

A walking tour of the real-life setting of the beloved children's books

Walking with Ramona

Exploring Beverly Cleary's Portland

by Laura O. Foster

Praise for *Walking with Ramona*:

“Hugely impressive, absolutely enriching, and downright inspiring. Kudos to Laura for writing a book that would make Ramona proud!” —Bart King, *The Big Book of Boy Stuff*, *The Big Book of Girl Stuff*, and *An Architectural Guidebook to Portland*

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Walking with Ramona explores the streets, schools, characters, and neighborhoods of author Beverly Cleary's Portland. With this newest and most unusual Portland guidebook, readers can walk the very sidewalks Beverly walked and climb the very school steps that Beverly climbed. You'll see the grocery parking lot where Ramona got stuck in the mud, the park lawn where Henry Huggins hunted nightcrawlers, and the real Portland street that became Klickitat Street, their fictional home. Beverly Cleary's Portland was much different than the Portlandia of today. *Walking with Ramona* brings to life what that 1920s and 1930s Portland was like for the “girl from Yamhill” who went on to become an internationally beloved author. Characters like Ramona and Beezus, Henry and Ribsby, and Ellen and Austine come to life on this hour-long walking route.

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1. The only guide to Portland that focuses on Beverly Cleary and her beloved characters
2. Author is respected local guidebook author who has sold 80,000 books
3. A walking tour that multiple generations of one family can enjoy together

Comparative Titles

- *This is Portland* Alexander Barrett
9781621060246 (Microcosm) \$5.95, 2013
- *Zinester's Guide to Portland (6e)* Shawn Granton 9781621067382 (Microcosm) \$7.95, 2016
- *The Portland Stairs Book* Laura O. Foster
9781604690699 (Timber Press) \$12.95, 2010
- *Berkeley Walks* Robert Johnson
9781938901393 (Roaring Forties) \$18.95, 2014



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