

Gig Harbor, located in southern Puget Sound, received its name from the Wilkes Expedition in 1841. History indicates that the captain's gig led the expedition into this small harbor during a storm that came up quite suddenly, hence the name, "Gig." Following the Native Americans, the early settlers were fishermen, farmers, boatbuilders, and lumbermen. Gig Harbor was dependent mostly upon land and water travel until 1940, when the first Narrows Bridge was built; however, it collapsed in less than a year after being built. The replacement bridge was not completed until 1950, but with its construction, Gig Harbor grew very quickly and became a bedroom district of Tacoma and the greater Puget Sound area. Fishing remains one of the mainstays of Gig Harbor commerce, although there are presently no sawmills or lumber mills in the area.

"This combination biography and company history tells the story of Earl and Floyd Willits and their unique canoe company. Beginning with their family's westward migration from Iowa, it follows the brothers as they set about starting the business that woul

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Tacoma Confidential

A Bond That Shaped History

Little-Known Tales from the City of Destiny

The Tail Gunner

Empty Shells

Morgan Huddleston and Jeremy Wiggins have shared a classroom for three years, disliking each other the whole time and always in constant competition. Then a fourth grade social studies assignment reveals they are directly connected by tragic events that occurred 150 years earlier. Morgan and Jeremy contact their relatives and learn they both had a great-great-great-grandfather at the Battle of Chickamauga - but on opposite sides. Morgan's distant grandfather fought for the Confederacy there, while Jeremy's distant grandfather was a Union soldier and was killed in the battle. So the big "What if...?" question is raised in the classroom. How the two students arrive at a resolution that ends their own uncivil war is the heartening conclusion to the story. Using contemporary settings, flashbacks based on historical characters and units, preserved family letters, and actual battlefield events at Chickamauga, The Uncivil War demonstrates how history can become magically alive when its students become personally involved.

Researching the history of one's family tends to become addictive because it reveals details of the lives of people from long ago. This book is packed with fascinating details of the lives of many generations of two families who came from different places in Europe and eventually joined together in Illinois. It is the second in a series of four books covering the author's ancestry.

During the summer between seventh and eighth grades, Jenna, her mother, and her little brother move in with her grandparents while her father is in a Washington State prison, but as Jenna tries to fit in and make friends it becomes increasingly difficult to comply with her mother's demands for secrecy.

LINCOLN RAW peels back Abraham Lincoln's many faces, revealing the inner man and tapping the roots of his deepest passions. From Lincoln's earliest days, melancholy hangs over him like a fog refusing to burn off. Death repeatedly rips away the ones he loves. His own life is nearly snuffed out half a dozen times before he comes of age. Religion fails him. Rumors of illegitimate birth eat at him. Father's tyranny ignites his zeal for justice. With a small band of outsiders, he battles angry radicals on one hand and anxious pacifists on the other while challenging a charismatic Senator and his alliance of entrenched despots who are bent on spreading slavery across half the globe. Grounded in historical record, the story is enriched by insights gleaned from the works of prominent Lincoln biographers-Harold Holzer, Michael Burlingame, Douglas Wilson, Joshua Schenk, and Allen Guezlo, to credit a few. LINCOLN RAW is told in Lincoln's own words as a first-person narrative, transporting readers to a front row seat as his life unfolds-Lincoln raw indeed.

The A to Z of World War II

Waterway

The Uncivil War

Gig Harbor to Galilee

Port Orchard

Five Maine Girls and the Unseen Story of Rural America

Lincoln Raw - The Human Side of History

A novel based on true events - William Johnson was never Lincoln's shadow. He was his mirror.As Lincoln's personal barber and valet, Johnson did not influence the President by whispering into his ear, he was the living embodiment of the price paid trying to keep the Union together, a daily reminder that half measures were an insult to humanity. Because calculating the cost of peace is impossible, where humans enter the equation. After escaping slavery, twenty-five-year-old William Henry Johnson goes to the nation's capital as Abraham Lincoln's valet, hoping the new president will help him reunite his family. But when Lincoln chooses an expedient peace over freedom, Johnson's hopes and the war for emancipation may be doomed-unless Johnson can turn him from long-held prejudices and convince him to embrace equality. Changing Lincoln's heart and mind comes at a severe price.Amid much controversy over the legacies of historical figures, comes a novel that explores Lincoln's complex and evolving views on slavery, emancipation, abolition, and racial equality. But more than a Lincoln novel, it is the forgotten story of a young man who likely influenced Lincoln more than any celebrated abolitionist when it came to his turn from segregationist to champion of freedom and equality for all.

The A to Z of World War II: The War Against Japan traces the brutal conflict from Japan's seizure of Chinese territory in 1931, through the onset of war with the Western Allies in 1941, to the use of atomic weapons by the United States in 1945. It also addresses the aftermath of the war, including the formation of the United Nations and the American occupation of Japan. As the first of two volumes covering World War II, this volume concentrates on the war in Asia and the Pacific so the user benefits from the comprehensive explanations of the people, places, and events that shaped much of that region's 20th-century history.

Why does a city surrounded by water need another waterway? Find out what drove Seattle's civic leaders to pursue the dream of a Lake Washington Ship Canal for more than sixty years and what role it has played in the region's development over the past century. Historians Jennifer Ott and David B. Williams, author of Too High and Too Steep: Reshaping Seattle's Topography, explore how industry, transportation, and the very character of the city and surrounding region developed in response to the economic and environmental changes brought by Seattle's canal and locks.

A Queer History of Adolescence reveals categories of age--and adolescence, specifically--as an undeniable and essential mechanism in the production of difference itself. Drawing from a dynamic and varied archive, including British and American newspapers, medical papers and pamphlets, and adolescent and children's literature circulating on both sides of the Atlantic, Gabrielle Owen argues that adolescence has a logic, a way of thinking, that emerges over the course of the nineteenth century and that survives in various forms to this day. This logic makes the idea of adolescence possible and naturalizes our historically specific ways of conceptualizing time, development, social hierarchy, and the self. Rich in intersectional analysis, this book offers a multifaceted and historicized theory for categories of age that challenges existing methodologies for studying the people called children and adolescents. Rather than offering critique as an end in and of itself, A Queer History of Adolescence imagines the world-making possibilities that critique enables and, in so doing, shines a necessary light on the question of relationality in the lived world. Owen exposes the profound presence of history in our current moment in order to transform the habits of mind shaping age relations, social hierarchy, and the politics of identity today.

An Exploration of History and Culture

Tacoma

A Brief History of Vashon Island

Discovering History and Nature in the City

The Change of Worlds for the Native People and Settlers on Puget Sound