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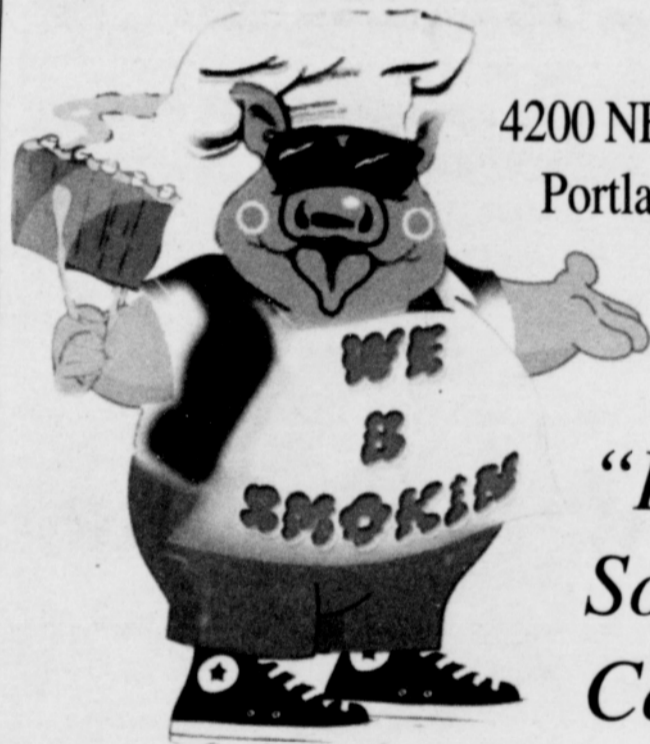
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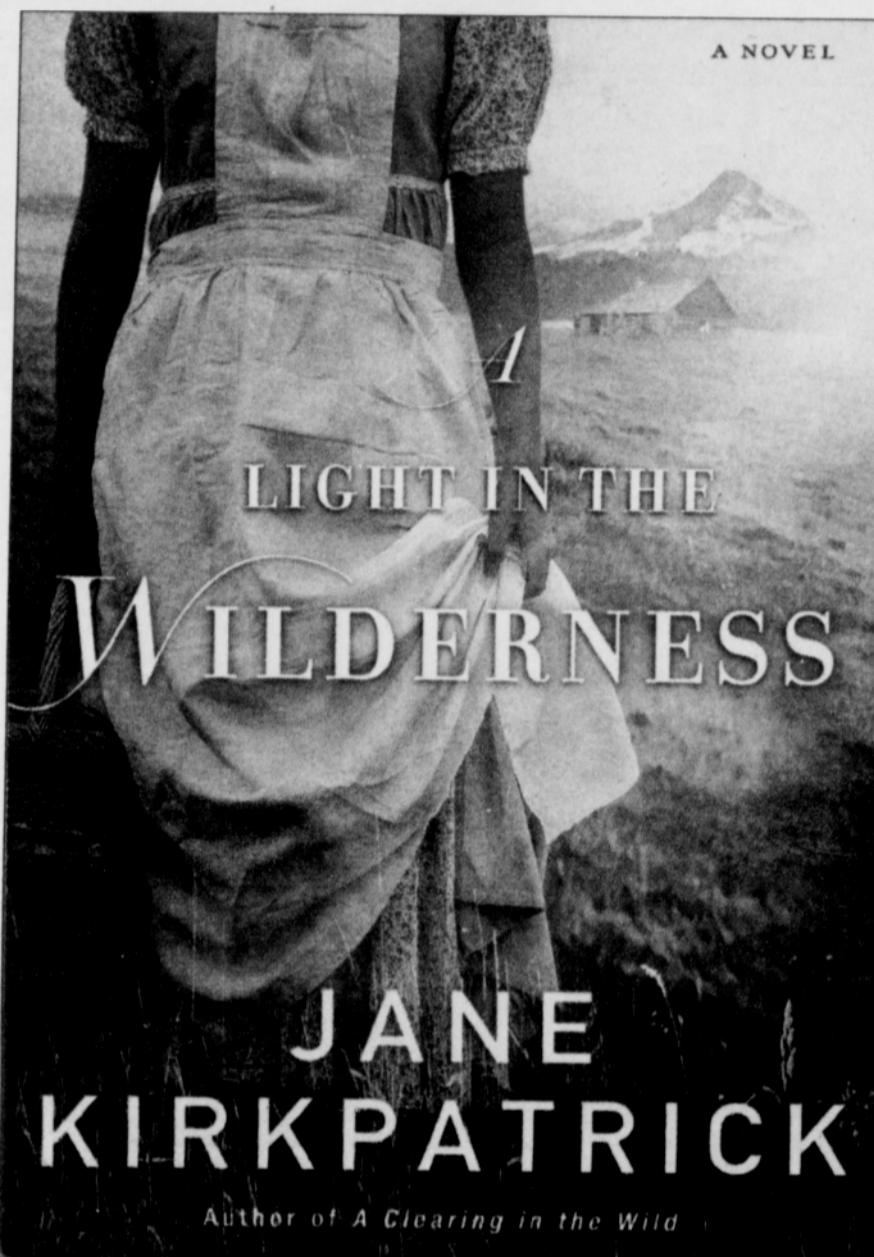
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Crossing the Oregon Trail



True story of brave African American woman

New York Times bestselling author and Oregon resident Jane Kirkpatrick releases her newest novel, *A Light in the Wilderness*, starting with a book signing at Powell's Books at Cedar Hills Crossing on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

In "*A Light in the Wilderness*," Kirkpatrick tells the true story of Letitia Carson, a freed slave who bravely became one of the first African-American women to cross the Oregon Trail.

Letitia settled in Oregon with her husband, but after his death their farm and possessions were seized and sold at auction. With the encouragement of Nancy Hawkins, a doctor's wife, she sued in a state where a person of color could not testify against a white person, women had little status, and persons of color were not even allowed to enter the territory.

Kirkpatrick spent countless hours researching Letitia's life and breathes storied emotion into the historical records surrounding her life.

"Thank you for telling our story. I'm not sure how you got inside the skin of a black woman, but you did. You brought this legal case to life by making Letitia personal. I loved this book," said Gwen Carr of the Oregon Black Pioneers.

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Jane Kirkpatrick

Publishers Weekly calls "*A Light in the Darkness*," "indelible and intriguing...poignant and persuasive."

"I think women like Letitia inspire us to greater things," says Kirkpatrick. "I like telling the stories of ordinary women - such as Letitia - who are really extraordinary. Their stories resonate with contemporary women and allow a reader to ask themselves how they would deal with that kind of challenge and to see that the strengths these women demonstrate are present in our own lives. I like to celebrate these women and let them teach me about living with what I have now."

Kirkpatrick, author of more than 25 books, will hold other book signings for "*A Light in the Wilderness*" in the Portland area on Wednesday, Sept. 17 at the Tigard Public Library and Thursday, Sept. 18 at the Gresham Center for the Arts Foundation.