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Traplines: Coming Home to the Sawtooth Valley

by John Rember

In this memoir, John Rember recounts his experiences of growing up in the Sawtooth Valley at a time when fish were wild in the rivers and electric light seemed magical. On his return home in 1987, Rember realizes that the rural west has been transformed, both as a place to live and as a terrain of the imagination.

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Winter Range by Claire Davis

Winter Range traces a winter that turns violent when Ike Parsons, a recent immigrant to the northeastern Montana cattle ranching country, attempts to help a cattleman down on his luck and crazed with loneliness and resentment. The novel touches on issues of class and isolation, betrayal and memories.



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March 8***Bitterbrush Country: Living on the Edge of the Land*** by Diane Josephy Peavey

In this collection of autobiographical essays (originally read on Idaho Public Radio), Diane Josephy Peavey writes about her life as a rancher and environmentalist in (as she puts it) “the vast, open landscape of south-central Idaho, at once a sanctuary, a source of strength, and a heartache.”

March 29***In the Wilderness: Coming of Age in an Unknown Country*** by Kim Barnes

In the Wilderness is a memoir about growing up in the isolated logging camps of North Idaho during the 1960s, a work about family and identity. Kim Barnes' parents moved from the Oklahoma dustbowl to North Idaho, where her father became a logger and the family lived a modest but happy life. The memoir depicts a young woman's struggles to discover who she is through the family's conversion to Pentecostal faith, her rebellion as an adolescent, and her ultimate return to the woods of her youth.

**April 12*****The Sky Fisherman*** by Craig Lesley

This coming-of-age story is set in a Northwest river town and is full of drama, river and fishing stories, rural humor, and American Indian lore. Culver lives with his widowed mother and his Uncle Jake, who becomes Culver's surrogate father. After a drowning is revealed to be murder and fire threatens the entire town, secrets about race relations, betrayals, and Uncle Jake's own past end his innocence. Culver ultimately comes to understand forgiveness and gains the healing that he needs to survive.