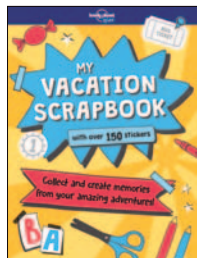


Recommended Reading

Before boarding your next plane, train or automobile, stop by a local bookstore (page 38) to find some great new releases.—*Sheri Radford*



My Vacation Scrapbook

(Lonely Planet): Banish boredom with this colourful scrapbook. It's filled with clever ideas for documenting vacation adventures, and there's plenty of space for kids to add photographs, tickets and other mementos. More than 150 stickers are included, to liven up each page.



The Orca Scientists by Kim

Perez Valice (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt): This beautifully photographed book appeals to youngsters and adults alike with its information about the orcas of the Pacific Northwest, plus details about the scientists who have devoted their lives to studying these magnificent animals.



A Field Guide to Insects of the Pacific Northwest by Dr.

Robert Cannings (Harbour Publishing): If you're batty about bugs, you'll find this water-resistant guide absolutely fascinating. It's overflowing with colour photos and informative details on local beetles, wasps, flies, ants, butterflies and more.

FRANK AND OAK This popular Canadian brand made its name in cool-yet-casual menswear before expanding into womenswear. In the flagship Gastown location, find apparel for men and women, such as trendy t-shirts and tailored denim. Shoes, accessories, blazers and suiting, too. This location also offers barber services, cold-pressed juices and apothecary items. 316 W. Cordova St. 778-373-0886. **Map 1: C6** Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-438-4715. www.frankand oak.com & **Map 4: E6**

KIT AND ACE This spacious exposed-brick shop specializes in luxe garments crafted from technical cashmere. Unlike natural cashmere, the groundbreaking fabric is machine washable and promises not to pill or stretch. Cardigans, tees, pants and

more for both men and women. Local art adorns the walls. 165 Water St. www.kitandace.com & **Map 1: C7**

LEONE Celebrating international designers since 1987, this high-end boutique carries fashion, shoes and accessories, including collections by Dior, Prada, Alexander McQueen, Miu Miu, Lanvin, Moncler, Brunello Cucinelli, Roberto Cavalli and Philipp Plein, along with an exclusive Versace boutique. Central location, steps from the Canada Place cruise-ship terminal. Sinclair Centre, 757 W. Hastings St. 604-683-1133. www.leone.ca & **Map 1: B6**

LOUIS VUITTON MAISON This famous French design house epitomizes high-end fashion and quality. The two-storey boutique in the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is the largest Louis Vuitton

store in Canada and features a show-stopping handbag wall. Carries the entire line of products, including leather goods and accessories, footwear and apparel for men and women. Fairmont Hotel Vancouver, 730 Burrard St. 604-687-4644. www.louisvuitton.com & **Map 1: B4**

OAK + FORT This shop features its own label of high-quality men's and women's clothing and accessories with a youthful, trendy vibe. 355 Water St. 604-566-9199. & **Map 1: C7** Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-559-9575. www.oakandfort.ca & **Map 4: E6**

ONE OF A FEW Located in Gastown, this boutique is a hipster favourite offering hard-to-find labels and casual clothing, footwear, lingerie and accessories. Labels include



GO GREEN Frank and Oak's (listed above) eco-friendly Minimal collection features classic styles made with green innovations like polyester developed from recycled plastic.