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### *Reflections from the Rainbelt*

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- A delightful and humorous collection of fifty stories that capture quintessential life on the West Coast, as well as the unique colour and flavour of the Sunshine Coast specifically.
- Offers a British Columbia counterpart to beloved works by authors such as Dan Needles and Stephen Leacock.
- Provides a unique deep-dive into rural life that thousands of Canadians are now seeking since the pandemic.
- Includes fascinating little-known facts about the history and geography of the region from Port Mellon to Powell River.
- Written by award-winning author and renowned, beloved Canadian publisher Howard White.

No matter where people live on the BC coast, says Howard White, they have certain shared experiences: frustration with rain and ferries, familiarity with gumboots, bumbershoots, seagull droppings and barnacles in the wrong places. But each little community clings to its own sense of uniqueness and considers itself the true West Coast. As a case in point, White offers fifty funny sketches of life as he has come to know it in sixty-odd years of living along that hundred-mile stretch of monsoon-prone shoreline ironically known as the Sunshine Coast.

Included is what must be one of the most admiring testaments ever written about the virtues of the old-time outhouse; fond remembrances of saltwater fishing when a bad day meant you didn't hook something in twenty minutes; and explorers who stooped to naming islands after favourite racehorses. We also meet a "bouquet of characters," including a lyrical logger known as Pete the Poet; a diabolical seagoing remittance man; the saintly Quaker philosopher Hubert Evans and White's barrier-busting Aunt Jean who taught him the advantages of "scientifically enlarging the truth." Along with accounts of waste disposal wars and wry observations on modern technology, *Here On the Coast* offers a West Coast counterpart to such favourites as *Letters From Wingfield Farm* and *Sunshine Sketches of a Little Town*.

**HOWARD WHITE** was raised in a series of camps and settlements on the BC coast and never got over it. He is still to be found stuck barnacle-like to the shore at Pender Harbour, BC. He started Raincoast Chronicles and Harbour Publishing in the early 1970s and his own books include *A Hard Man to Beat*, *Spilsbury's Coast*, *The Accidental Airline*, *Writing in the Rain*, *The Sunshine Coast* and *A Mysterious Humming Noise*. In 2000, he completed a ten-year project, *The Encyclopedia of British Columbia*. He has been awarded the Order of BC, the Canadian Historical Association's Career Award for Regional History, the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, the Jim Douglas Publisher of the Year Award and a Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree from the University of Victoria. In 2007, White was made an Officer of the Order of Canada.

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