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Local Authors Fill Shelves at Orinda Books

(List compiled by Cathy Tyson, with thanks to Marian Nielsen of Orinda Books for her assistance)

Lamorinda is home to a wide variety of talented authors. Whether you're shopping for a children's book, or in the mood for an entertaining summer romance or something to enlighten and educate, there is probably a tome penned by a local author that's just what you're looking for.

On a recent visit to Orinda Books, the shelves were graced by the following books authored by residents of Lamorinda:

Painting Memories – Robert Becker

There's a Hummingbird in My Backyard – Gary Bogue

There's an Opossum in My Backyard – by Gary Bogue

East of Indus - Gurnam S. S. Brard

The Viagra Diaries – Barbara Rose Brooker

Rhoda – Her First Ninety Years – Rhoda Curtis

Living Without Blood - Graeme Daniels

This is, was or will be – Dorothy Cutright Davis

Kindness: A Little Drop of Water Cures Everything - Clayton Davis

Tracing Anza's Trail – A Photographer's Journey - Nina Egert, PhD.

Longing – Maria Espinosa

Dying Unfinished - Maria Espinosa

Stand By! – Larry Evans

Bicycling Beyond City Limits - Michael Foley

The Wind Came Running - Marianne Gage

Fascinating Fibonacci: Mystery and Magic in Numbers – Trudi Garland

Math and Music: Harmonious Connections – Trudi Garland

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Journeys to Survival - Betty J. Iverson

A Time to Flee – Betty J. Iverson

Tabea's Story – Betty J. Iverson

The Living Rainforest , An Animal Alphabet – Paul Kratter

Fear at Phantom Ship Lake - Marie Wagner Krenz

Living Lean Lifestyle – Sheena Lakhota

The Fiery Furnace - Margaret Wood Little

My Splendid Concubine - Lloyd Lofthouse

Enjoy: Luxury of Life - Joy Macci, Ph.D & Alexandra Hilton M.A.

Adventure the Long Walk – Joseph Padilla

Talerman – Myron Paine, Ph.D

Walking to Merican – Myron Paine, Ph.D

Letters to Zerky - Bill Rainy

RVing Solo Across America – Lois Requist

Surprise! I'm Still Here – Jane Rubey

Treat Your Partner Like a Dog: How to Breed a Better Relationship – Margie Ryerson

Raising Mario Twice – Christine Scharmer

Two Sloughs – Sally Small

Edgewise – Jan Stiles

Confessions of a Deadhead - The Starburst Commander

German Voices – Frederic Tubach with Sally Patterson Tubach

Pilgrimage / Offerings / Hana Lani - Christine Sunderland

Child on the Home Front – Robert Ross Talle

How Do You Know – Deborah W. Trotter

A Summer's Trade – Deborah W. Trotter

A Life in the Wild - Pamela S. Turner

Prowling the Seas – Pamela S. Turner

Aegis Rising – Tanith Tyler

Survival in the Snow – Ginger Wadsworth

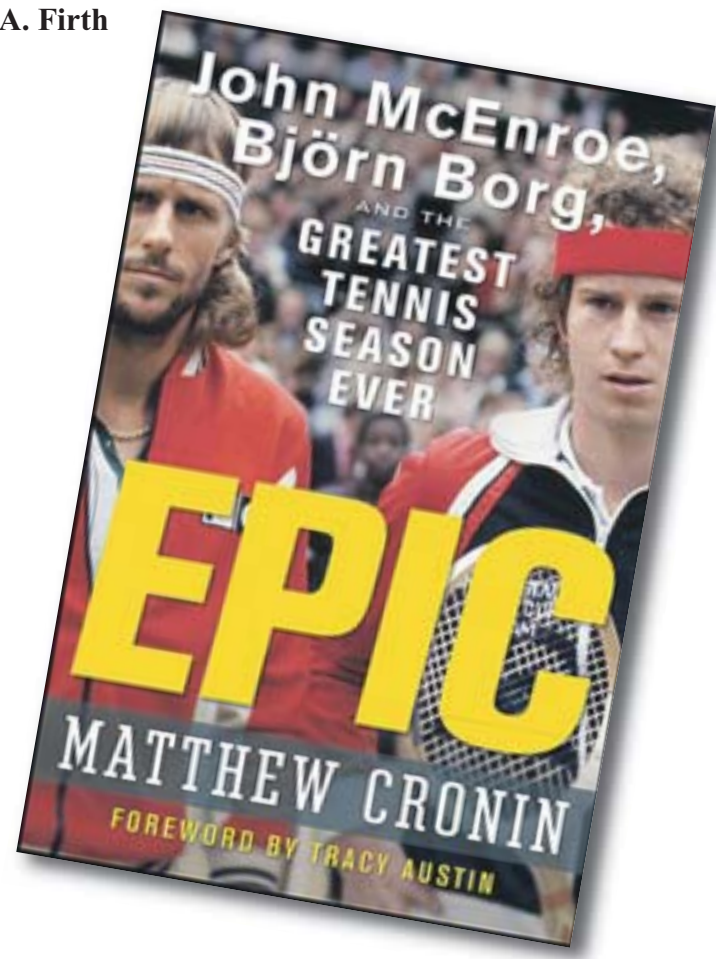
Camping with the President – Ginger Wadsworth
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EPIC

John McEnroe, Bjorn Borg and the Greatest Tennis Season Ever

Author: Matthew Cronin

By Andrea A. Firth



Moraga resident Matt Cronin did the initial research for his first book over 30 years ago. He had played in the last match of his own successful high school tennis career and was enjoying some down time before moving on to college. Like tennis fans around the world, Cronin spent part of the summer glued to the television watching one of the greatest men's tennis rivalries in the history of the game—Borg versus McEnroe.

"It is one of the greatest contrasts in the character and styles of two players at the very top of the game," says Cronin, a veteran tennis writer and radio and television analyst. Cronin's recently released book, *EPIC - John McEnroe, Bjorn Borg and the Greatest Tennis Season Ever*, takes readers back to 1980 and puts them in the stands to witness, almost point by point, Borg's defeat of McEnroe in a marathon match on Wimbledon's grass courts and the young, brash American's subsequent triumph over the stolid Swede two months later at the U.S. Open.

"McEnroe was this over-the-top, emotional, wild-eyed New Yorker playing Borg, the calm, reclusive Swede who had

been dominating the game," says Cronin setting the scene for his story of a tennis match up that stunned the world and attracted many new fans to the game. "McEnroe was immature at first; then he discovers a physical and emotional reserve and takes over the game."

To write the book, in addition to re-watching the matches for hours, Cronin did countless interviews with other players, coaches, friends, family and both Borg and McEnroe. He also researched the era and deftly interweaves the events in tennis with the social and political environment of the time. "The richest material comes from people talking about them," says the author. The book is infused with personal anecdotes that provide an interesting insight to the two tennis greats, both on and off the court, and reveals that the seemingly polar-opposite players shared both a passion for tennis and a friendship.

Cronin recently returned from Wimbledon, the 54th grand slam he has covered, and will head off to Arthur Ashe Stadium in the borough of Queens in New York City at the end of August to cover the 44th U.S. Open.

