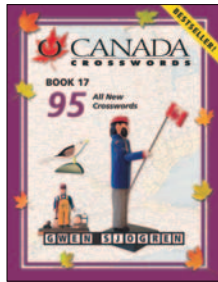


## Top Titles for Travellers

Pass the time on planes, trains and automobiles with these new titles, available at local bookstores (page 79).—*Sheri Radford*



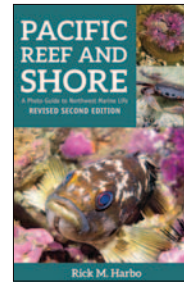
**Lonely Planet Vancouver, 7th Edition** (Lonely Planet): This newly revised guidebook is crammed full of honest reviews of places to go and things to do in the city, including Gastown, Granville Island and Grouse Mountain, plus further-flung destinations such as Whistler, Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands.



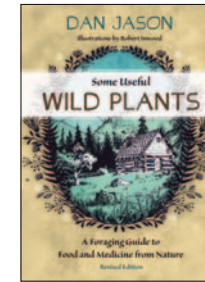
**O Canada Crosswords 17** by Gwen Sjogren (Nightwood Editions): Grab your pencils, cruciverbalists: this book of 95 new crossword puzzles runs the gamut from “NHL Icons” and “Beer O’Clock” to “Only in Saskatchewan” and “Christmas in Canada,” testing your knowledge of the True North Strong and Free.



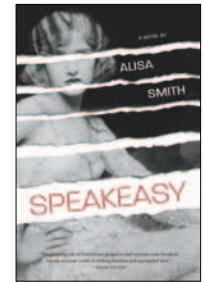
**Best Places to Bird in British Columbia** by Russell Cannings and Richard Cannings (Grey-stone Books): Ornithologists and amateurs alike will enjoy this informative guide to 30 birding sites in BC. Personal anecdotes, historical information, and colour photos of both the animals and the locales help bring the book to life.



**Pacific Reef and Shore: A Photo Guide to Northwest Marine Life, 2nd Edition** by Rick M. Harbo (Harbour Publishing): This compact guide includes colour photographs and up-to-date scientific information on 300 marine plants and animals found off the coast of North America, from Alaska to California.



**Some Useful Wild Plants: A Foraging Guide to Food and Medicine from Nature, Revised Edition** by Dan Jason (Harbour Publishing): Featuring charming line drawings, this classic guide provides information on how to use (and when to avoid) more than 100 herbs, shrubs, berries, seaweeds, trees and poisonous plants.



**Speakeasy** by Alisa Smith (Douglas & McIntyre): The debut novel by Vancouver’s Alisa Smith, an award-winning journalist and non-fiction author, tells a genre-bending tale of Prohibition-era gangsters and World War II espionage, all set in BC and told through the eyes of a female outlaw-turned-codebreaker.

am-7 pm. 7899 Templeton Station Rd., Richmond. 604-231-5525. [www.mcARTHURGLENVANCOUVER.COM](http://www.mcARTHURGLENVANCOUVER.COM) & **Map 3: B3**

### METROPOLIS AT METROTOWN

BC’s largest shopping destination boasts 400 stores, restaurants and theatres: it’s home to Hudson’s Bay, Sears, T&T Supermarket, Winners HomeSense, Zara, Toys ‘R’ Us and Silvercity Metropolis Theatres. Huge amount of free parking. A sky-walk links the mega-mall with Metrotown SkyTrain and bus loop. M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su and holidays 11 am-7 pm. 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-630-3340. [www.metropolisatmetrotown.com](http://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 Max

Mara, Hugo Boss, BCBG Max Azria, Lacoste, Coach, Harry Rosen and Boys’ Co. Also find modern essentials at Banana Republic, Gap, Lululemon and Hudson’s Bay. Concierge services available. Free parking. Easy access with the Canada Line SkyTrain at Oakridge-41st Avenue station. M-Tu, Sa 9:30 am-7 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](http://www.oakridgecentre.com) & **Map 4: E3**

**PACIFIC CENTRE** Downtown Vancouver’s largest shopping centre includes stores such as Holt Renfrew, Harry Rosen, H&M, Max Mara, Hugo Boss, The Apple Store, Kate Spade, Bose, Hollister Co., Ted Baker, 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](http://www.pacificcentre.ca) & **Map 1: C5**

**RICHMOND CENTRE** Located near the airport, this centre has 240 shops and services including Hudson’s Bay, 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](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. M-Sa 10

am-5:30 pm. 757 W. Hastings St. [www.sinclaircentre.com](http://www.sinclaircentre.com) & **Map 1: B6**

**TSAWWASSEN MILLS** This huge outlet mall near the BC Ferries terminal boasts nearly 200 shops, services and restaurants. Browse retailers like Aritzia, Saks OFF 5th, Bath & Body Works, Calvin Klein, Bass Pro Shops, Michael Kors, Roots and Winners. Shuttle service provides free round-trip transport from the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. M-Sa 10 am-9 pm, Su 10 am-7 pm. 5000 Canoe Pass Way, Tsawwassen. 604-948-9889. [www.tsawwassenmills.com](http://www.tsawwassenmills.com) & **Map 2: G3**

### ANTIQUES

**SALMAGUNDI WEST** Looking for something esoteric, eclectic or just plain weird? This is the place to find

treasures and oddities aplenty. For the truly strange stuff, venture down the rickety stairs to the basement—which is reported to be haunted. Thrift readings, too. 321 W. Cordova St. 604-681-4648. **Map 1: C6**

### BARGAINS

**VANCOUVER FLEA MARKET** The city’s largest flea market has more than 360 stalls under one roof. Bargain in the Big Old Red Barn for unusual take-home gifts, in an atmosphere reminiscent of European markets. A funky place to shop for all the family. A five-minute walk from Main St. SkyTrain station. Open year-round. Sa-Su and most holiday M, 9 am-5 pm. 703 Terminal Ave. 604-685-0666. [www.vancouverflea.com](http://www.vancouverflea.com) & **Map 1: E8**

### BOOKS & MAGAZINES

**INDIGO/CHAPTERS** Find books on every topic imaginable, along with music, home accessories, greeting cards, children’s titles and magazines. 2505 Granville St. at W. Broadway. 604-731-7822. & **Map 1: F3** 1025 Marine Dr., North Vancouver. 604-988-6681. & **Map 4: C4** Metropolis at Metrotown, 4700 Kingsway, Burnaby. 604-431-0463. & **Map 4: E6** IndigoSpirit: 810 Granville St. 604-979-8899. [www.chapters.indigo.ca](http://www.chapters.indigo.ca) **Map 1: C5**

**KIDSBOOKS** Claims fame as Canada’s largest children’s bookstore. Also sells puppets, games, DVDs and parenting books. 2557 W. Broadway. 604-738-5335. & **Map 4: D3** 3040 Edgemont Blvd., North Vancouver. 604-986-6190. [www.kidsbooks.ca](http://www.kidsbooks.ca) & **Map 4: B4**



**COOL COMFORT** The Ecco Intrinsic TR collection blends form and function in a range of stylish but comfortable sneakers for the modern man. At Ecco (page 84).