

Between the Bookends

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traordinary bravery under fire at Guadalcanal, he toured the nation with movie stars, shared podiums with governors and shook the hands of thousands of citizens. Why would a man who had gone above and beyond the call of duty and was reaping the rewards beg his commanding officers to send him back in to combat? Legendary columnist James Brady explores this and other questions in this surprising biography. This is the tale of a small-town boy who became one of World War II's best-known heroes, only to be forgotten after his death in battle.

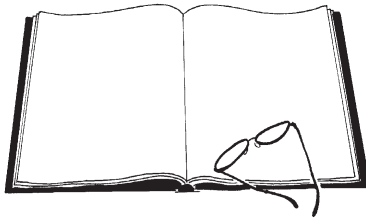
Catalyst, a Tale of the Barque Cats by Anne McCaffrey and Elizabeth Ann Scarborough. Cats have been solving mysteries in books for many years now. But in this science fiction story, cats are heading into space and helping to save the universe. Since the first Maine coon cat showed what a cat could do for a ship and its crew, the so-called Barque Cats have become highly-prized crew members. His progeny, assisted by humans with whom they share a deep and loving bond, travel the galaxy and are responsible for keeping the craft free of vermin, for alerting human crews to potential environmental hazards and for acting as morale officers. When an epidemic threatens all animal life, it will take some dedicated humans and some special kittens to save them, and possibly the universe, from total destruction.

Sand Daughter by Sarah Bryant. This historical novel is set in the time of the Crusades. The Islamic world is divided and the Franks have captured the Holy Land. As the mighty Saladin struggles to unite the clans of Arabia against the invaders, a young Bedouin woman faces danger. She is Khalidah, a woman set to enter an arranged loveless marriage at the behest of her father. She soon finds the impending union

makes her a pawn in a deadly plot involving her own feuding tribe and the Knights Templar. She runs away with a man she barely knows and their journey is an unimaginable adventure. But she is somehow still connected to the Jinn, mysterious Afghan warriors who may hold the key to winning the imminent battle for the Holy Land.

The Witch Doctor's Wife by Tamar Myers. The long-beloved mystery writer tells a tale of duty, greed, danger and miracles in equatorial Africa, drawn partially from her own years in Africa. Young missionary Amanda Brown goes to the Congo in 1958. Her enthusiasm is countered by the shock of a very foreign culture. Little by little, Amanda is drawn into the lives of the villagers in Belle Vue and she befriends the local witch doctor, who has been forced to take a second job to support his two wives. When First Wife stumbles upon an enormous, uncut gem, events are set in motion that threaten to devastate the lives of these people Amanda has come to admire and

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- Farm Board of Review has one open position. The Farm Board of Review is an advisory panel to the County Assessor. The Board meets once each year to inform the Assessor regarding farmland rents and other information pertaining to the valuation of farmland for property taxation as provided by Oregon Law. Board members serve for two years.

The application deadline is April 27, 2010 or when all vacancies are filled. Applications may be obtained by visiting the Web site or by calling 503-846-8685. Descriptions of all the boards can also be found on

the Boards and Commissions web site. Boards, committees, and commissions advise the Board of Commissioners on matters of interest to people who live and work in Washington County. Committees themselves do not pass ordinances or establish policy; their purpose is to study issues and make recommendations. Commission members are volunteers appointed by the County Board of Commissioners. Members must be residents of Washington County. Serving on an appointed board or commission is a great way for Washington County residents to participate in decisions that affect them and to learn more about how local government works.

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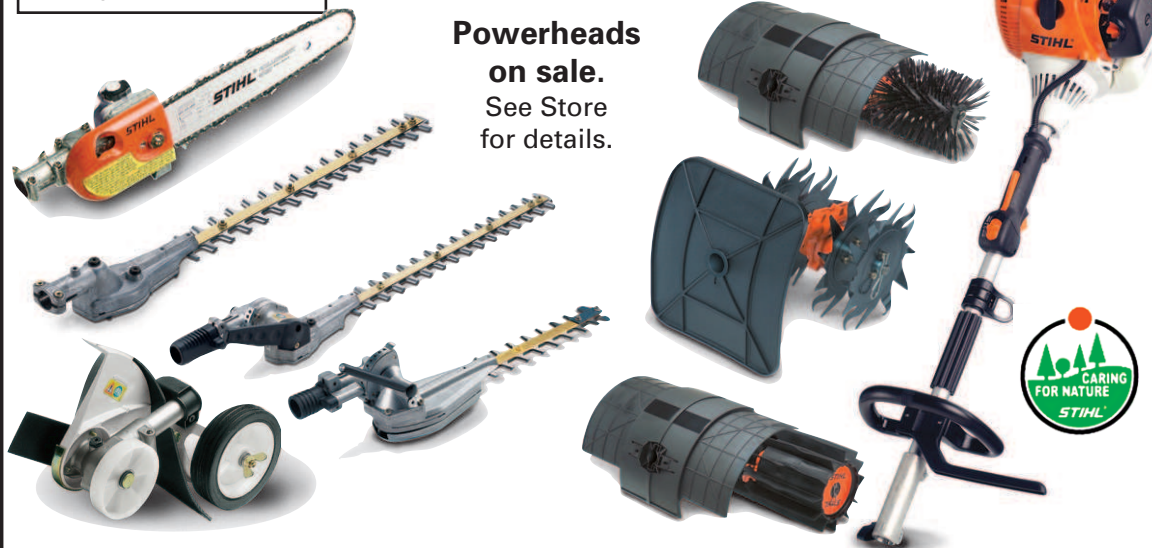


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