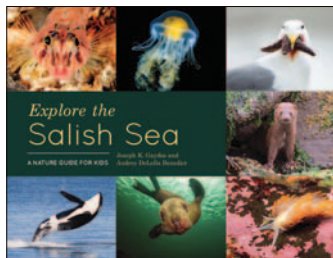


Required Reading

Before boarding your next plane, train or automobile, stop by a local bookstore (page 31) to find some great new releases.—*Sheri Radford*



Packing List (Lonely Planet): Forgotten socks or sunscreen? Never again. Arranged and colour-coded by theme, this handy book contains 80 tear-off packing lists for every type of trip. Whether you're going to the beach, exploring a city or backpacking through the wilderness, you'll find a checklist to make sure nothing important gets left behind.



Explore the Salish Sea: A Nature Guide for Kids by Joseph K. Gaydos and Audrey DeLella Benedict (Sasquatch Books): The Salish Sea stretches from BC's Strait of Georgia all the way down to Washington's Strait of Juan de Fuca. This picture book is bursting with colour photos of the marine life that makes up this vibrant Pacific Northwest ecosystem.



The Rule of Stephens by Timothy Taylor (Doubleday Canada): The Vancouver author won acclaim for his debut novel, *Stanley Park*. Full of suspense, his new book explores one woman's life after she survives a plane crash and is pulled between the rational world (very Stephen Hawking) and incidents less easy to explain (more Stephen King).

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 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 two-storey boutique in the Fairmont Hotel Vancouver is the largest Louis Vuitton store in Canada and features a showstopping 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**

PLENTY Hip fashion labels for men and women, including house label PGD, in atmospheric boutiques. Other brands include Free People, Gentle Fawn and Monk & Lou. Locations in most major malls. 1107 Robson St. 604-689-4478. Partial & **Map 1: C5** 2803 W. Broadway. 604-736-4484. www.getplenty.com Partial & **Map 4: D2**

ROOTS CANADA A phenomenon since 1973, this Canuck company offers rugged, casual clothing and accessories for the family, such as leather jackets, bags, footwear, outerwear and athletic wear. In most major malls. On-site product customization at Pacific Centre

location. Pacific Centre, 701 W. Georgia St. 604-688-7235. & **Map 1: C5** 1001 Robson St. 604-683-4305. & **Map 1: C5** 1153 Robson St. 604-684-8801. & **Map 1: C5** 2665 Granville St. 604-629-1300. & **Map 4: D3** 2091 W. 4th Ave. 604-629-1195. www.roots.com & **Map 4: D3**

SNOWFLAKE Bright Canadian-owned boutique carries sophisticated fur, leather, outerwear and accessories. Excellent selection of capes and shawls, too. 1135 W. Georgia St. 604-681-9322. www.snowflakecanada.com & **Map 1: B5**

TONI PLUS Designer pieces from Europe, US and Canada in sizes 14-22. Find Joseph Ribkoff, Eileen Fisher, Sympli and Lafayette 148 alongside private



CLEVER CREATION Ultra-absorbent and quick-drying, the Tesalate beach towel has been designed to allow sand to slip off easily. Find out more at www.tesalate.com.