

Young girl takes on 1890s Seaside, Astoria in historical novel

INSPIRING PLUCK

BY EVE MARX

The genre of historical fiction is a popular one and growing all the time. Telling a story about a particular time and place and developing characters based on actual living people requires a talent not just for writing fiction but an interest in research as well.

There are a handful of authors who do it really well, including Ken Follett ("World Without End"); Philippa Gregory ("The Other Boleyn Girl"), E.L. Doctorow ("Ragtime") and Umberto Eco ("The Name of the Rose"). It is a gift to be able to do historical fiction well. Linda B. Myers, a Port Angeles, Washington-based author, has the gift.

In a telephone interview from her home, Myers said the idea for her latest novel, "Fog Coast Runaway," set in Seaside and Astoria in the 1890s, started at a turnout on Highway 101 near Cannon Beach where she strained to read the words stamped into a monument telling the story of a dog rumored to have been the lone survivor of an 1890's shipwreck. Doing research about that dog, who in



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