

Washington Reads, Fall 2010

*Memorable Reads: A final chapter from
Jan Walsh, Washington State Librarian*

In the fall of 2003, I began the Washington Reads program of selecting Washington books for all ages on specific themes. I hoped to shine a light on the wealth of excellent books relevant to our state. Some believe I had a ghost reader, but I honestly did read each of these books, and decided that, with the opportunity to do that, I had the best job in the world. Now, as I close my chapter as State Librarian, I am issuing the last installment of my favorite selections of Washington Reads. My goal was to select the books that had made an imprint on me and the state. I hope that in looking at this list, you are inspired to seek newer books that feature Washington and its exceptional literature. Join me in continuing the celebration of the remarkable reads of Washington.

Jan Walsh, State Librarian, August 2010

Where Do I Sleep?: A Pacific Northwest Lullaby

by Jennifer Blomgren (Fall 2003) Children

Seaman's Journal: On the Trail with Lewis and Clark

by Patti Reeder Eubank (Winter 2004) Children

The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian

by Sherman Alexie (Summer 2008) Young Adult

Twilight

by Stephenie Meyer (Winter 2007) Young Adult

The Highest Tide: A Novel

by Jim Lynch (Winter 2008) Young Adult

Snow Falling on Cedars

by David Guterson (Summer 2006) Adult

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

by Jamie Ford (Fall 2009) Adult

Folly

by Laurie King (Fall 2006) Adult

Mary Randlett Landscapes

by Mary Randlett (Spring 2008) Adult

In Full View

by Rex Ziak (Fall 2004) (Winter 2004) Adult

Mount Baker overlooking the Puget Sound