



Coastal Keepsakes

Looking for a **BC souvenir for an eager young reader**? Pick up a copy of *Gulf Islands Alphabet* (Simply Read Books; \$19.95). On each page, Bronwyn Preece cleverly uses Gulf Islands imagery to highlight one letter: "Gorgeous galleries on Gabriola are guaranteed to be worth a gander, and gallivanting on Galiano or Gambier is great fun, as is a gallop on over to Gillies Bay or going to Ganges for the day." Another **new picture book with a focus on coastal life** is *Gubby Builds a Boat* (Harbour Publishing; \$19.95). Written by former commercial fisherman Gary Kent, the story continues the amusing adventures of Gubby, a salmon fisherman on the Sunshine Coast, and explains much about boat-building in the process. At local bookstores (page 15).—*Sheri Radford*

pm, Su and holidays 11 am-7 pm. 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-630-3340. www.metropolisatmetrotown.com & **Map 4: E6**

OAKRIDGE CENTRE A leading shopping centre 15 minutes from downtown and a short drive from the airport. Browse a mix of luxury shops, trendy independent boutiques and major brands such as MaxMara, Hugo Boss, BCBG Max Azria, Lacoste, Coach, Harry Rosen and Boys' Co. Also find modern essentials at Banana

Republic, GAP, Lululemon and The Bay. Concierge services available. Free parking. Easy access with the Canada Line SkyTrain at Oakridge-41st Avenue station. M-Tu, Sa 9:30 am-6 pm, W-F 9:30 am-9 pm, Su and holidays 11 am-6 pm. 650 W. 41st Ave. at Cambie. 604-261-2511. www.oakridgecentre.com & **Map 4: E3**

PACIFIC CENTRE Shopping Centre, Where to Shop Awards since 2007. Downtown Vancouver's largest shopping centre includes stores such as

Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, H&M, MaxMara, Hugo Boss, The Apple Store, Sport Chek, Atmosphere, Bose, Hollister Co., Sephora and much more. Adjacent to Robson St., the Vancouver Art Gallery and the Four Seasons Hotel. Close to downtown hotels and attractions, along with major bus routes and the Granville SkyTrain station. M-Tu 10 am-7 pm, W-F 10 am-9 pm, Sa 10 am-7 pm, Su and holidays 11-6 pm. 701 W. Georgia St. at Howe. Guest services 604-688-7235. www.pacificcentre.ca & **Map 1: C5**

RICHMOND CENTRE Near the airport, this centre has 240 shops and services including The Bay, Sears, Aritzia, Forever 21 and an international mix of merchants. Helpful customer service makes shopping easier. M-Tu, Sa 9:30 am-7 pm, W-F 9:30 am-9 pm, Su and holidays 11 am-6 pm. 6551 No. 3 Rd., Richmond. 604-713-7467. www.richmondcentre.com & **Map 3: D3**

SINCLAIR CENTRE Four heritage buildings under glass comprise an elegant shopping mall. Exclusive shops and food garden, harmoniously set among architectural features. M-Sa 10 am-5:30 pm. 757 W. Hastings St. 604-488-0672. www.sinclaircentre.com & **Map 1: B6**

ANTIQUES

DORIAN RAE COLLECTION Tribal art and antiques from Asia, Africa and the Americas. Jewellery, textiles, pottery, Buddha sculpture, masks and paintings. 410 Howe St. 604-874-6100. www.dorianraecollection.com & **Map 1: B6**

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