

RELATED SPECIAL EVENTS (All Events Free!)

Opening Reception – Hoedown in the Carnegie

March 5th (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00–7:30 pm

Kick off this year's Community Read with live music by Eagle Mountain String Band and readings by special guests. Chili and cornbread provided by Kris Nelson's family of restaurants.

Northwind Arts Center Juried Exhibit Opening – “Just Passing Through”

March 7th Reception (Saturday) Northwind Arts Center 5:30–8:00 pm

“Just Passing Through” exhibit runs from March 5 to March 29.

Northwind Arts Center – PT Shorts

March 7th (Saturday) LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED 7:30 pm

Reader's Theater– Dramatic reading of excerpts from *Whiskey When We're Dry* by performers from Key City Public Theatre.

Author Glynda Peterson Schaad

March 12th (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 7:00 pm

Join Glynda Peterson Schaad for a talk about her book, *High Divide: Minnie Peterson's Olympic Mountain Adventures (The Early Years 1915–1962)*.

True Grit – Movie Screening

March 13th (Friday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Free film – 2010 Coen brothers production adapted from the 1968 novel by Charles Portis.

Author Christine Hemp

March 18th (Wednesday) Carnegie Reading Room 7:00 pm

Christine will talk about her new book, *Wild Ride Home: Love, Loss, and a Little White Horse, a Family Memoir*, about the relationship and language between people and horses.

Archery Demonstration and Instruction with Wapiti Bowmen

March 21st (Saturday) Jefferson County Fairgrounds 2:00 pm

Meet the Author: John Larison

March 26th (Thursday) Northwest Maritime Center 6:30–8:00 pm

Join John as he discusses his book, to be followed by an “In Conversation” talk with local author, Adrienne Harun. A book signing will follow. Imprint Books will have books for sale at the event.



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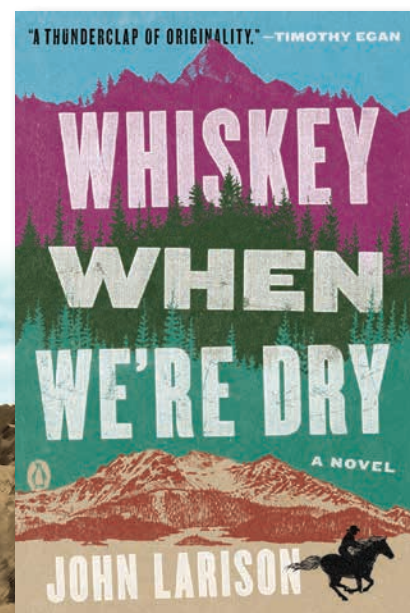


COMMUNITY READ 2020

JOHN
LARISON

Whiskey When We're Dry

Published by Penguin Books



Port Townsend Reads ... a community coming together through reading



Author Profile

John Larison was born in Oregon in 1979, and worked as a fly-fishing guide and high school English teacher before turning full-time to writing. His most recent novel, *Whiskey When We're Dry*, was a *Los Angeles Times* Bestseller, an Indie Next Pick, and a finalist for the Ken Kesey Award. It was named a Best Book by *O Magazine*, *Goodreads*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Outside Magazine*, *Powell's*, NPR's *All Things Considered*, and others,

and is currently being developed for a feature film. He lives with his family near Bellfountain, Oregon. Visit him online at <https://www.johnlarison.com/home>.

Whiskey When We're Dry

"A thunderclap of originality, here is a fresh voice and fresh take on one of the oldest stories we tell about ourselves as Americans and Westerners. It's riveting in all the right ways – a damn good read that stayed with me long after closing the covers."

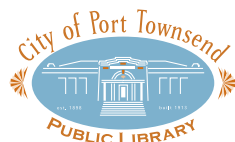
— Timothy Egan, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Worst Hard Time*

In the spring of 1885, finding herself alone, seventeen-year-old Jessilyn Harney sets out to find her runaway brother, Noah. But it's dangerous to be a young woman travelling in the West. Without options, she cuts off her hair, binds her chest, saddles her beloved mare, Ingrid, and sets off across the mountains. Written in Larison's lush prose that brings the wild landscape to life, *Whiskey When We're Dry* is a brutal, heartbreaking tale of bravery, loss, and identity in the American West.

Growing up, Jessilyn learned sharpshooting from her father. Now known as Jesse, her skills catch the eye of the territory's violent, capricious Governor, who offers her employment. But Noah is now an outlaw, and the very men Jesse travels with are trying to hunt him down. The journey is long, bitter, and violent, and Jess finds herself committing acts that take her further and further away from the girl she once was.

Told in Jess's unforgettable voice, *Whiskey When We're Dry* is an epic as expansive as America itself—and weaves together the complex web of stories and characters that contributed to its formation.

For more information:
(360) 385-3181
www.ptpubliclibrary.org



THE COMMUNITY READ PROGRAM & HOW IT WORKS

The City of Port Townsend has proclaimed March as the official "Reading Month." The Community Read is designed to promote closer ties among community members through the shared experience of reading, sharing and discussing the same book and ideas related to topics raised by the book.

- A limited number of free copies of the book will be available at the Port Townsend Public Library on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional copies will be available at the Library on two-week loans, or you may purchase a copy at Imprint Bookstore.
- Read the book, then pass it on to others.
- Prepare for a discussion about the book with your own book group or join in the groups listed below. A brochure with discussion issues and questions is available at the Library.
- Attend the many related events in the community during the month of March.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!!!

DISCUSSION GROUPS

MARCH 2 (Monday)	Book Lovers' Café Library Learning Center (Pink House)	2:00 pm
MARCH 10 (Tuesday)	Community Book Discussion at Keg & I 1291 Chimacum Road, Chimacum	6:00 pm
MARCH 18 (Wednesday)	Community Book Discussion at The Old Whiskey Mill 1038 Water Street	2:00 pm
MARCH 24 (Tuesday)	Community Book Discussion at Velocity Coffee 431 Water Street	1:00 pm



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