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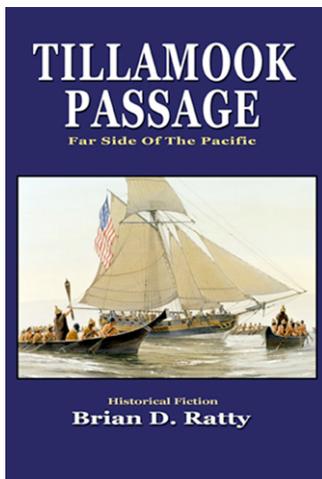
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## Local Author Wins National Literary Award

WARRENTON, Ore. – Local Author, Brian D. Ratty, has announced that his new book, *Tillamook Passage – Far Side of the Pacific*, has been selected an award winner in the 2012 Eric Hoffer Awards. With thousands of books entered in 22 divisions, *Tillamook Passage* was one of the winners in the Young Adult category. The Eric Hoffer literary Awards were established at the start of the 21st century to honor free thinking writers and independent books of exceptional merit. The annual awards are given in tribute to the memory of the great American philosopher Eric Hoffer by highlighting notable writing, as well as the independent spirit of small publishers. More Information: [www.hofferaward.com](http://www.hofferaward.com)



**Two worlds...  
one destiny**



*Tillamook Passage* is historical fiction that journeys back to the early days of the coastal Indians. This new novel is the latest book in an adventure series by award-winning author Brian Ratty.

The novel's storyline is spun around the 1787 passage of the ship, *Lady Washington*, under the command of Captain Robert Gray, and his discovery of the Tillamook Indians and their large, pristine bay. After some friendly trading with the natives, the ship suffers a surprise attack. During the ensuing battle, two young lads, Joe Blackwell and an African cabin boy, become separated from the ship and must hide from the marauding Indians. Captain Gray holds off the Tillamooks with musket and cannon while getting underway. From the rocks above the bay, the two young men watch in frightened disbelief as their ship slips out onto a foggy sea. The two lads are now marooned in this remote, primitive land.

*Tillamook Passage* is available at local bookstores, libraries and at [www.Barnsnoble.com](http://www.Barnsnoble.com), [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com), [www.Booksamillion.com](http://www.Booksamillion.com)  
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