

## **Suggested Reading List**

### **Ferry Trip to Unalaska/Dutch Harbor**

The Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge Naturalist aboard the ferry on summer runs will have a lending library of these titles and others. If you want your own copy, you can order ahead of time from the Alaska Geographic on-line bookstore at <http://www.alaskageographic.org>. Upon your arrival in Homer, you can also browse the Alaska Islands & Ocean Visitor Center's Alaska Geographic store for these and many more titles.

#### **1. Stellers Island; /Adventures of a Pioneer Naturalist in Alaska**

Dean Littlepage

This book follows the 1741, 1742 Bering, Steller exploratory expedition to America through the Aleutians to Prince William Sound. The author uses a narrative style that follows the actual time line with diary excerpts, historical records and official charts, maps, and well done illustrations of places, flora, and fauna. He traces the expedition in current time with actual boots on the ground, experiencing the rugged terrain and weather. This gives the reader an opportunity to experience in narrative what the conditions were then and now.

#### **2. Russians in Alaska 1732 - 1867**

Lydia T Black

This definitive work is the CROWN jewel of This Russian American scholar. Lydia T Black presents a comprehensive overview of the Russian presence in Alaska. Black shows how Russian expansion was the culmination of centuries of social and economic change. Without glossing over the harsher aspects of the period, Black acknowledges the complexity of relationships between Russians and Native peoples.

#### **3. Thousand-Mile War: World War II in Alaska and the Aleutians**

Brian Garfield

Since its first printing in 1969, The Thousand-Mile War has been acclaimed as one of the great accounts of World War II. Brian Garfield brought his skills as an author of narrative fiction to the history of the Aleutian campaign, putting together careful research and powerful storytelling to produce this compelling account of the battles of the United States and Japan on the bitter rim of the North Pacific

#### **4. Alaska at War 1941 - 1945**

Fern Chandonnet

Alaska at War brings readers face to face with war in the Aleutians. The book shows the effects of the war on Aleutian Islanders, the role of minorities in the war, and the American campaign to recover the islands of Attu and Kiska from Japanese hands. A good companion read to the (Thousand Mile War) both books will provide you with the stories and background to understand in depth how Alaska's citizens and all who came to prosecute this campaign endured.

#### **5. The Native People of Alaska**

Steve J Langdon

This book is a comprehensive and easy to read guide to Alaska's first people. It follows their life styles, traditions, and culture at the time of first contact with Europeans. After reading this book you will have a good understanding about the people who have inhabited and are successfully surviving in the "Great Land" for more than 200 generations.

## **6. The Bering Sea**

Alaska Geographic

One of the world's most productive ecosystems, the Bering Sea is called "Imarpik" by the Bethel native elders. That wonderful word means "Big Container" identifying the sea as a big bowl full of resources. But today life within the sea is undergoing changes, changes that are being examined by scientists and then documented. This book examines these ongoing changes and what can be done to protect this "time immemorial" resource.

## **7. From Kodiak to Unalaska**

Alaska Geographic

From the "Emerald Island" to the "Fishing capital of the world", this book portrays a resilient people inhabiting a rugged coastline of volcanoes, earthquakes, glaciers, and wind that sculpt the rocky landscape as well as the resident's lives.

## **8. Seals, Sea lions, and Sea Otters**

Alaska Geographic

From the "first people" to today's residents we have interacted with these sea mammals. Dreams of wealth, food, and finally conservation have shaped the stories of these magnificent animals.

## **9. Aleutian Islands of Alaska: Living on the Edge**

Kenneth Wilson

A large format collection of breathtaking photographs and captivating essays that shed light on life in the remote island communities of the Aleutians. This beautiful book concentrates on the people, the landscape, and the animals of this emerald necklace of intriguing islands that bridges the icy waters of the the North Pacific, connecting North America with Asia

## **10. National Wildlife Refuges of Alaska; Wild Wonders, Wild Lands**

Elaine Rhode

Discover each of Alaska's 16 national wildlife refuges through photos and text. The ferry to Unalaska will pass by 5 of these refuges and call at ports which have visitor facilities for three of them: Homer – Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge; Kodiak – Kodiak National Wildlife Refuge; and Cold Bay – Izembek National Wildlife Refuge.