

Connecting Literature to Experience

Happy Valley Elementary

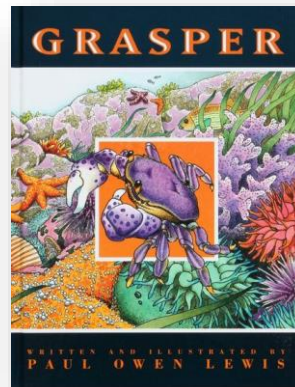
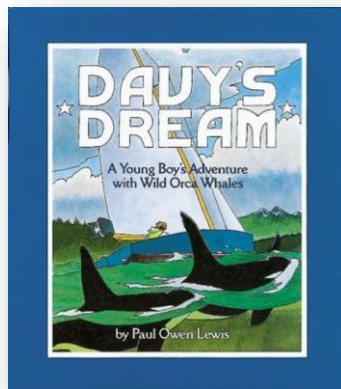


Hearing an author share how a book was inspired in the place it was inspired and have him read it to you right then and there is contagious magic. That is what happened with Happy Valley when **Lummi Island author [Paul Owen Lewis](#)** joined our trip and shared his picture book [Davy's Dream](#), a story about a young boy's adventure with wild orcas. Everyone was wrapped in fascinated awe when he spoke from an impromptu stage while we waited for the afternoon ferry. His sharing was so popular that it inspired a new event on the remaining trips – story time on the back of the boat. [Davy's Dream](#)



and another of his books, [Grasper](#), the story of a little crab learning to take risks and believe in himself, are two of my favorites that connect directly with the experience from the day. Thank you to Annie Madsen-Boydston for making it happen.

Click on the books below to learn more about them from Paul Owen Lewis' website:



Sharing the Salish Sea Experience with the Community

Whatcom Talks article about Happy Valley Field Trip

Another special guest on the Happy Valley field trip was Dondi Tondro-Smith. She heard about the trip after attending Jeff Hogan's Killer Whale Tales presentation for the Bellingham Family Partnership and was so fascinated she decided to come and check it out. Here is the link to her article that was published in [Whatcom Talk](#), an online media company that publishes positive stories about people, businesses, and organizations doing good things around Whatcom County.

