

# BOOK OF LOVE

**WRITER/ILLUSTRATOR SALLY LACKAFF AND ASTORIA ICON ROBERT 'JAKE' JACOB COLLABORATED ON 'SARAH'S CIRCUS'**



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Sally Lackaff, left, shares a laugh with Jim Radich during a book signing event.

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**C**rack open Sally Lackaff's new book, "Sarah's Circus," and you enter a world of color, imagination and thoughtfulness. The eponymous heroine's tale follows her through a day of hard work and lessons about the closeness of family.

The book is also a very personal love letter from the late Robert "Jake" Jacob, the Astoria icon and entrepreneur who died in September. Jacob was the owner of

the Cannery Pier Hotel and a driving force behind the restoration of the Liberty Theatre, the purchase of the Astoria Armory and the current campaign to bring the ferry Tourist No. 2 to the waterfront.

He was also a prolific storyteller and is responsible for the story of "Sarah's Circus."

A longtime employee of the Cannery Pier Hotel, Lackaff was familiar with Jacob's penchant for telling tales. The two began discussing collaborating on a story from Jacob's own childhood that had been rolling around his head for a few years.



Robert "Jake" Jacob