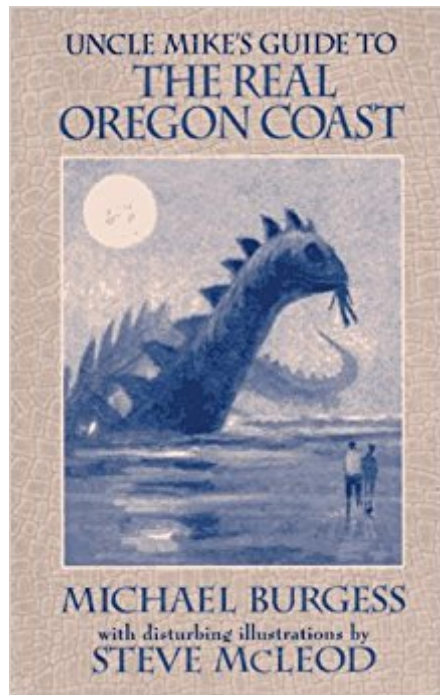




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Uncle Mike's Guide To The Real Oregon Coast



Synopsis

A hilarious send-up of all the things wrong with a beach town on the North Oregon Coast - starting with the weather! Tongue-in-cheek appraisal meant to keep people away, or to warn them about what they'll encounter...or...is it just a ploy to keep the beach pristine and deserted for the people who live there?

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"...an endearing memento and a wonderful gift." -- Ursula LeGuin, Author, *The Oregonian*, Portland, Oregon
"Michael Burgess is excellent." -- Dave Barry, Author/Columnist
"The Erma Bombeck of travel writers." -- Maggie White, Editor of *Our Town*, Portland, Oregon

Burgess is a fourth generation Oregonian, a reformed journalist and a Cannon Beach dweller. He is also a founder of Tolovana Arts Colony.

Michael Burgess was not a personal friend, but I regret not having made a connection with him while in Cannon Beach for a 2 month summer vacation. Unfortunately I had not read any of his books at that time. Darn. What a clever, funny and delightful read in each and every book he wrote. I would recommend them all. I feel fortunate to have a signed copy of *Uncle Mike's Guide to the Oregon Coast*. Uncle Mike passed away September 5th 2010. The news brought tears to my eyes and a heavy heart.

I have lived in the NW for 15 years and came across this gem at a coast bed and breakfast. Great

for laughs while avoiding a rainstorm.

Great book and quick delivery.

Great book. Really funny

Very funny writings about the oregon coast. A must read for any coast lover. I've never lived there but have visited several times and love it!

great book. 100% accurate. :)

I've lived in Oregon for over 20 years, and this is the first book that tells the frightening truth about the Oregon coast. Forget those posters and coffee table books showing beautiful coastlines and majestic cliffs bathed in sunshine--as Uncle Mike explains, these pictures were actually taken "during a break between storm fronts that occurs once or twice a decade and can last as long as a week." As for the inhabitants, "the culture that endures today, while of morbid interest to anthropologists, isn't for the squeamish." The wildlife is not much better. Uncle Mike points out that there are many sharks on the Oregon coast--and that there are no happy sharks, only hungry ones. A giant octopus can "snatch you and your toy poodle from the rocks with the lightning ease of a frog catching flies." An elk is "basically a deer on steroids," and a sasquatch is a "nearly nonexistent" monster that "hunts down humans for sport." You get the idea: from tsunamis to seagulls to ceaseless rain, the Oregon Coast is a scary place to be. Of course, it may be that Uncle Mike is only joking. It may be that the Oregon Coast is really a bright, beautiful place with cheerful inhabitants and friendly critters. On the other hand, it might be true that Oregon coast crabs "move quickly, are quiet as ghosts, and work well in groups." You do the math. If you enjoy Uncle Mike's sardonic sense of humor, consider getting "Uncle Mike's Guide to Sex and Drinking" (hard to find) and the two volumes of "Letters to Uncle Mike." Come what may, the Oregon Coast will never be the same.

I bought this book because it's by one of my favorite authors, and was not disappointed. Uncle Mike is a talented author. I grew up in Oregon, and all my "beach" experience revolved around the Pacific Ocean--on or near Cannon Beach. My friend grew up in both California and Oregon, and defines Oregon as a coast, which you "look at it from the warm car while you drive by to a real beach (in California)." As I can't stand California beaches, and think cold and gray is a perfect way to see the

ocean, we frequently debate the points of our favorite locales. Based on my background, I wholeheartedly support Uncle Mike's portrayal of the sea monster, sea gulls, and other fine folk of the coast. I enjoy reading it to my friend, who morosely insists that it's funny because it's TRUE. (Apparently she's one of those that should have read the book before venturing out barefoot onto the sand as a child.) The artwood is phenomenal, and Uncle Mike's commentary is first hilarious. If you've never experienced the Oregon Coast, read this book and be warned!

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