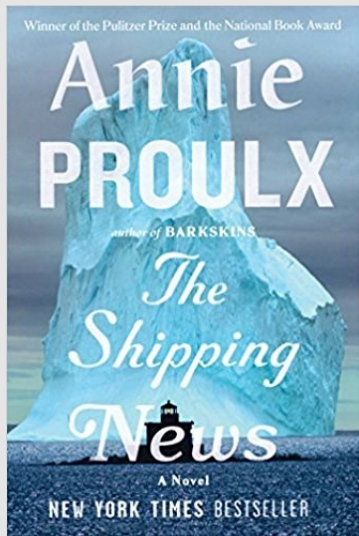


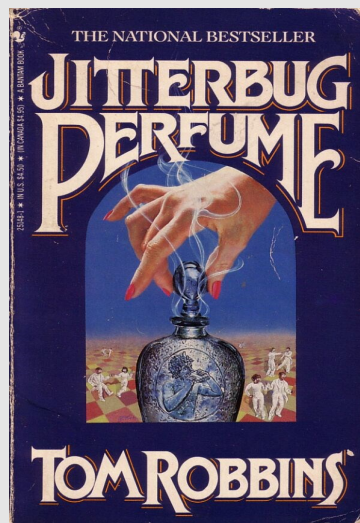
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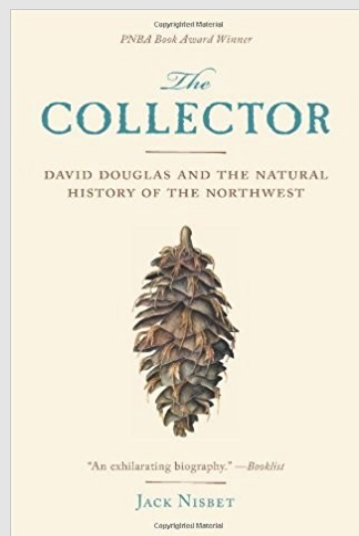
The Shipping News by Annie Proulx

"It's a dark tale. I love the setting in Canada, and I love the humor. There's a lot about knots, such as the skater's hand-hold knot, which is based on the hand-hold where you get somebody out of the ice without them pulling you in. I've used that knot a lot."



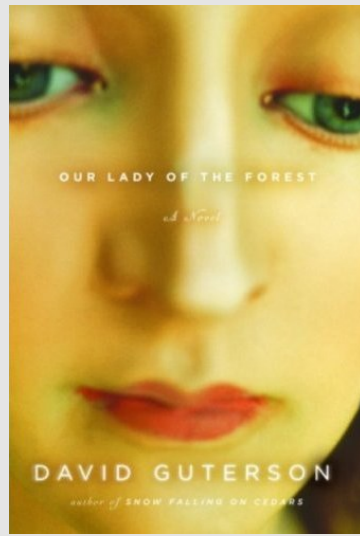
Jitterbug Perfume by Tom Robbins

"I started reading Tom Robbins in the 1970s and I just kept reading his books. I went back and read this one again last year. He was a student of Joseph Campbell and there's history, myth, and religion woven into this story."



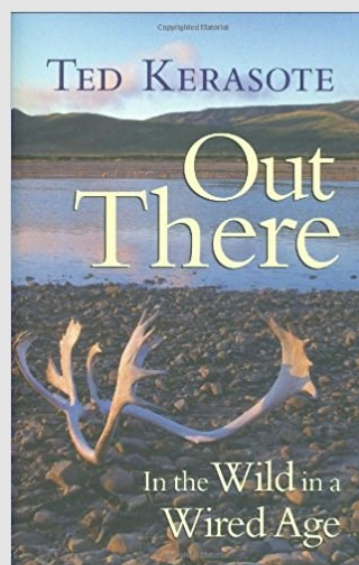
The Collector by Jack Nisbet

"I love early Northwest history. The book is about David Douglas, a Scottish botanist in the early 1800s, who walked up the Columbia River. He chronicled the Indians and plants and animals there. We can still visit the places he wrote about 150 years ago."



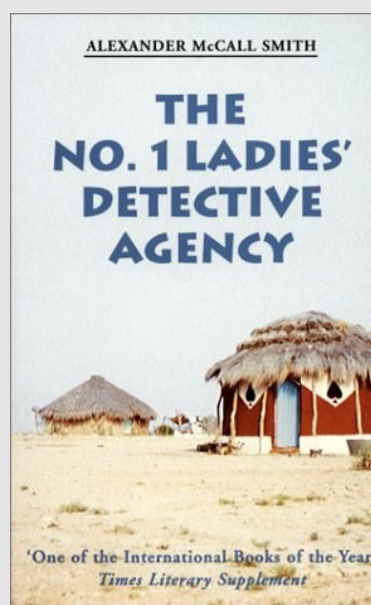
Our Lady of the Forest by David Guterson

"This takes place in a fictional town on the Olympic Peninsula where a homeless person collecting mushrooms sees a religious vision in the forest. It turns the logging town around. It becomes a mecca for people to come and see things in the forest."



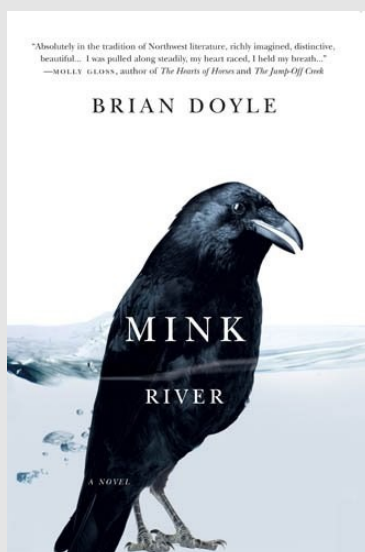
Out There by Ted Kerasote

"He's an outdoors guy in Wyoming. He goes up to the Canadian Arctic on a canoe trip. It's one of my dreams to do that. He talks about early Arctic explorers, people who froze to death, wild tales."



The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency series by Alexander McCall Smith

"He writes light, funny, and insightful stories. This particular series takes place in Botswana. He writes sweet stories about communities of people intermixing. I've read over forty of his books. I can't recommend just one; I love them all."



Mink River by Brian Doyle

"It's got a great Northwest theme. It takes place in a coastal town with Native Americans and fishermen. There's a bit of fantasy involved - a talking crow who hangs out with a nun. Brian Doyle is a neat Northwest writer."

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