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## Award-winning Western author to speak in Elgin

■ Rick Steber will be the first guest in the museum and historical society's Storytellers Speaker Series

ELGIN — The Elgin Museum and Historical Society will welcome Western writer Rick Steber as the first guest in the new Storytellers

Speaker Series Nov. 3. Beginning at 4 p.m. Sunday at the Elgin Opera House, Steber will spin tales, sign books and share his

personal experiences as he talks about his passion for writing about the people and places of Eastern Oregon. Admission is \$2, which will include entrance into the museum next door immediately following the event. Tickets will be available at the door of the opera house and at the museum on Sunday afternoon.

The author of more than 40 books — including "Traces," "Jackson Sundown," "Red White Black," "Little White Man" and "Wild Horse Rider" — Steber has sold more than two million copies of his works and has won numerous awards for his colorful and intensively researched nonfiction books, biographies and novels. Among his accolades are the Western Writers of America Spur Award for Best Western Novel, the Independent Publishers Award for Best Regional Fiction, the Western Heritage Award, the Mid-America Publishers Award, the Oregon Library Association Award and the Oregon Literary Arts Award.

Much of Steber's fiction titles were inspired by historical figures



series recounts the lives and times of the pioneers, Indians, loggers, miners, mountain men and hardy women who tamed the rugged land we now call home.

Raised in Bonanza, a small town in Southern Oregon, Steber now makes his home in Prineville, where he writes in a cabin in the foothills of the Ochoco Mountains. He recently opened a new retail business in Prineville, Rick Steber & Company — MAKERS, which sells items from more than 30 rural artists and craftspeople.

**ALSO:** On Monday, Nov. 4, the author will be at Pierce Library on the campus of Eastern Oregon University in La Grande

and events in Northeast Oregon. At one time, Steber lived in Summerville, where the history and stories of the area inspired him to write the illustrated book "Rendezvous." His "Tales of the Wild West"

at 7 p.m. for a reading and book signing hosted by the EOU Alumni Association. Steber is an EOU alumnus. His most recent book, "Fall Down Angel," will be available for purchase.

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