

NW Author Series hosts Matt Love

Astoria author to speak at Cannon Beach Library Jan. 9

CANNON BEACH — Matt Love will be the speaker at the Cannon Beach Library's next Northwest Author Series event at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9. This event will be a double-header; love will focus on his new book "A Nice Piece of Astoria: A Narrative Guide" as well as on his latest book, a parody of a detective novel, "The Great Birthright."

Love moved to Astoria in 2013 and his book about

the city is a work of creative non-fiction that examines and updates the new and classic stories about America's oldest city west of the Rockies. The book blends an eclectic variety of literary genres, including memoir, history, essay, vignette, guide, criticism, satire, stream of consciousness, meditation, review, commentary and polemic.

In the book, Love tours you through Astoria's bars

and taverns, The Goonies, Lewis and Clark, sea lions, rain, salmon, coffee, Vikings, the Astoria Column, the Clatsop County Fair, the Columbia River, "The Ship Report," his first year in town and much more. The book includes a preface by Meriwether Lewis. This narrative guide has all the wit, humor, insight, rain worship and beach adoration that one expects from this writer.

In his newest book, "The Great Birthright," Love parodies the detective novel, working the premise that a slick and tanned L.A. developer colludes with U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia to have Oregon's famous 1967 Beach Bill declared unconstitutional. The book has been described as "one man's vision, indeed a manifesto about how, when and why Matt plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Beach Bill come July 7th, 2017." Love himself says, "When someone finishes this novel, I hope the reader is

ready to go to war to protect our beaches."

Love grew up in Oregon City, attended Portland State University and earned his masters in teaching at Lewis and Clark College. He has taught in six Oregon schools, at a high school in Istanbul, Turkey, at PSU, has coordinated the Lincoln County District Ocean Education Initiative, and served 10 years as caretaker of the Nestucca Bay National Wildlife Refuge. After 18 years of living on the coast, he moved to Astoria, where in addition to writing and running the Nestucca Spit Press, he teaches locally and freelances for various media. The author/editor of 14 books about Oregon, Love received the prestigious Oregon Literary Arts' Stewart H. Holbrook



Photo by Erick Bengel

Matt Love will speak at the next Northwest Author Series Jan. 9.

Legacy Award for his contribution to Oregon history and literature.

The January talk at the Cannon Beach Library is free and the public is welcomed. The library is located at 131 N. Hemlock St.

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