

# Honoring Our Rivers project invites submissions for magazine

Now that the first day of school has come and gone for Oregon students, teachers and parents, Honoring Our Rivers presents an engaging learning experience that leads to publication for young writers and visual artists, developing the state's next generation of cultural leaders and river enthusiasts. Now entering its 13th year, Honoring Our Rivers (HOR) is open to all students throughout the state (K-12, undergraduate). Students submit

their writings and artwork focused on rivers and watersheds to a juried-review process, and those selected enjoy publication in a magazine distributed before Earth Day in April.

"Honoring Our Rivers is a motivating learning project," says Tom Webb, HOR's project director. "Not only do students learn about Oregon's legacy of rivers, they take part in the process of submitting to a publication for public considera-

tion, a real-world writing and art practice. HOR also supports teachers' efforts to meet state standards in the arts, English and earth sciences." All schools and students are recognized for their participation. After publication, selected students participate in public readings around the state.

Over the years, HOR has worked with hundreds of Oregon schools and published the work of thousands of students. HOR is working this year to increase and diversify submissions based on geographic location and grade level. Teach-

ers are encouraged to make HOR part of their lesson planning for fall term in order to meet the submission deadline of January 31, 2013.

Student work in the HOR anthology appears alongside submissions from some of Oregon's leading writers, including literary figures such as Ursula Le Guin, Brian Doyle, Barry Lopez and Oregon poet laureate Paulann Petersen.

Visit [www.honoringourivers.org](http://www.honoringourivers.org) for complete submission guidelines, electronic submission portal, teaching tool kits, resource listings, submission

forms and details.

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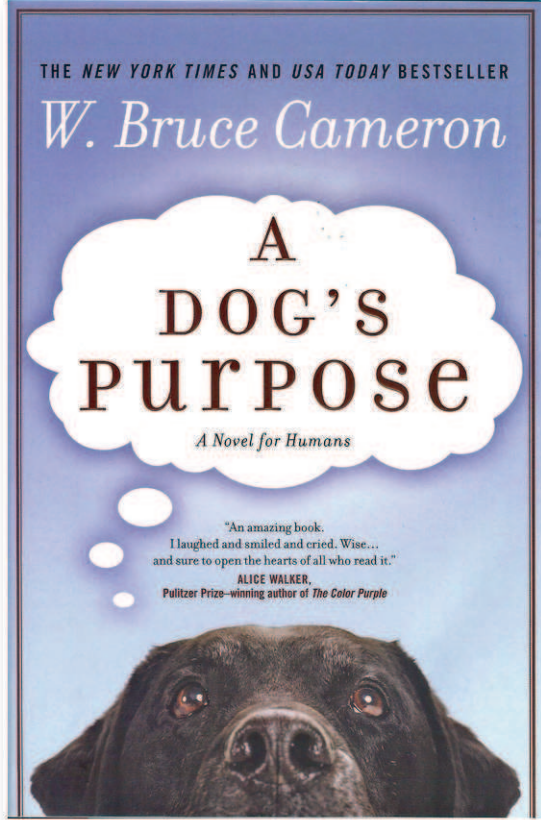
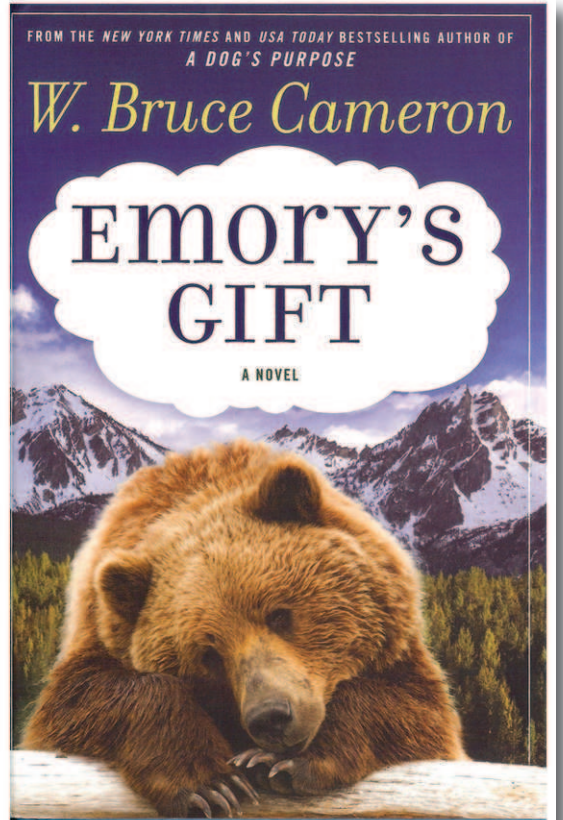
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