

Looking for America: Volume 1: The Great Northwest Expedition

In the second volume of his acclaimed series, *Looking for America*, Jonathan Raban embarks on an epic journey through the Pacific Northwest, from the rugged coast of Alaska to the sun-drenched vineyards of California. Along the way, he encounters a cast of unforgettable characters, from Native American elders to grizzled old loggers, and explores the region's rich history, culture, and natural beauty.

Raban's journey begins in Juneau, Alaska, where he meets a group of Tlingit Indians who are struggling to preserve their traditional way of life in the face of modern development. From there, he travels south to the Inside Passage, a labyrinth of waterways that winds through the Alexander Archipelago. Along the way, he visits abandoned gold mines, ghost towns, and Native American villages.



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Raban then crosses the border into British Columbia, where he explores the rainforests and mountains of Vancouver Island. He visits the city of Victoria, once the capital of the British Empire in the Pacific, and meets a group of artists and writers who are trying to create a new Canadian identity.

Continuing south, Raban enters the United States and travels through the states of Washington and Oregon. He visits the Olympic Mountains, the Columbia River Gorge, and the Willamette Valley. Along the way, he meets a variety of people, from farmers and fishermen to loggers and environmentalists.

Raban's journey ends in San Francisco, California, where he reflects on the changes that have taken place in the Pacific Northwest over the past century. He sees a region that is still struggling to find its place in the modern world, but he also sees a region that is full of hope and promise.

Looking for America: Volume 1: The Great Northwest Expedition is a beautifully written and thought-provoking book that offers a unique perspective on the Pacific Northwest. Raban's journey is a reminder of the region's rich history and culture, and it is also a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

Awards and accolades

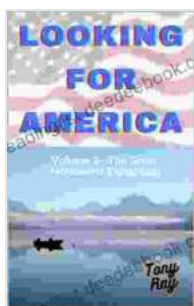
* Pulitzer Prize finalist for General Nonfiction * National Book Critics Circle Award winner for Nonfiction * Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Award winner for Nonfiction

Reviews

* "Raban's writing is as sharp and evocative as ever, and his insights into the American character are both profound and moving." - *The New York Times** "A masterpiece of travel writing that is both timely and timeless." - *The Washington Post** "Raban's journey is a reminder that the Pacific Northwest is a place of both great beauty and great complexity." - *The Seattle Times*

About the author

Jonathan Raban is an award-winning travel writer, novelist, and essayist. He is the author of more than 20 books, including the Pulitzer Prize-nominated *Passage to Juneau* and the National Book Critics Circle Award-winning *Old Glory*. Born in England in 1943, Raban now lives in Seattle, Washington.



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