

BOOK REVIEW

Madstone

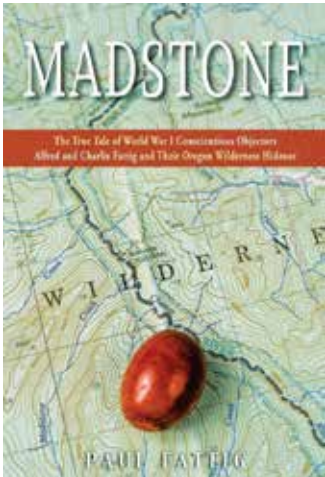
Paul Fattig (2018)

Paul Fattig's second book, published within two years of his first, is, as you might expect, an intriguing tale. All true, too, since it takes us down the trail of Fattig's family history, which this "recovering journalist," as he claims to be, documents well.

Madstone is set in the rugged mountains and valleys between the lower Applegate River and the Illinois Valley. But it also takes a leap out of those relatively tame places into the truly rugged country of the present-day Kalmiopsis Wilderness as it follows the footsteps of the author's uncles, Alfred and Charlie Fattig, after they refused to be drafted into World War I for reasons of conscience and religion. They took off with minimal supplies and survived off the land for three years in some of the roughest country that Oregon, or anywhere, has to offer, all the while avoiding contact with anyone else in the area due to the bounty on their heads.

America did not tolerate "slackers" among its young men during this very nationalistic period. Even the general public was expected to do without some goods and foods and give money for bonds in the spirit of the war effort. Thus, by the time the brothers wearied of their time alone in the mountains, they had become outcasts. Even after they served their sentences, their family was reviled in the community.

This is the story of their hardscrabble life in and around the headwaters of



the Chetco River. Few others would survive living primarily off whatever animals they could catch and what few plants and berries they could find. But survive they did, albeit at the cost of becoming intolerable to each other in the end and eventually parting ways.

But this is also the story of the author's search for the truth and

an understanding of this situation.

Besides growing up with this backstory of his family's history, Paul unknowingly began the research for his book when he ran away from home at the age of 14 and headed into the same wilderness where Alfred and Charlie had hidden for years, searching for his own identity apart from family.

That tale and many others will keep you chuckling and enthralled as Paul weaves the story of his complicated family life into the landscape of southwestern Oregon.

This is a man whose love of language is apparent in every word choice and every added nuance, making him, in my mind, a wordsmith par excellence. And in terms of research, he seems to have dotted every i and crossed every t, even to the point of being incarcerated in the Gold Beach hoosegow during his early research and quest for meaning. He truly gives all to his work.

Haven't figured out what "madstone" means? *Do not* Google it! Read the dang book and you'll be far more enlightened. An excellent read!

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Featured Advertiser Loney Law Group

*Here is the story of Loney Law Group, a valued, long-time advertiser.
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Loney Law Group was the first comprehensive cannabis law firm in Oregon. Founder Paul Loney developed the legal blueprint for Oregon's first private cannabis club and dispensary in 2009. He served as Oregon NORML's (National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws) legal counsel for over 13 years and assisted in the drafting of numerous cannabis-related legislative initiatives involving Oregon's medical marijuana laws and the drafting of Measure 91, Oregon's recreational marijuana law.

The firm focuses on the cannabis and hemp industry and assists with business law, compliance, criminal defense, administrative law and litigation, and represents producers, processors, retailers, ancillary business and individual clients.

Loney Law Group has been an avid supporter of the cannabis industry since the beginning. Paul was an activist around cannabis issues before law school. When he married, he learned that his mother-in-law, who had a small cannabis farm in Williams, Oregon, could benefit from legal advice by someone who understood and cared about the plant, the community, and the industry. Paul expanded his practice and opened Loney Law Group to fill the need for a knowledgeable law firm with a background in cannabis.

Loney Law Group's mission is to help those in the cannabis industry realize their dreams, move their business forward, and protect their rights. Paul brings history and experience to the table. Being a part of the industry for so long gives Loney Law Group the advantage of understanding that the cannabis industry looks different today and will look different in the future. The firm's goal is to help its clients succeed through all the changes.

Loney Law Group has been willing to lead the way in cannabis law. When other law firms and attorneys were unwilling to represent clients in cannabis cases, Loney Law Group



Paul Loney, founder of Loney Law Group, counsels his clients on marijuana regulations.

welcomed them. Loney's was the first firm of cannabis lawyers to partner with the University of Oregon and the *Oregonian* in crafting Oregon's cannabis laws. Loney Law Group also helped ensure that concerns of rural property residents were heard during the drafting of Oregon's recreational cannabis laws.

The firm is regularly asked to present on cannabis legal topics at seminars for attorneys and other business professionals and offers a monthly seminar, Cultivate Business Success, in southern Oregon. The seminar focuses on a myriad of important business topics with the goal of promoting accessibility to the law. Paul continues to remain involved in cannabis politics by advocating for common-sense regulations.

Loney Law Group will continue to be a leader in Oregon's cannabis industry. It is preparing for the 2019 legislative session and the new bills affecting the cannabis industry that will be introduced. Future plans will include the continued education of regulators and general public on topics important to Oregon's cannabis industry.

Loney Law Group has offices in Ashland and Portland and serves clients throughout Oregon. Its Ashland office is at 638 North Main Street, Suite B. Contact them at 541-787-0733 or info@loneylawgroup.com or visit their website at loneylawgroup.com.

POETRY CORNER

The Resurrection and Reincarnation of Fort Birdseye

by Lisa E. Baldwin

It's hard to look at the place now,
As it is—ghost and carcass scraped bare,
Stripped of its history and character
Save for the shadowed remains of the old
Farmhouse built in 1856
From the remains of the old
Fort put up in a hurry in 1855
Sheltering settlers and wounded dragoons carried in
From the Hallowe'en battle on Hungry Hill.
Now, 160 years on, the Century Farm has been
Sold by the last of the Birdseys
To one of the wine makers
From the other side of the river.
Since the last Uprising
Rogue River Indians were killed,
Quelled and Relocated, this place was
The Birdseye Place. Now it will go
The way of the whole valley: 100 acres at a time
Put into grape cultivation
(Or weed cultivation)
To serve the altered states of consciousness
Of the stylish, stressed-out masses
Who will, no doubt, come like land-grant pioneers
To the reincarnated old farm house, the new
Tasting Room at Fort Birdseye.

Where, oh where, is the Community Calendar?

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Well, the Community Calendar has been replaced with the calendar on the Applegate Valley Connect website. If your organization's meetings were listed in the Community Calendar, please visit applegateconnect.org to register, then add your organization to the directory and add your meetings and events to the calendar. Oh, and it's free!



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