

Books for Southeast Alaska:

[Sea Runners by Ivan Doig](#) - This book is great. It takes a little to get into Doig's writing style, but a small part of the story take place in the area that we cruise through. It also gives an intersteding glimpse into Russian Alaska and the otter trade business. If you do read this book, it's interesting to know that the boat *Aleutian Native* - briefly discussed in the last chapter lives on in the *David B* with it's propeller and a few engine parts.

[Coming into the Country by John McPhee](#) - One of my favorite books by one of my favorite authors. This book takes place in the interior of Alaska, so not in an area we'll be going to, but you do meet up with some incredible characters.

[Madness Betrayal and the Lash by Stephen Bown](#) - A great read about Vancouver in the Pacific Northwest. I read this one this summer and it gave me a lot of insight in the Vancouver's voyage to prove that the Northwest Passage didn't exist and how people outside of his control ultimately ruined his reputation and how his illness affected his command.

[Captain Cook in Alaska and the North Pacific by James Barnett](#) - Another book on exploration of the Pacific Northwest. There's not a whole lot about the area that you'll be cruising on the David B in this book, but it's a great book that has details about the storms and what it was like to sail with Cook. What I enjoyed about this was getting to know more a Vancouver and other famous explorers and scientists that were with Cook on his last journey to the Pacific.

[Where the Sea Breaks Its Back by Corey Ford](#) - While Georg Steller only spent a day in Alaska, his legacy lives on everywhere in Steller's Sea Lions and Steller's Jays which we'll see in Alaska on the David B. Steller was the naturalist on Bering's voyage from Russia to Alaska. It's another tragic explorer book, that gives the history of how the Sea Otter Pelt trade began and what it was Bering's expedition was like.

[Alaska - James Michener](#) - Jeffrey tackled this one several years ago after some of our guests bought it as a gift for us. He really enjoyed it even though he needed to commit some serious time to this epic novel.

[Travels in Alaska by John Muir](#) - I really think this is a must read for our guests. John Muir spent time in Endicott Arm and at Dawes Glacier. I will read a passage of this book while we are in Fords Terror/ Tracy Arm Wilderness. I love this book.

[Alaska Bound: One Man's Dream...One Woman's Nightmare!](#) - I've not read this book yet, but it has been recommended to me by several people.

[More than Petticoats: Remarkable Alaska Women](#) - We have a copy of this book on the boat. It details the lives of some very hardy women who made Alaska their home.

[Sailing in Search of the Real Southeast Alaska: Glaciers, Bears and Totems by Elsie Hulsizer](#) - We met Elsie this past summer in Juneau and fell in love with her book. It's a hardcopy and so not one you want to travel with. I do have a copy of it on the *David B*. What I really enjoy about this book is that it's an interesting travelogue that is filled with people and places that we know. Elsie and her husband have been sailing in the Pacific Northwest since the 70s (I think) and her stories are wonderful.

[Listening to Orcas](#) and [Heart of the Rainforest by Alexandra Morton](#) - Both of these books are excellent. Alexandra is a researcher and activist in British Columbia who had been working on raising the awareness of the harm that farmed raised salmon has on wild salmon. She has a great blog that I read regularly. <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

[Journeys Through the Inside Passage by John Upton](#) - John Upton is a commercial fisherman and has some nice stories to share about fishing in Alaska and travel in the Inside Passage. We've got a copy of this book on board.

[Alaska Blues: A Story of Freedom, Risk, and Living Your Dreams by John Upton](#) - I haven't read this one yet, but I liked his other book, so it's on my list of things to read.

[Spirited Waters by Jennifer Hahn](#) - This is a wonderful book about a woman who kayaked the Inside Passage solo. I've not met Jennifer but she lives in Bellingham and knows about us and has given us two copies of her cookbook [Pacific Feast](#) through mutual friends. Some of her recipes for foraged foods that Jeffrey and I cook come from Pacific Feast.

[Paddle to Seattle](#) Super enjoyable video about two guys to set out from Sagway, Alaska and paddle their kayaks to Seattle. They have great footage of humpback whales in Frederick Sound and time spent in Petersburg.