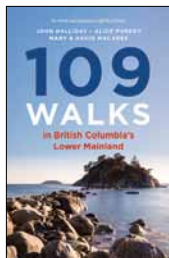
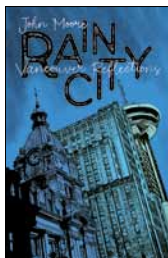


# Required Reading

Before boarding your next plane, train or automobile—especially with children in tow—stop by a local bookstore (page 40) to pick up one of these recent releases.—*Sheri Radford*



**109 Walks in British Columbia's Lower Mainland** by John Halliday (Greystone Books): The eighth edition of this perennial favourite guides readers to some of the region's best viewpoints, forests and coastal headlands. Clear directions and helpful GPS coordinates ensure easy route-finding.



**Rain City: Vancouver Reflections** by John Moore (Anvil Press): Moore is a freelance writer who has worked as everything from a bartender and a deckhand to a graveyard-shift cabdriver and an ER security guard. His new collection of essays is part memoir, part polemic and wholly entertaining.



**The Vancouver Sketchbook** by T.K. Justin Ng (Whitecap Books): Two years ago, Ng spent a summer creating almost 100 drawings of Vancouver. Then, for a year, the Toronto-based designer researched Vancouver's history. The end result is a gorgeous book that explores the city's identity.

**OAKRIDGE CENTRE** Just 15 minutes from downtown, or a short drive from the airport. Browse a mix of luxury shops, trendy independent boutiques and major retailers such as Max Mara, Coach, Lululemon, Harry Rosen, Hudson's Bay and Boys' Co. Concierge services available. Free parking. Open daily. Easy access via SkyTrain. 650 W. 41st Ave. 604-261-2511. [www.oakridgecentre.com](http://www.oakridgecentre.com) & **Map 4: E3**

**PACIFIC CENTRE** Downtown's largest shopping centre includes stores such as Nordstrom, Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, H&M, Max Mara, Hugo Boss, The Apple Store, Bose, Disney Store, Ted Baker, Sephora and much more. Open daily. Easy access via SkyTrain. 701 W. Georgia St. 604-688-7235. [www.pacificcentre.ca](http://www.pacificcentre.ca) & **Map 1: C5**

**PARK ROYAL AND THE VILLAGE AT PARK ROYAL** The only shopping centre

situated at the foot of a mountain and the shore of an ocean. Home to over 275 retailers and services including Hudson's Bay, Anthropologie, Aritzia, Lululemon, Kate Spade, Michael Kors and Whole Foods, and restaurants such as Trattoria and Cactus Club Cafe. Open daily. 2002 Park Royal South, West Vancouver. 604-922-3211. [www.shopparkroyal.com](http://www.shopparkroyal.com) & **Map 4: B3**

**RICHMOND CENTRE** Located near the airport, this centre has 200 shops and services including Hudson's Bay, Aritzia, Forever 21 and an international mix of merchants. Open daily. Easy access via SkyTrain. 6551 No. 3 Rd., Richmond. 604-713-7467. [www.richmondcentre.com](http://www.richmondcentre.com) & **Map 3: D3**

**SINCLAIR CENTRE** Four heritage buildings under glass comprise an elegant shopping mall of exclusive stores and services. Find fine fragrances at The

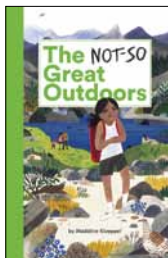
Perfume Shoppe, and brand-name fashions at Leone and L2, then ship your purchases home from The UPS Store. Open M-Sa. Easy access via SkyTrain. 757 W. Hastings St. [www.sinclaircentre.com](http://www.sinclaircentre.com) & **Map 1: B6**

**TSAWWASSEN MILLS** This huge outlet mall boasts nearly 200 shops, services and restaurants. Browse retailers like Aritzia, Saks OFF 5th, Calvin Klein, Bass Pro Shops, Michael Kors, Roots and Winners. Free shuttle service connects mall to downtown Vancouver, Richmond and BC Ferries Terminal. Open daily. 5000 Canoe Pass Way, Tsawwassen. 604-948-9889. [www.tsawwassenmills.com](http://www.tsawwassenmills.com) & **Map 2: G3**

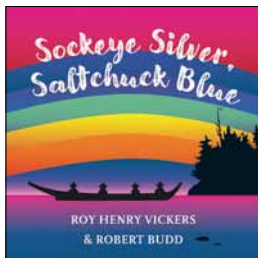
**VANCOUVER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** Get to YVR early to explore more than 140 shops, services and restaurants in a beautiful West Coast



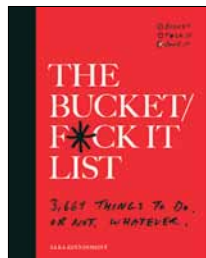
**HAPPY FEET** Each pair of shoes or sandals by Naot (page 43) is a mini sanctuary for your feet, with its flexible cork footbed, latex-sponge layer for padding, and superb arch support.



**The Not-So Great Outdoors**  
by Madeline Kloepper (Tundra Books): Kloepper grew up in Metro Vancouver and now lives in northern British Columbia. Her first picture book as both author and illustrator tells the story of an urban kid who learns (begrudgingly) about the wonder of the great outdoors.



**Sockeye Silver, Saltchuck Blue**  
by Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing): Vibrant illustrations in this board book teach wee ones about all the magnificent and ever-changing colours of the West Coast, from the brilliant red of huckleberries in summer to the quiet grey of rain in winter.



**The Bucket/F\*ck It List: 3,669 Things to Do, Or Not, Whatever**  
by Sara Kinninmont (Clarkson Potter): Whether you're more on the FOMO (fear of missing out) or the JOMO (joy of missing out) end of the adventure spectrum, you'll find lots of suggestions for things to do—or to avoid—in international locations.

setting. Unwind in a spa or lounge, or peruse luxury products at one of the duty-free retailers. Dining options range from full-service restaurants to cafes and bars. Medical and dental clinics, foreign exchange booths and a pharmacy, too. Open daily. Easy access via SkyTrain. 3211 Grant McConachie Way, Richmond. 604-207-7077. [www.yvr.ca](http://www.yvr.ca) & **Map 3: B2**

## APPAREL

**ALARTE SILKS** This studio and gallery specializes in hand-painted and handcrafted scarves, shawls and custom apparel in silk and wool. Watch the artisan paint and felt the fabrics as you browse. Commissions welcome. 1369 Railspur Alley. 778-370-4304. [www.alartesilks.com](http://www.alartesilks.com) & **Map 6: C5**

**BLUBIRD** Trendy shop stocks hot clothing and accessories from all over the world, including Italy, New York, Paris and Los Angeles. 1108 Alberni St. 604-257-0700. **Map 1: B5** Oakridge Centre, 650 W. 41st Ave. 604-257-0706. [www.blubird.ca](http://www.blubird.ca) & **Map 4: E3**

**BRUNETTE** This fun Vancouver clothing brand creates comfy tees, sweatshirts, vegan leather jackets and more with positive messages such as "We are all babes." Mugs and water bottles, too. 231 Union St. 604-428-4094. [www.brunnetthelabel.com](http://www.brunnetthelabel.com) & **Map 1: D8**

**BURBERRY** Canada's first boutique from this British brand. Browse through signature items such as scarves and trench coats. The Shangri-La Hotel, 1101 Alberni St. 604-974-1110. [www.burberry.com](http://www.burberry.com) & **Map 1: B5**

**DUER** Flagship store of the Vancouver brand known for performance denim: stylish jeans that also wick away moisture and are comfy enough to hike, bike and climb in. Test-drive products on the in-store performance denim playground, featuring a tree house and monkey bars. 118 W. Hastings St. 604-323-0441. [www.duer.com](http://www.duer.com) & **Map 1: C7**

**FASHION ADDITION 14+** Plus-size fashion specialist since 1987. Sells

designer brands such as Eileen Fisher, Sympli Grand, Joseph Ribkoff, Columbia Sportswear and Alembika. Vancouver Centre, 650 W. Georgia St. 604-684-8344. [www.fashionaddition14plus.com](http://www.fashionaddition14plus.com) & **Map 1: C5**

**HILLS OF KERRISDALE** Located in the popular Kerrisdale shopping district, this spacious boutique offers top-quality clothing, footwear and accessories. Find brands such as Fred Perry, Rag & Bone and Velvet, as well as jewellery from Blue Ruby. 2125 W. 41st Ave. 604-266-9177. [www.hillofkerrisdale.com](http://www.hillofkerrisdale.com) Partial & **Map 4: E2**

**KIT AND ACE** Fashionable, functional apparel for the style-conscious urban commuter. Find men's and women's tees, pants, outerwear and more, made from luxe water-repellant, quick-drying, breathable technical fabrics. 165 Water St. [www.kitandace.com](http://www.kitandace.com) & **Map 1: C7**

**L2 LEONE** Contemporary designer fashions and accessories for both