

Dwight Caswell

You have to be utterly engaged in the present to make a good photograph, says Dwight Caswell. He became a photographer shortly after receiving his doctorate from the University of Chicago and spent time learning from established photographers, including Ansel Adams and Wynn Bullock. In the 1980s, he began writing about sailing, food and wine ("Distilling creativity," pg. 60) and now focuses on travel and profiles of interesting people ("A Gearhart classic," pg. 46). He has translated and illustrated the "Tao Te Ching" of Lao-Tzu and published "Finding China," an illustrated journal of his travels in China and Tibet. His first novel is scheduled for publication later this year, and he is currently working on a book about the Neolithic monuments of Great Britain.



Matt Winters

"After homesteading in Washington Territory in 1883, great-grandpa and grandma opened a restaurant featuring oysters, vegetables from their own garden, wild-berry pies hot from a wood-fired oven and barrels of butter. Plus waffles," says Matt Winters.

Pacific Northwest foods are still fully flavored with the spirit of the North Pacific, seasoned with ardent personalities and a dash of humor. This still-vibrant marriage of pioneer spirit and delicious living is a source of constant inspiration for Winters, who has practiced the joyful lifestyle of outer coast newspaper editor for two and half decades. When he isn't savoring Willapa and Columbia seafood ("Willapa dreamin'," pg. 68), he walks the cliffs and glens of Cape Disappointment with his undaunted wheaten terrier. A sample of his award-winning columns is available at mythtown.blogspot.com



MJ Cody

"Even as a little kid, I loved road trips and being in a different place every night," says Northwest author MJ Cody. "I actually thought someone changed the scenery while you slept, so it was important to have a safe, cozy place to stay to ensure that the next day's adventure would be perfect." Cody says she still believes that — perhaps not the changing scenery part, but that where you lay your head matters ("Ocean in view," pg. 40). "For me, where you stay is integral to any journey — a place unlike another, unlike home. A place that adds richness, that speaks to you in its own particular way." Cody's recent books are "Sleeping Around the Northwest" travel tales and a mystery, "Standing on the Beach." For more on Cody's books and travels visit mjcody.com



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