

## RELATED SPECIAL EVENTS (All Events Free!)

Check the Library's website for specific links to online programs at [ptpubliclibrary.org](http://ptpubliclibrary.org), under Programs/Community Read.

### Movie Kickoff: PTFP Presents Virtual Screening of *Community First, A Home for the Homeless*

March 1–7 Virtual Screening Room On Demand

Screen the movie for free March 1st–March 7th through the Port Townsend Film Festival's online platform and celebrate the dream of everyone having a home.

### NorthwindArt *The Spirit of Home* Exhibit

March 4–28 Grover Gallery, 236 Taylor St. Thurs.–Mon., 12 pm–5 pm

A special art exhibit inspired by *House Lessons* featuring artists Max Grover, Liz Reutlinger, Joe Wuts and more.

### Book Lovers' Cafe

March 1 (Monday) Online Via Zoom 2 pm

Join the Library's Book Club for a group discussion of *House Lessons* with Library Director Melody Sky Eisler.

### Jump Start Your Memoir – Webinar with Erica Bauermeister

March 13–14 (Saturday and Sunday) Online Via Zoom 10 am–12 pm both days

Erica will teach a two-day webinar on memoir writing for all writing levels. Registration is required. Visit the Library's website or call (360) 385-3181 to register.

### Community Book Discussion

March 18 (Thursday) Online Via Zoom 7 pm

Treat yourself to a curbside meal from your favorite local restaurant and join the book club discussion of *House Lessons* with Richard Berg of Terrapin Architecture.

### StoryWalk *The Little House* for Kids and their Families

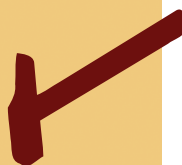
March 20 (Saturday) Kah Tai Lagoon 12–4 pm

A fun outdoor adventure for the whole family. Pages will be posted at stations along the trail for families to enjoy a story as they walk the path near the Lagoon. Explore anytime between 12–4pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

### Meet the Author: Erica Bauermeister

March 25 (Thursday) Online via Zoom 7 pm

Join Erica for a presentation and reading. Signed books can be purchased at Imprint Books.



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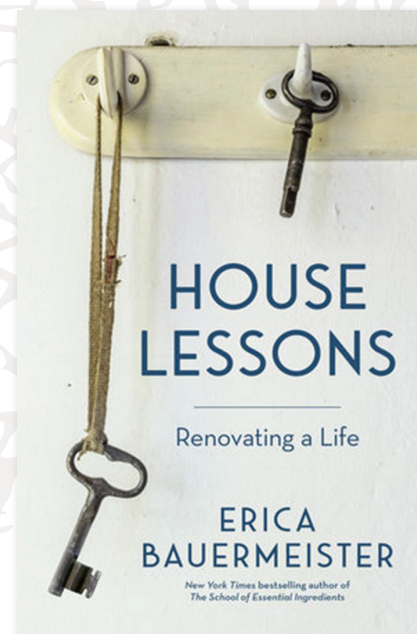


## COMMUNITY READ 2021

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BAUERMEISTER

### *House Lessons: Renovating a Life*

Published by Sasquatch Books



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



## Author Profile

Erica Bauermeister is the bestselling author of four novels: *The School of Essential Ingredients*, *Joy for Beginners*, *The Lost Art of Mixing*, and *The Scent Keeper*. She is also the coauthor of *500 Great Books by Women: A Reader's Guide* and *Let's Hear It For the Girls: 375 Great Books for Readers 2–14*. She has a PhD in literature from the University of Washington, and has taught there and

at Antioch University. With the exception of two years in Italy, Bauermeister has lived in the Pacific Northwest for nearly four decades, and her children proudly say rainwater runs in their veins. She is a founding member of the Seattle7Writers and currently lives in Port Townsend, Washington, in the house she renovated with her family.

Visit her online at <https://www.ericabauermeister.com/house-lessons>.

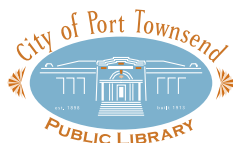
## House Lessons: Renovating a Life

“One-part investigation of architecture and design, one part exploration of identity, *House Lessons* is a meditation on space and home, and Bauermeister is a Zen master of the self.”

– Adrienne Brodeur, author of *Wild Game*

In this mesmerizing memoir-in-essays, Erica Bauermeister renovates a trash-filled house in eccentric Port Townsend, Washington, and in the process takes readers on a journey to discover the ways our spaces subliminally affect us. A personal, accessible, and literary exploration of the psychology of architecture, as well as a loving tribute to the connections we forge with the homes we care for and live in, this book is designed for anyone who's ever fallen head over heels for a house. It is also a story of a marriage, of family, and of the kind of roots that settle deep into your heart. Discover what happens when a house has its own lessons to teach in this moving and insightful memoir that ultimately shows us how to make our own homes (and lives) better.

For more information:  
(360) 385-3181  
[www.ptpubliclibrary.org](http://www.ptpubliclibrary.org)



## THE COMMUNITY READ PROGRAM & HOW IT WORKS

The City of Port Townsend has proclaimed March as the official “Reading Month.” 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, mostly online, events during the month of March.

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!!!**

This year's Community Read is mostly online to keep our community safe and connected. The library's website offers live online events and self-guided virtual tours. All the information for how to access the programs and tours are on the Library's website under Programs/Community Read.

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