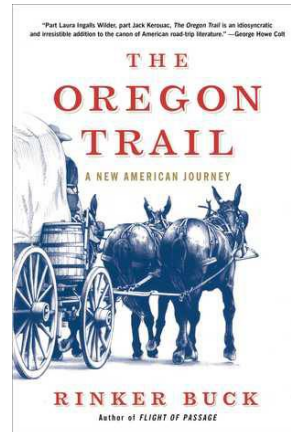


Rinker Buck & *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site



Do you ever wonder what The Oregon Trail looks like today? How much do you know about the experiences of those who crossed it in hopes of starting a new and better life?

Rinker Buck, author of *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey*, will be visiting Fort Vancouver National Historic Site on Saturday, June 25th from 1-5pm to talk about The Oregon Trail & his recent travels along the route as it exists today. He will be giving a talk and reading at 3pm, followed by a signing. This event is co-sponsored by Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, & will be held at their new visitor's center, located at 1501 E Evergreen Blvd. This event is free, open to the public, and family friendly. The day will feature a replicated wagon like those used on The Oregon Trail, reenactors in period dress, & various activities & displays. Though Buck's original journey stopped in Eastern Oregon, he will officially be welcomed to the end of the Trail here in Vancouver by "John McLoughlin."

Buck's *The Oregon Trail: A New American Journey* is an epic account of traveling the length of the Oregon Trail the old-fashioned way—in a covered wagon with a team of mules, an audacious journey that hasn't been attempted in a century—which also chronicles the rich history of the trail, the people who made the migration, and its significance to the country. At once a majestic journey across the West, a significant work of history, and a moving personal saga, *The Oregon Trail* draws readers into the journey of a lifetime. It is a wildly ambitious work of nonfiction from a true American original. It is a book with a heart as big as the country it crosses. The paperback will be available for purchase on-site, and Buck will be glad to sign your copy! 20% of proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Fort.