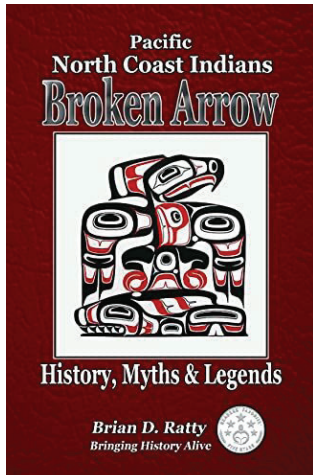


# Tales of a lost culture



## The book

'Broken Arrow: History, Myths & Legends' by Brian Ratty

Sunset Lake Publishing  
Paperback, \$15

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## Local author writes historical book about North Coast Native Americans

BY CHLOE SKAAR

Lighthouses, coves, beaches and trails have long been a main attraction to the Oregon Coast. They are a testament, often named after the Native American tribes who first shaped the culture of Oregon's coast.

They are also a main attraction to the Astoria area for historical fiction author Brian Ratty and his latest book, "Broken Arrow."

"I'm not an expert or historian ... at my very best, I've just got a great curiosity about our local history," Ratty said. "We all know the Indians really got screwed by the government ... I wanted to mention that, for the most part, the Indians were very welcoming to the (white

men) who came here."

Ratty spent 34 years running the production company Media West out of Portland. He has written and published 10 books, mostly historical fiction, in the 15 years since he retired, drawing on the rich history of the Astoria area and Oregon coast for inspiration.

After Ratty's recent book, "Tillamook Rock Lighthouse: History and Tales of Terrible Tilly," he noticed tourists were interested in Oregon's North Coast history, especially through an informative book at the right length and price point from a local author. By extension, the book helped inspire "Broken Arrow," which was released in July.

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Brian Ratty is the author of 'Broken Arrow,' a book about the history of North Coast Native Americans.

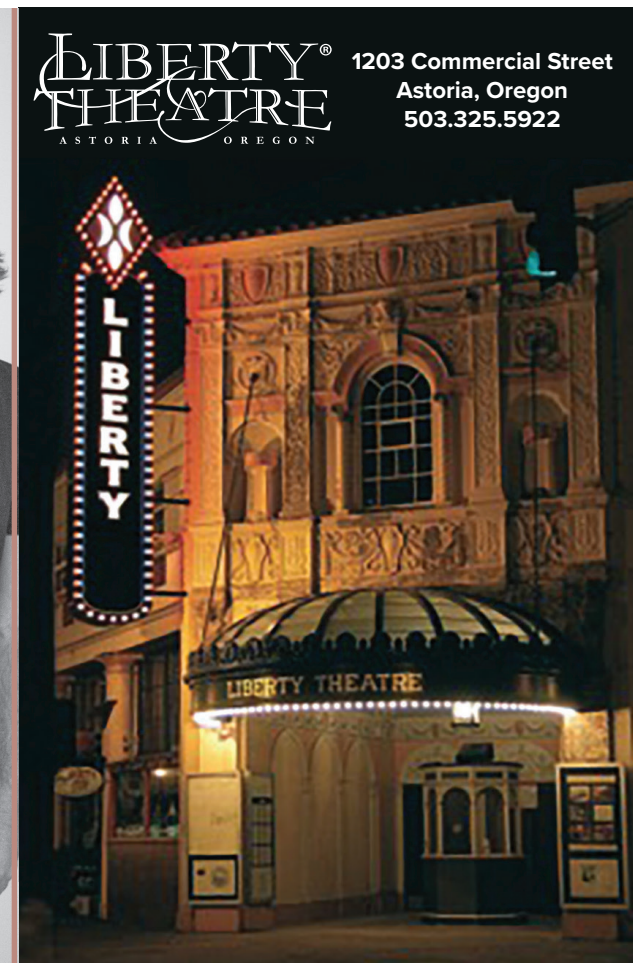
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