

RELATED SPECIAL EVENTS (All Events Free!)

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“Big Walk” – a Modified Kennedy Walking Challenge

March 1–31 Choose Your Own Places to Walk

Walk 50 miles throughout the month of March and be entered to win a prize. Pick up a walking log at the library or download from the library's website. Supported by Jefferson County Public Health.

StoryWalk – *John Muir: America's Naturalist* by Thomas Locker

March 1–31 Kah Tai Lagoon Daylight Hours

A fun outdoor adventure for the whole family to enjoy John Muir's wisdom. Walk and read book. Explore anytime during daylight in March.

Movie Kickoff – PTFP Presents *The Wizard of Oz*

March 2 (Saturday) Rose Theatre 10:00 am

Start your Community Read journey with the classic *The Wizard of Oz* at the beautiful Rose Theatre. Reserve your FREE tickets at www.ptfilmfest.com or pick them up in person at the library.

Book Lovers' Café

March 4 (Monday) Library Learning Center (Pink House) 2:00 pm

Join the library's book club for a group discussion of *On the Way to the End of the World* with Library Director Melody Sky Weaver.

Larry Scott Trail Talk

March 6 (Wednesday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Learn about the history, recent upgrades, and future of this trail from the Peninsula Trails Coalition.

Community Book Discussion at The Nest

March 13 (Wednesday) The Nest–1119 Lawrence Street 1:00 pm

Enjoy coffee, snacks, and discuss *On the Way to the End of the World* with Librarian Emily Bufford.

A Deadly Wind – *The 1962 Columbus Day Storm*

March 14 (Thursday) Carnegie Reading Room 6:00 pm

Author John Dodge will discuss the epic Columbus Day storm of 1962.

Community Book Discussion at Marina Café

March 26 (Tuesday) Marina Café–2800 Washington Street 11:00 am

Enjoy coffee and famous muffins and discuss *On the Way to the End of the World* with Library Director Melody Sky Weaver.

Meet the Author: Adrienne Harun

March 30 (Saturday) Northwest Maritime Center 6:00 pm

Join Adrienne Harun for a presentation and reading. Followed by a book signing and books for sale from Imprint Books.



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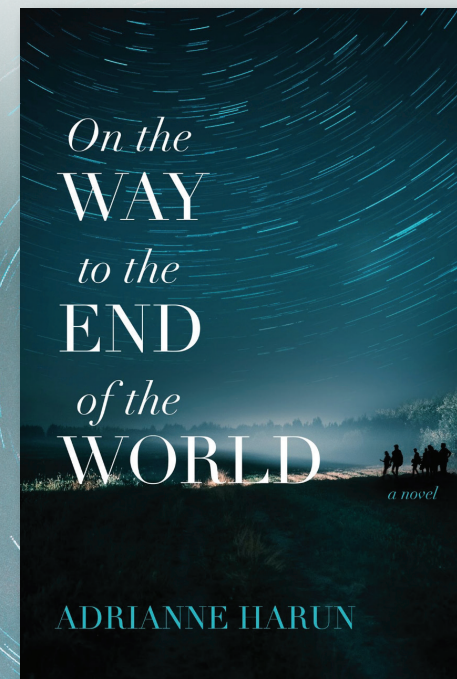


COMMUNITY READ
2024

ADRIANNE
HARUN

*On the Way to the
End of the World*

Published by Acre Books



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

Author Profile



Adrienne Harun is the author of two short story collections, *The King of Limbo*, a Washington State Book Award finalist, and *Catch, Release*, winner of the Eric Hoffer Award. Stories from her collections have been listed as Notable in both Best American Short Stories and Best American Mystery Stories. Her first novel *A Man Came Out of a Door in the Mountain* was long-listed for the International Dublin Literary Award, a finalist for both the Pacific Northwest Booksellers' Award and

the Washington State Book Award and winner of a Pinckley Prize for Debut Crime Fiction. Her new novel, *On the Way to the End of the World*, was published in September, 2023.

A longtime resident of Port Townsend, Washington, Adrienne ran a garage, Motorsport, with her late husband, the legendary Alistair Scovil, and has also worked as a teacher and an editor for many years.

Visit her online at www.adrianneharun.com.

On the Way to the End of the World

"Harun's novel reverberates with nostalgia, psychological insight, and the sacredness of community."

– Kirkus Reviews

As the Cuban Missile Crisis eases, President Kennedy is casting around for a demonstration of American prowess when one of his Cabinet unearths an old mandate that US Marines be fit enough to walk fifty miles in twenty hours. Perfect! Kennedy decides to throw down the gauntlet to "today's Marines," but before he knows it, he's sparked a wild fad. The entire country has answered the call, it seems, and for a few crazed winter weeks, masses of Americans will embark on their own arduous Big Walks—the "JFK 50-Milers." Yet in tiny Humdtown—an isolated mill town in the Pacific Northwest—not everyone who shows up for a hastily organized Big Walk is motivated by patriotism.

Splendidly imagined, with prose that sings on the page, *On the Way to the End of the World* is an adventure story riven with secrets, a national fairy tale twisted into a whodunit.

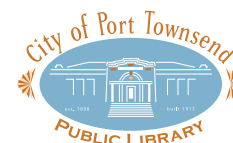
THE COMMUNITY READ PROGRAM & HOW IT WORKS

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 with your own group or join one of the library's book discussions. A Reader's Guide with questions is available at the library.
- Attend the many related in-person events during the month of March.

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE!!!

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



This year's Community Read events are in person and detailed program information is on the library's website.

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