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NIC Write Here Readers Series Presents John Vaillant

Join NIC's Write Here Readers Series for a reading with literary journalist John Vaillant Tuesday, March 1 at NIC's Comox Valley campus.



Award-winning literary journalist John Vaillant reads from *The Golden Spruce* and *The Jaguar's Children* at NIC's Comox Valley campus Tuesday March 1 in the Tyee Hall Lounge, starting at 7 pm. Admission is free and everyone is welcome.

Vaillant will read from *The Golden Spruce*, winner of the Governor General's award for Non-Fiction in 2005, and his recent novel, *The Jaguar's Children*.

Set in Mexico, *The Jaguar's Children* tells the story of Hector and his friend Cesar, as they leave Mexico for the United States. Much of the novel takes place inside the 10,000-gallon tank of a water truck stranded near the Arizona-Mexico border, where Vaillant sets the scene for a dark and suspenseful border story.

Vaillant's work has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *National Geographic*, and *Outside*, among others. His second non-fiction book, *The Tiger*, won the BC National Book Award for Non-Fiction and was a CBC Canada Reads selection. It was also named one of the Best Books in 2010 by international newspapers, libraries and booksellers associations.

Vaillant's reading takes place in NIC's Tyee Hall lounge at the Comox Valley campus, Tuesday March 1, starting at 7 pm. He will also read in Café Guido in Port Hardy Thursday, March 3.

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NIC's Write Here Readers Series showcases the richness of literary arts in our region, offering students and community members the opportunity to hear, meet and discuss ideas with some of Canada's top writers. It is made possible through NIC and The Canada Council of the Arts.

Additional authors this winter include Secwepemc First Nation poet Garry Gottfriedson in Port Alberni, Port Hardy and Campbell River on March 7, 8 and 9, Victoria authors Terence and Patricia Young March 31 in the Comox Valley and journalist Carrie Saxifrage April 7 in Campbell River.

To find out more about the series and winter 2016 reading schedule, visit www.nic.bc.ca.

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