

The Sky Fisherman

by Craig Lesley

The lives of young Culver, his twice-married mother, and his charismatic uncle Jake have always been overshadowed by the death of Culver's father in a fishing accident. When a suspicious fire destroys the town mill and three murders occur, Culver is engulfed by the dangers he finds lurking in the place he'd come to call home. Love, death, coming of age, and Native American spiritual beliefs flow together with the forces of nature in this novel.

The fictional town of Gateway is Madras viewed through the prism of Craig's teenage years spent here in the late 50s and early 60s. Craig writes that "Jake is modeled on my uncle, Oscar Lange, a legendary fishing guide and small-town hero. Flora resembles my mother, a tenacious single parent who worked on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation. Billyum Bruised Head played high school football with me." Events occur in familiar businesses and buildings. The daily life and activities of an adolescent boy in our small, rural town are depicted and real fires, floods, and murders are woven into the story.

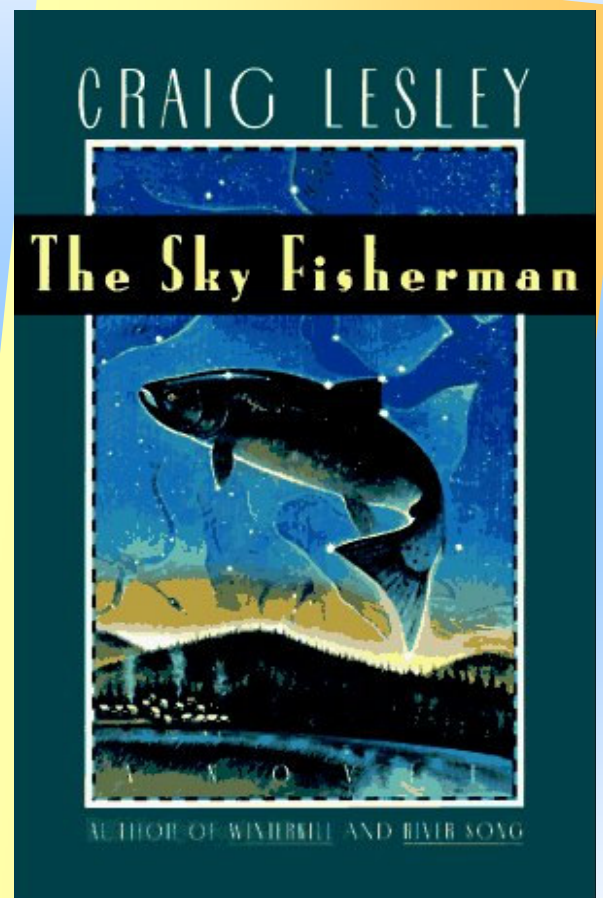
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Jefferson County Community Read

Presents:



April 20~21, 2007

*Read the Book
Remember the Past
Share the Stories*

Tuesday, April 3rd

“Oscar Stories and Deschutes River Reminiscences”

Two informal gatherings to recount Oscar Lange and Deschutes River stories not chronicled in The Sky Fisherman. Share your stories. Be prepared to laugh.

Noon – 1:30 Jefferson Co. Sr. Center

*Bring a Brown Bag lunch
(Lunch reservations can be made at the Sr. Center. Call 475-6494 by March 27.)*

7 - 8:30 pm Library Annex

Evening Session with Cookies

Thursday, April 12th

“Jefferson County History in the 1950s and 1960s”

Did you recognize someone in The Sky Fisherman? Do you remember the '64 flood in Madras and Warm Springs? Stories and historical pictures will be shared.

Noon – 1:30 Jefferson Co. Sr. Center

*Bring a brown bag lunch
(Lunch not available for purchase)*

7 – 8:30 pm Library Annex

Evening Session with Cookies



Craig Lesley



*Watch for fly fishing lessons.
Information available soon!*

Craig Lesley Events

Friday, April 20th

**“The Mystique of Gateway (Madras):
Conjuring the Past”**

Noon – 1:00 Jefferson Co. Sr. Center

*Bring a Brown Bag lunch
(Lunch reservations can be made at the Sr. Center. Call 475-6494 by April 13.)*

**“Developing Memorable Characters:
how to create characters that come
off the page.”**

**9:40 – 10:30 am Culver High School
2 – 3:10 pm Madras High School**

Saturday, April 21st

***Writer’s Workshop: “Writing from
Memory: How to Use Personal Ex-
perience in Writing Fiction”***

9 – 11:00 am Library Annex

*Sign up for the Writer’s Workshop at the
Jefferson County Library or call 475-3351.
Limit 15 participants.*

“Conversation with Craig”

1 – 2:00 pm Warm Springs Library

**“A Celebration of the Small Town,
Working-Class West”**

7 – 8:30 pm Library Annex