

'Eminent Oregonians' highlights important stories

Three Oregon authors tell the stories of three people who shaped Oregon's history

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Characterized as a publication "inspired by Lytton Strachey's 'Eminent Victorians,'" the authors of "Eminent Oregonians" describe three Oregonians — Abigail Scott Duniway (1834-1915), Jesse Applegate (1811-1888) and Richard Lewis Neuberger (1912-1960) — "who were often at odds with their moments in history." In the newly released book's promotional materials, Richard A. Baker, U.S. Senate historian emeritus, said Oregon authors Jane

Kirkpatrick, R. Gregory Nokes and Steve Forrester each present well-sourced and insightful commentary.

Forrester first pondered the publication in 1987. However, as the editor and publisher of the Daily Astorian, he didn't have time to tackle the project. After retiring, Forrester found the time. He recruited Nokes, who was immediately on board.

"The project seemed like a perfect opportunity to tell the stories of people who have received little public recognition for their important contributions to shaping the Oregon as

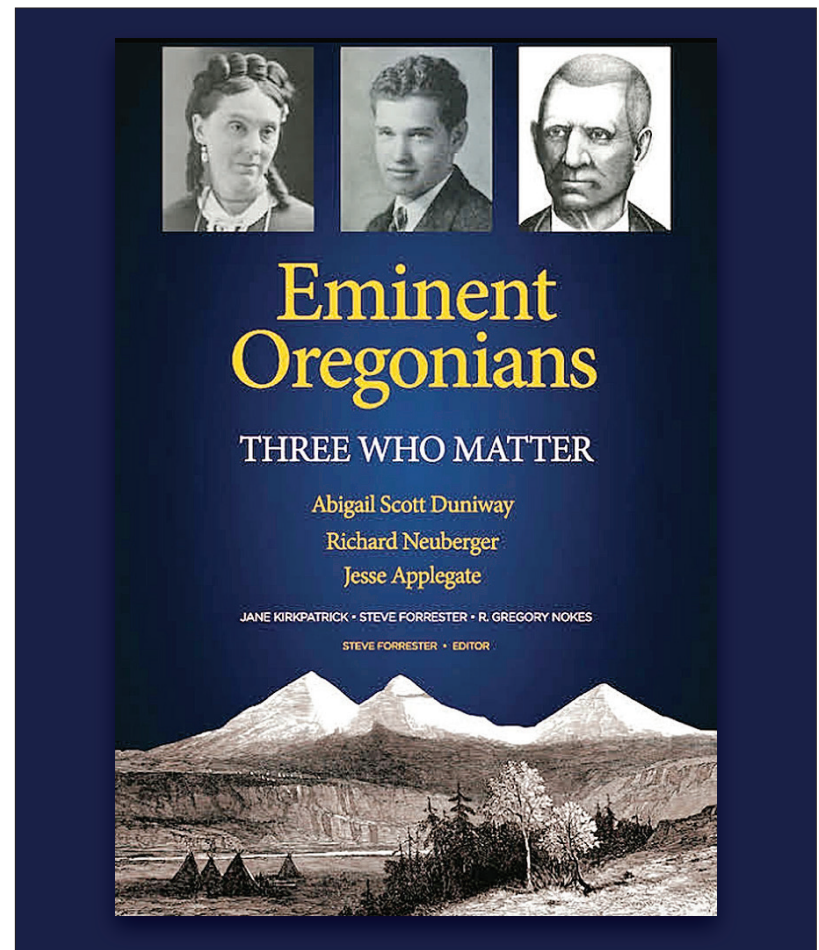
we know it today," Nokes said.

While having lunch together, Forrester shared that he wanted a female author to write a chapter about Duniway — Nokes suggested Kirkpatrick.

JANE KIRKPATRICK

An award-winning author, Kirkpatrick has penned more than three dozen fiction and nonfiction books — many based on the lives of historical women. Her September 2020 historical fiction release, "Something Worth Doing," centered around Duniway, an early women's rights advocate, newspaper editor and writer.

Kirkpatrick, who was writing and researching both projects simultaneously, said it was a challenge. Working with two different editors, she said, helped her navigate the process.



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"Eminent Oregonians" explores the lives and contributions of three Oregonians who helped create modern Oregon.



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