." – Kirkus starred review. Slater is also the author of numerous picture books, including *The Antlered Ship* (S&S), also due this fall.

The theme of bullying is central to **Chris Struyk-Bonn's** *Nice Girls Endure* (Switch Press/Capstone), written for middle school-aged teens who so often face this problem. Chelsea Duvay knows she has lots of good qualities, but too many others only notice her weight. A class project leads to an unlikely partnership with one of the popular girls, and Chelsea begins to emerge from the shell she has built for herself. Chris Struyk-Bonn lives in Portland; her debut novel *Whisper* was published in 2014.

Portland writer **Cat Winters** is at her creepy best in her new novel *Odd & True* (Abrams) about two sisters haunted by their missing mother and touched by a family curse. The sisters, Odette and Trudchen, must face their personal demons as well as real monsters in a powerful mixture of fantasy and reality, perfect for teens and young adults who love to feel the hair rise on the back of their necks. Cat Winters has published two adult novels and three previous young adult novels, including *In the Shadow of Blackbirds*.



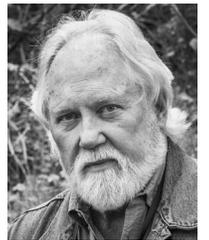
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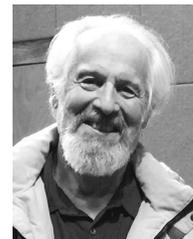
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