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Seattle investigative journalist to discuss orcas whales

Seaside Public Library hosts 'Of Orcas and Men' author David Neiwert Dec. 17

SEASIDE — The Friends of the Seaside Library will host David Neiwert, author of "Of Orcas and Men: What Killer Whales Can Teach Us," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17. The event will be held in the Community Room of the Seaside Public Library, and there will be book sales offered by Beach Books.

The orca — otherwise known as the killer whale — is one of Earth's most intelligent animals. Sophisticated, orcas have languages, cultures and even long-term memories. Their capacity for echolocation is nothing short of a sixth sense. They are also benign and gentle, which makes the story of the captive orca industry and the endangerment of their population in Puget Sound that much more tragic.

In "Of Orcas and Men," a compelling mix of cultural history, environmental reporting and scientific research, Neiwert explores this extraordinary species and its occasionally fraught relationship with humans.

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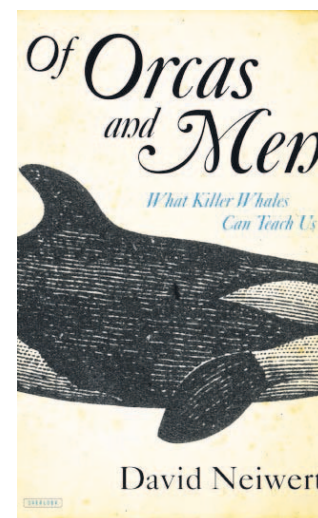


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David Neiwert is an investigative journalist based in Seattle.

rorism won the national Press Club Award for Distinguished Online Journalism. Neiwert is senior editor of Crooks and Liars.

Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway. For more information, call 503-738-6742, or visit www.seasidelibrary.org



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