

GRAPHIC NOVELIST TELLS A FETCHING TALE

MANZANITA — Author Nicole J. Georges will read from her latest book, the graphic novel “Fetch: How a Bad Dog Brought Me Home,” 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Hoffman Center for the Arts (594 Laneda Ave.).

Admission is \$7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

When Georges was 16 she adopted Beija, a dysfunctional Shar-Pei/corgi mix — a troublesome combination of tiny and attack, just like Nicole herself. For the next 15 years, Beija would be the one constant in her life. Through depression, relationships gone awry and an unmoored young adulthood played out against the backdrop of the Portland punk scene, Beija was there, wearing her “Don’t Pet Me” bandana.

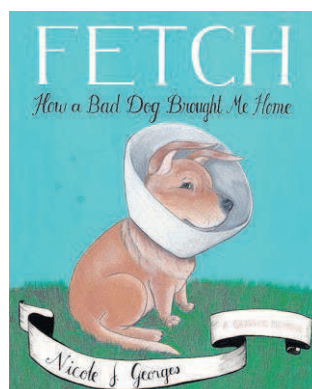
“Fetch” chronicles their symbiotic, co-dependent relationship and probes what it means to be responsible for another living thing — one that occasionally lunges at toddlers. Georges never successfully taught Beija “sit,” but in the end, Beija taught Georges how to stay.

Georges is a writer, illustrator, podcaster and professor from Portland, Oregon. Her Lambda Award-winning graphic memoir, “Calling Dr. Laura,” was called “engrossing, lovable, smart and ultimately poignant” by Rachel Maddow, and “disarming and haunting, hip and sweet, all at once” by Alison Bechdel, author of “Fun Home.” She has been publishing her own zines and comics for 20 years, and has toured the country extensively.

Following the author reading and Q-and-A, the Hoffman Center will host its popular open mic where up to nine local or visiting writers will read five minutes of their original work. The suggested (not required) theme for the evening’s open



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Author Nicole J. Georges



“Fetch: How a Bad Dog Brought Me Home,” by Nicole J. Georges

mic is “Sit, Stay, Fetch: the Pet that Changed My Life.”

The Manzanita Writers’ Series is a program of the Hoffman Center for the Arts. For more information, visit hoffmanblog.org, or contact Kathie Hightower (kathiejhightower@gmail.com).

Terrorist survivor speaks at Seaside library

SEASIDE — Author Jeanette Chaffee will speak at the Seaside Public Library (1131 Broadway St.) 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 17. She will share how she survived the TWA Flight 840 explosion of a terrorist bomb less than 14 feet from her. It is the only time in history passengers have survived after a bomb exploded aboard a commercial plane midair.

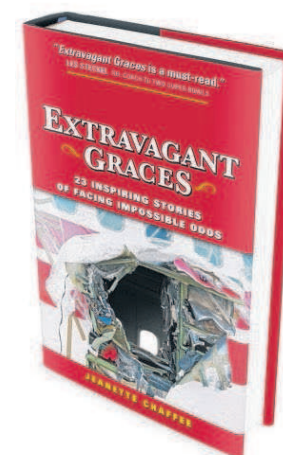
In 1986, Chaffee was on the last leg of a 15-hour flight from Salem, Oregon, to Athens, Greece, when a bomb hidden underneath seat 10-F was detonated on the aircraft over Argos, Greece. The explosion blew a hole in the side of the aircraft, ejecting five passengers to their deaths. Seven others were injured by shrapnel as the cabin suffered a rapid decompression. The remaining 110 passengers survived the attack as the pilot was able to make a successful landing in Athens.

This incident would change Chaffee’s life forever. “I believe I survived so that I can emphasize that



TWA Flight 840

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has told her story through broadcast and print media across four continents.

There will be a Q-and-A with Chaffee at the library event, and she will sign copies of her book, “Extravagant Graces: 23 Inspiring Stories of Facing Impossible Odds,” which highlights her personal interviews of the most inspiring and influential people of our times.

Chaffee has appeared on 20/20, CBS Evening News with Dan Rather, The 700 Club and 100 Huntley Street. She has been quoted in the New York Times, USA Today and Newsweek.

now’s the time for each of us to make peace with God,” she says. “There are no guarantees on life.” She

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