



## Selections from the State Librarian

Fall 2007

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, announces her fall 2007 book selections. Her theme this season is “**Disasters.**”

Washington natural disasters have provided us with a wealth of material about catastrophic events. Many of our state's disasters changed the landscape forever. The forces of nature have unleashed some unexpected and deadly events that have shaped the state and yielded some impressive history. We are fascinated by the horrific nature of disasters, while our spirits are uplifted by tales of rescue and survival. Both the fiction and nonfiction books this season recount tales of tragedy and escape; they also define Washingtonians as people who open their hearts with hope and willingness to help each other.

Jan's comments about each book can be found on the State Library's web page at:

[http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/wa\\_reads.aspx](http://www.secstate.wa.gov/library/wa_reads.aspx)

Hobbs, Richard. **Catastrophe to Triumph: Bridges of the Tacoma Narrows.** Washington State University Press, 2006. 188 p. (Adult)  
NW 624.2309 HOBBS 2006; R 624.2309 HOBBS 2006

Kehret, Peg. **Escaping the Giant Wave.** Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2003. 151 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 813.6 KEHRET 2003; R 813.6 KEHRET 2003

Mullen, Thomas. **The Last Town on Earth: A Novel.** Random House, 2006. 394 p. (Adult)  
NW 813.6 MULLEN 2006; R 813.6 MULLEN 2006

Bjornstad, Bruce N. **On The Trail of the Ice Age Floods: A Geological Field Guide to the Mid-Columbia Basin.** Keokee Co., 2006. 307 p. (Adult)  
NW 551.31 BJORNST 2006; R 551.31 BJORNST 2006

Atwater, Brian, et al. **The Orphan Tsunami of 1700: Japanese Clues to a Parent Earthquake in North America.** U.S. Geological Survey, 2005. 133 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 551.2209 ORPHAN 2005; R 551.2209 ORPHAN 2005

Nance, John J. **Saving Cascadia.** Simon & Schuster, 2005. 352 p. (Adult)  
NW 813.6 NANCE 2005; R 813.6 NANCE 2005

Maclean, John N. **The Thirtymile Fire: A Chronicle of Bravery and Betrayal.** Henry Holt, 2007. 241 p. (Adult)  
NW 363.379 MACLEAN 2007; R 363.379 MACLEAN 2007

McNair-Huff, Rob and Natalie. **Washington Disasters: True Stories of Tragedy and Survival.** Insiders Guide, 2006. 193 p. (Young Adult)  
NW 979.7 MCNAIR 2006; R 979.7 MCNAIR 2006

Krist, Gary. **The White Cascade: The Great Northern Railway Disaster and America's Deadliest Avalanche.** Henry Holt and Company, 2007. 315 p. (Adult)  
NW 979.777 KRIST 2007; R 979.777 KRIST 2007

Rusch, Elizabeth. **Will it Blow?: Become A Volcano Detective at Mount St. Helens.** Sasquatch Books, 2007. 47 p. (Children)  
NW 551.2109 RUSCH 2007; R 551.2109 RUSCH 2007

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