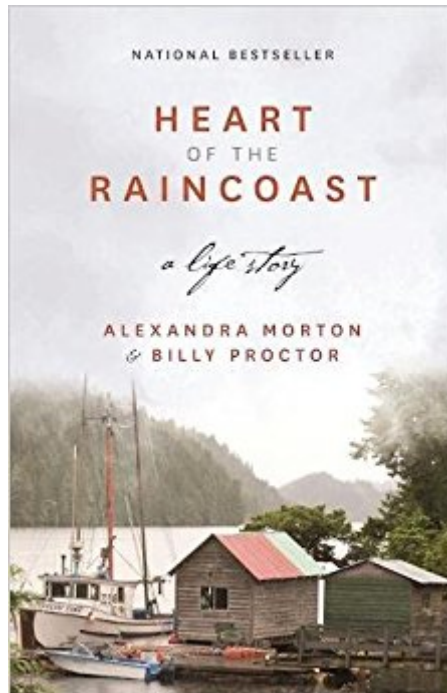


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Heart Of The Raincoast: A Life Story



Synopsis

“A lot of people think they own the things on this planet, but they are wrong, because we are just visiting for a short time and then we are gone.” Everything was here before we came here, and I hope that everything will be here after we are gone.” —Billy Proctor

Along British Columbia’s remote central coast lives Billy Proctor, a fierce mainlander who has spent his entire life on the water. He became a commercial fisherman at age seven, selling his daily catch to his mother, a respected fishmonger. As his operation grew, so did his respect and understanding for the fish—how, when, and where to catch the thriving runs of Pacific salmon, oolichan, and herring. Eventually Billy came to realize that his beloved fish were vanishing—some to near extinction—and he understood that it was time to take action. Originally published in 1998 and now a Canadian bestseller, Billy’s stories convey his profound respect and admiration for the lands and waters that he has spent his lifetime working on and fighting for. Stories are what you need to hear—stories about people who have spent a lifetime living and working with nature. We owe a debt of thanks to Alexandra Morton, who vividly introduces us to this man, Billy Proctor. He has much to tell us with his life and words.” —Robert Bateman

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Alexandra Morton is a scientist, researcher who lives and works in Echo Bay, BC. She has dedicated her life to protecting her home from salmon farms. Billy Proctor, now in his 80s, runs a museum and a bookshop in Echo Bay, BC where he shares his love of the ocean and forest with any who pass through.

Great book. My wife and I had the good fortune to meet the author in the Broughton islands sitting in front of his museum. It made it all the more special to chat with him. When we met him we bought some of his other books as well. He relates his life story in the Broughton Islands in a way which makes visiting them all the more meaningful and fun. He even gave me advice for catching fish as he used to fish commercially in the area.

The book is absolutely wonderful. Billy Proctor spent his life fishing, hand-logging, repairing boats. The descriptions are wonderful of the old times in British Columbia waters. The most striking is the fact that he watched the salmon industry , herring and all other small fisheries go downhill with the advent of Fish Farms and/or over fishing. He had living proof that all is not well. Also is so great allowing me to purchase used copies of books in perfect condition. I've never been disappointed. Betty.

I had trouble putting it down. Especially since I know Billy Proctor and have met Alexandra and heard her speak

Being a friend of cruising the Pacific Northwest, I love these type of books...

Enjoyed this book to the fullest she is awesome thank you

The responsible existence within our environment equates to actually having an environment that one wishes to live in. Billy Proctor's story, or rather, chronicles of his existence (and family, relatives and friends) of off the West Coast of British Columbia, Canada and how it has changed over the last 50 years inspires one to start treating our environment with respect and courtesy. It is a harsh, unforgiving and yet tranquil look upon what has been described as one of the most beautiful and diverse coastlines in the world. Once capable of supporting those who lived upon and around it, and used its bounty with skill. Technology, visitors and a lack of vision have poached upon it, to the brink of extinction of many of its species. To love where you are, the majesty of your surroundings, and witness its potentially irreversible destruction. It is a grand book about a grand place, that may be, shortly, changed forever.

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