

The Many Daughters of Afong Moy: A Novel by Jamie Ford

A beautiful and ultimately hopeful story about family, legacy, hurt and healing. Ford does an incredible job of weaving together the stories and trauma of seven generations of women, connecting their hope and heartbreak.

JAMIE FORD

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Lesser Known Monsters of the 21st Century: Stories by Kim Fu

This collection reflects on family, coming of age, grief. relationships, and both the promise and uncertainty of the future. Each story is dynamic and thought provoking. It's rare to encounter a collection where every selection stirs something inside. I simply couldn't put this down. I hope it finds many readers in the PNW and beyond.

KIM FU



Red Paint: The Ancestral Biography of a Coast Salish Punk by Sasha taq^wšəblu LaPointe

LaPointe takes us from her rough childhood and early punk rock days to graduate school and back. Her journey of self-discovery, including a commitment to live up to her namesake great-grandmother's legacy as a tribal elder, results in a powerful book and ongoing life story as LaPointe channels legacy into her work as an artist and activist.

SASHA LAPOINTE



The Wok: Recipes and Techniques by J. Kenji López-Alt

The Wok is an beautiful introduction to and exploration of the pan that is certain to become the most versatile in your kitchen. Filled with tricks and technique, featuring thoughtful and scientific sidebars, and loaded to the rim with recipes and photos—whether a novice considering your first wok or a seasoned cook looking to up your game, you cannot go wrong with a teacher like Kenji!

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Ma and Me: A Memoir by Putsata Reang

An excellently interwoven story of the refugee experience, Americanization of immigrant children, tension and trauma between mothers and daughters, and the lingering effects of war. With a journalist's eye and a creative writer's heart, Reang has crafted a memorable memoir with poignant lines to be permanently bookmarked.

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The Necessity of Wildfire: Poems by Caitlin Scarano

These poems burn slowly but searing, as readers are lulled into a sense of comfort in the exploration of the minutiae of everyday life only to be suddenly startled into a higher clarity. Complex and compelling, the collection reveals a connection to both the personal and universal experience.