

Brian Ratty of Warrenton promotes his book 'The Tillamook Rock Lighthouse: History and Tales of Terrible Tilly.' He describes life as a lighthouse keeper and recalls the Oregon Coast landmark's early days. He also writes historical fiction, often with a nautical flavor.

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food and drink, and being tucked between the Bay and the ocean," she said.

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Nonfiction outdoors writing by Allan Fritz appears online at southwestwashingtonpaddletrips.wordpress.com. His book is "Southwest Washington Paddle Trips: 70 Paddleboat Launch Sites with destinations."

The work is a practical guide for people who love to kayak, canoe or paddleboard. It covers Washington locales from Ocean Shores, east to Stella and Clatskanie, and south in Oregon to the Nehalem River at Wheeler — all places where Fritz paddled before featuring them.

A map with GPS coordinates is printed with each and Fritz posts online updates if conditions change significantly. His selections avoid whitewater rapids or surfing beaches.

Humor

Gregory E. Zschomler is based in Aberdeen, Washington, where he runs Harbor Books, an independent bookstore, and helps authors get published.

He edited 22 short stories about farm life and country living in the Pacific Northwest from 16 Oregon and Washington authors and produced "Chicken Poop on My Sole" — the title a play on the mainstream series that Bono writes for.

His own dozen publications include humor writing. One of his stories, called "Feelin' Squirrely," is about a critter who visited his prior home in Cannon Beach. Another, "The Day Renny Skaraosten Saved the North Coast," is about a Tillamook cheese maker whose flatulence is so bad it can blow a tsunami back out to sea.

"I write about my experiences growing up in the Pacific Northwest, but also involve my



Amy Cissell of Portland loves Washington's Long Beach Peninsula. She is the author of two series and the second, her Oracle Bay novels, takes place in her fictional Oracle Bay, which she describes as "kind of a mix between Oysterville and Ocean Park."

travels in what I write," he said.

History

Brian Ratty of Warrenton writes nonfiction, fiction and is a photographer. He said during the past 35 years, he has "traveled the vast wilderness of the Pacific Coast in search of images and stories that reflect the spirit and splendor of those spectacular lands."

One of his books is a history of the Tillamook Head Lighthouse nicknamed "Terrible Tilly." His historical fiction seeks to portray adventures with bold characters. One work, "Destination Astoria: Odyssey to the Pacific," features an 1810 fur trapper.

He spent 18 months researching "Voyage of Atonement," a story about survivors from World War II prisoner-of-war camps who sail from the Columbia River to Tahiti and discover a sunken submarine loaded with Nazi gold.

Temptation

Also featured will be Rosie McGee of Portland, whose behind-the-scenes photos have been published in multiple biographies or exhibits about the "long, strange trip" of the Grateful Dead, and whose "Dancing with the Dead — A Photographic Memoir" tells intimate stories of San Francisco's 1960s counter-culture collected during the 10 years she was a member of the band's entourage.

For Ragan Myers, the organizer, putting the project together has meant joy as well as work. The authors impress her, not least Gerald Moriarty, of Buckley, Washington, who at 83 is publishing his eighth book. He started writing when he was 79. "It's never too late," Myers said.

But the temptation of attending an event where authors sell their books is excruciating. "I just want them all," she laughed. "There's not enough time to read everything I want to read!"



Jennifer Nightingale of Astoria says the scenery and especially the water of the Pacific Northwest inspires her writing. A long-time poet, she has just published her first novel, set in a community appearing similar to Willapa Bay in the 1970s.



Gregory E. Zschomler is a former Cannon Beach resident who has been a professional writer since 2012. As well as his own materials, he enjoys helping others get published.



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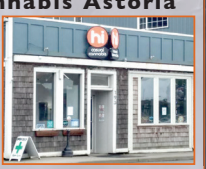
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