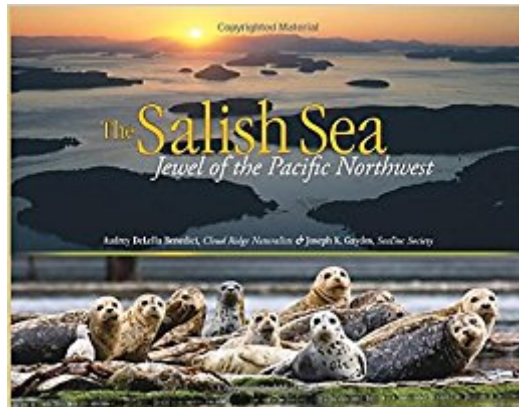




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# **The Salish Sea: Jewel Of The Pacific Northwest**



## Synopsis

Fashioned by the violent volcanism of the Pacific Rim of Fire, plate tectonics, and the sculptural magic wrought by Ice Age glaciers, the Salish Sea straddles the western border between Canada and the United States and is connected to the Pacific Ocean primarily through the Strait of Juan de Fuca. This fascinating visual journey through the Salish Sea combines a scientist's inquiring mind, beautiful photographs, and a lively narrative of fascinating stories, all of which impart a sense of connection with this intricate marine ecosystem and the life that it sustains.

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"Finally, a book that captures and celebrates the Northwest's inland sea! For those of us who've been trying to explain these American and Canadian waters for years, we can now simply hand people a book about the entire wonderland without all the clutter and confusion over borders and names. Instead of bemoaning what's been lost, these dazzling photos and earnest words showcase what remains." — Jim Lynch, author of *The Highest Tide* "Writer-scientists Audrey Benedict and Joseph Gaydos blend education with art and persuasion, describing the Sea's geology, ecology and history and documenting its extraordinary biodiversity. Dozens of gorgeous color photographs reveal its intricate beauty, and the book ends with a ringing call to action and a vision for protecting the region." — High Country News "Through maps, charts, satellite imagery, nature photography and writing, Benedict and Gaydos concoct an engaging presentation of the natural history of our 'jewel of the Pacific Northwest.' Their mantra of 'know, connect, protect and restore' is a hopeful way forward in to a challenging future." — Cascadia

Weekly" Dr. Joe Gaydos and Audrey D. Benedict have co-authored a book of captivating narrative and stunning photography through which readers can explore the wonders of the Salish Sea, our home." Orcas Issues "The Salish Sea is a feast for the eyes, a high-quality publishing effort rich in glossy colour photos and fascinating biological information that is likely to surprise even someone well-versed in our marine waters... The Salish Sea does a remarkable job of showcasing the ecological depth and diversity of our marine environment, providing not just knowledge but fueling a collective impetus to preserve it." The Vancouver Sun "The sobriquet, 'Jewel of the Pacific Northwest' is an apt description for the Salish Sea, that glittering body of water encompassing Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the Strait of Georgia along the coast of Washington State and British Columbia. And this new coffee table volume from Sasquatch Books is also a jewel. Filled with breathtaking photographs and thoughtful commentary, The Salish Sea exceeds expectations for a coffee table book by diving deep into this beautiful - and complex - ecosystem. Authors Audrey DeLella Benedict and Joseph K. Gaydos share both their scientific insights and their obvious passion for this spectacular - and fragile - environment." Adventures NW "...the book's inclusion of nearly 200 color images from more than four dozen photographers... enhance and inform the text more eloquently than I can describe as they are stunning illustrations of the magical place we call home." The Bellingham Herald "A new nature book, The Salish Sea: Jewel of the Pacific Northwest, includes ample photography of killer whales, ravens, and salmon the region's totem species. But it also reveals many of the other, less-well-known animals that are lucky enough to call this beautiful part of the world home." TakePart "Truly spectacular." The British Columbian Quarterly

As Chief Scientist for the SeaDoc Society, Joseph K. Gaydos has been studying the fish and wildlife of the Salish Sea for over a decade. Gaydos lives on Orcas Island, WA. Audrey DeLella Benedict is a biologist and a writer, and the founder and director of Cloud Ridge Naturalists, a nonprofit natural history educational organization now in its fourth decade. Audrey splits her time between the Colorado Front Range and her off-grid cottage on Frost Island in the San Juan Islands.

This is more than just a beautiful book, though it is that. This is more than just an extremely informative book about my region, though it is that. It is a comprehensive look at the inter-connectedness of sea, land, wildlife, human population, industry, etc., etc., in an engaging format. It establishes the name of the waters we live in here which was first suggested in 1989 the

book informs me. I love this book. I bought 4 or 5 for gifts after perusing a friend's copy. It's the best \$25 (or sometimes less on ) anyone could spend to understand where we live. And maybe it will help us save the Salish Sea before we ruin it.

This book is a stunning reminder of the beauty of the natural world and also of its diversity, its fragility, its importance and its resilience. While focused on the Pacific Northwest, it is a tale for all places, a story of the connections among all things that weaves the region's geology, natural history, marine biology and human activity into coherent whole. Beautiful to thumb through, surreptitiously powerful to read!

You don't have to live by the ocean to appreciate this book! If you love nature, love learning about it and want to see pictures that are magnificently detailed and enjoy the colorful scenery and sea life, this book is for you. I couldn't be happier that I purchased it and I live in the midwest!

Having lived next to Puget Sound on Camano Island, this book satisfies my curiosities with beautiful illustrations and much information that are both historical and current. It has National Geographic quality and is a nice size. Highly Recommend.

I had a lovely vacation cruising the waters of British Columbia. I wanted a travel book to look at before I went. There wasn't too much available. I saw this one while on cruise. It's the one I WISH I had found before my trip. Soft cover yes, but coffee table quality and full of gorgeous photography.

It is a beautiful book filled with terrific photos. I wish I knew people to give it to- it is so full of photos and information. I have shared it with my family , who have sailed much of the Salish Sea and they loved it.

The stunning images initially attract the attention and then the beautiful writing of Audrey Benedict keeps one mesmerized and engaged with pages and pages of information and science explained so eloquently. It is a must have book

A lovely coffee table book. Everyone loves to flip through this one, as do I.

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