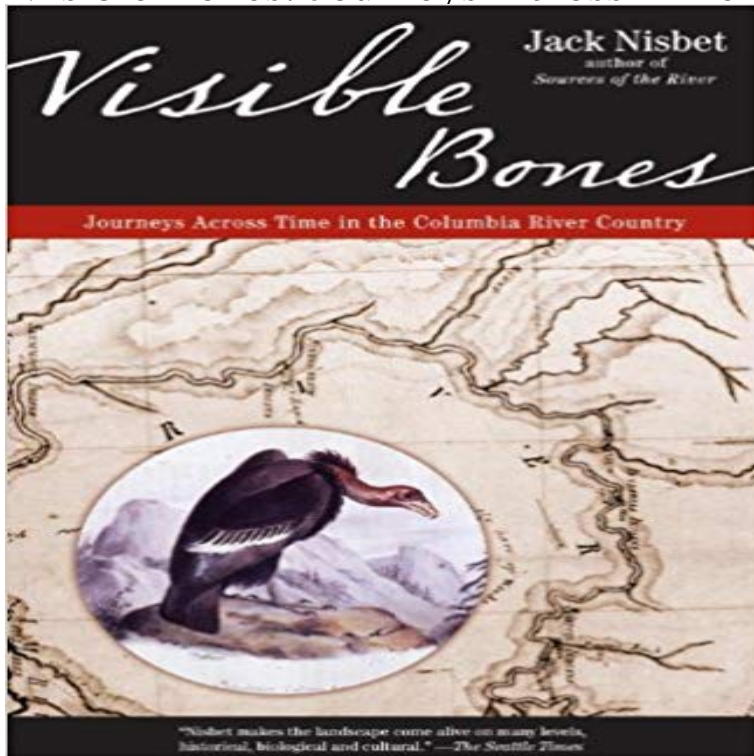


## Visible Bones: Journeys Across Time in the Columbia River Country



How can you know a place? Historian and naturalist Jack Nisbet, author of *Sources of the River: Tracking David Thompson Across Western North America*, looks to the relics of a region to connect the present moment to the distant past. In the vast Western territory defined by the Columbia River, Nisbet tracks the stories and meaning of relics such as a trilobite fossil that points to a tropical prehistoric ecology; the nearly extinct California condor, once the largest thing in the skies, described with amazement by Meriwether Lewis; the indelible stain of the smallpox pandemic that overcame the native peoples of the West; a rare and socially potent strain of indigenous wild tobacco that reveals the presence of vestigial Indian practices; and the remains of one Jaco Finlay, a mixed-blood trapper and scout who seems to have been everywhere in the region two hundred years ago. All of these relics are the visible bones that show how past is present in the Columbia River Country. Together the stories these bones tell lays out a wholly original, hybrid history that connects nature with human endeavor, geography with the passage of time; all contribute to the biography of a place. The arrow of time travels in one direction, and this is usually how history is told: beginning to end. But Jack Nisbet is up to something else: journeys across time through a place, knitting past to present and back again to assemble a portrait of the land that marked the culmination of Lewis & Clark's expedition, that saw the sad end of the Indian Wars with the flight of Chief Joseph, that has offered up fossil proof of mammoth species long extinct. In this western territory, the storied past is much in evidence.

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We are happy to provide quality fresh fruits, vegetables, Grass-fed and Finished Beef, Naturally & Humanely raised

Pork, Pastured Chickens, and Cage Free Eggs to Clackamas County sustainably on our small acreage.

We strive to provide vegetables that grow well in our climate ensuring the best tasting local food available. We prefer to grow old-fashioned and rare varieties of vegetables believing that they are the best to offer but do also grow a very select, few varieties of hybrids, but they are counted on one hand! Much of what we grow, we save the seed of every year and re-offer it to members of the Seed Savers Exchange.

We thank all of you, the “locavores”, food enthusiasts, market goers, and home chefs for making our goal of fresh, local, fruits and veggies sustainably a reality.

Latest News....

Phil and Christie Hansen

2015 is off to a great start! We are looking forward to what this year has to offer!

All our efforts are gearing up to get the growing season started...from ordering/starting/transplanting seeds, planning rotation crops for the fields, cleaning the greenhouses and field equipment, and clearing the fields! There is not a dull day here on the farm!

Planning for garden start varieties is in full swing also. This year we will be offering many of our favorite heirlooms, open-pollinated, and hybrid varieties that we have grown for the past 10+ years as well as many new-to-us varieties. We are diligent to not purchase, offer or grow GMO seeds or food.

Our mix of garden starts includes many different varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, ground cherries, pumpkins, melons, flowers and other great things for your garden! Most, if not all, varieties are tried and true for our Pacific Northwest valley climate. Check out the Garden Start page for a printable list of varieties available. Or go directly to a specific list at our Tomato, Pepper, and Other garden start pages.

We grew over 100 heirloom/open-pollinated Pepper varieties and 125+ varieties of heirloom/open-pollinated Tomatoes in 2014! Not counting the numerous other garden necessities like heirloom flowers, cucumbers, summer and winter squash, herbs, and melons amongst other rare and hard to find vegetables! In 2015 we will continue with the tradition we've started and will be planting and growing almost all the varieties that have been started so that even if you don't buy a plant you have a chance to taste a range of different flavors!

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