

Biographer tells of 'Union Jack' Kennedy

SEASIDE — At 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, as the Friends of the Seaside Library welcomes author Christopher Sandford, who will speak on his new book, "Union Jack: John F. Kennedy's Special Relationship with Great Britain." The event takes place in the Seaside Library's Community Room, and there will be book sales and signings.

President Kennedy carried on a lifelong affection for England and the English people. From his speaking style to his tastes in art, architecture, theater, music and clothes, his personality reflected his deep interest in a certain kind of idealized Englishness.

In "Union Jack," Sandford, a noted biographer, tracks Kennedy's exploits in Great Britain between 1935 and 1963. He delves into the unique way Britain shaped JFK throughout his adult life and how Kennedy charmed British society.

This mutual affinity took place against a backdrop of some of the 20th century's most profound events, including the Great Depression, Britain's appeasement of Hitler, World War II and

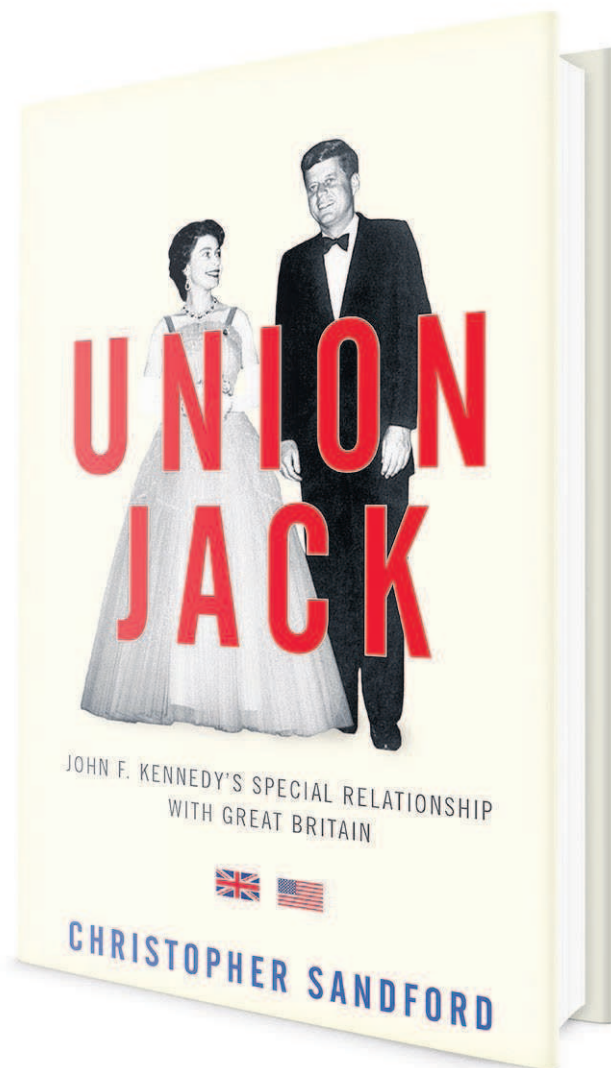
the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction.

The book is based on extensive archival work as well as firsthand accounts from former British acquaintances, including old girlfriends. "Union Jack" charts Kennedy's struggle to escape the shadow of his father, who was the former ambassador to Great Britain, and his pro-British rhetoric that was rivaled only by Winston Churchill.

In the centennial year of his birth, this unique and enduring portrait gives us a glimpse into another side of JFK.

Sandford is the author of 19 books and has written for a variety of publications including the Times of London, The Daily Telegraph, Cosmopolitan and Rolling Stone. His biographies of Mick Jagger, Kurt Cobain and Sting have been bestsellers. Born in London, Sandford splits his time between Seattle and England.

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



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Frighten your readers (in a good way)

ASTORIA — Just in time for Halloween, local author Melissa Eskue Ousley will share secrets to writing scary stories at a free workshop at the Astoria Library (450 10th St.) 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 14. The workshop is open to teens and adults.

In the "Writing Scary" workshop, Eskue Ousley will cover topics including sensory details, character-driven fiction, point of view and foreshadowing. Participants will learn techniques for writing spooky and suspenseful scenes and engaging readers.

Registration is recommended but not required. Contact library staff at 503-325-7323 or comments@astorialibrary.org to reserve a spot.

Eskue Ousley is the author of five novels, two of which — including her latest, "Pitcher Plant" — are set on the Oregon Coast and feature murder and restless spirits. Her short stories have appeared in Rain



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Author Melissa Eskue Ousley

Magazine and The North Coast Squid. In addition to writing, Eskue Ousley enjoys mentoring new authors and leads Writers@Work, a group that meets monthly at the Seaside Public Library. Connect with her at MelissaEskueOusley.com.

The Astoria Library is a department of the City of Astoria, guided by the mission statement: "Explore ideas, engage minds, excite imagination." For more information about library programs and services, contact 503-325-7323 or visit astorialibrary.org.

'Write Astoria' showcases works in progress

ASTORIA — Enjoy an evening of readings by local writers 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Astoria Library (450 10th St.). The free event will showcase works of fiction and non-fiction from participants of Write Astoria, a local writers group.

Write Astoria was founded by facilitator and Library Advisory Board Chairwoman Kate Deeks as an open forum where writers read from works in progress and offer each other constructive feedback and support. The



group meets 5 to 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednes-

day of the month in the library's Flag Room.

The Oct. 19 event will be the first at which Write Astoria participants will read from their own work publicly. The writers will be available to answer questions at a reception following the readings.

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