



## Selections from the State Librarian

Summer 2007

Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian, announces her summer 2007 book selections. Her theme this season is **“Spokane and the Inland Empire.”**

*An independent spirit, a spectacular natural world and a thriving, livable city make up Spokane and the Inland Empire. The area boasts magnificent natural beauty such as the Palouse, the rushing Spokane River, and Mount Spokane. The vibrant city of Spokane features the Davenport Hotel, the Looff Carousel, the Bloomsday Race and the ultimate red wagon in the park, the Childhood Express.*

*In addition, the eastern region of the state is distinctive in the number of extraordinary and award-winning authors it has nurtured, enabling a Washington Reads mix of three superb young adult books (which adults will enjoy too), and adult nonfiction and fiction works set in Spokane and the Inland Empire. Enjoy reading excellent books that convey the spirit of this unique area of our state.*

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

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