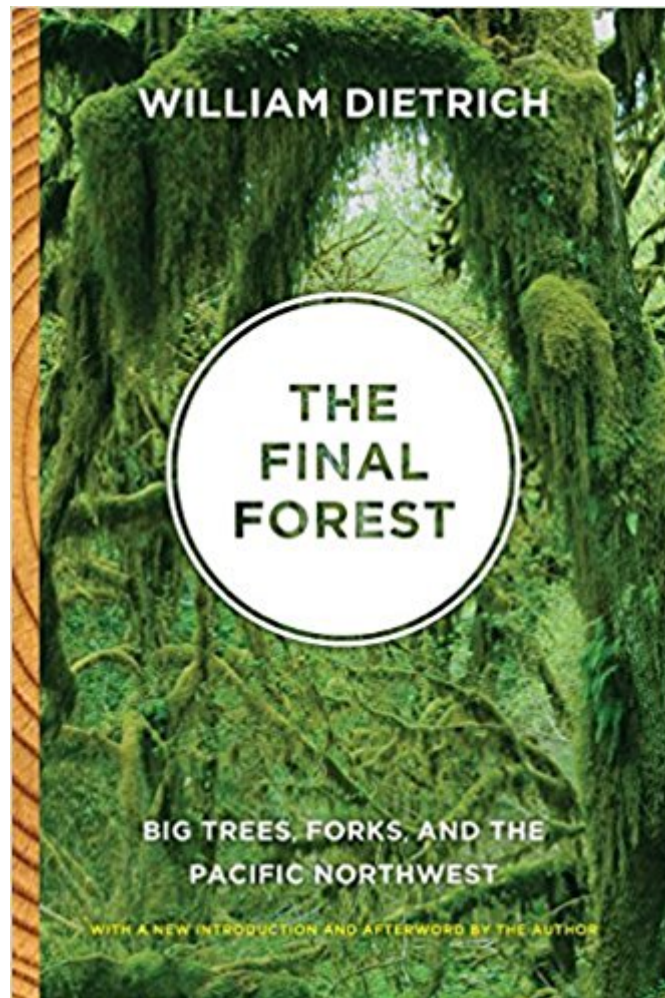




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The Final Forest: Big Trees, Forks, And The Pacific Northwest



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EditionBefore Forks, a small town on Washington's Olympic Peninsula, became famous as the location for Stephenie Meyer's Twilight book series, it was the self-proclaimed "Logging Capital of the World" and ground zero in a regional conflict over the fate of old-growth forests. Since Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist William Dietrich first published *The Final Forest* in 1992, logging in Forks has given way to tourism, but even with its new fame, Forks is still a home to loggers and others who make their living from the surrounding forests. The new edition recounts how forest policy and practices have changed since the early 1990s and also tells us what has happened in Forks and where the actors who were so important to the timber wars are now. Winner of the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association AwardFor more information on the author to to: <http://williamdietrich.com/>

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"This is a mesmerizing story of the complexity of the relationships between forests and people that at once honors the uniqueness of places while spanning universal themes." —BC Studies
"Time has brought 'The Final Forest' acclaim as a realistic portrayal of a critical era for the West End communities." —Living on the Peninsula
"Dietrich's 1992 account of the timber wars on the Olympic Peninsula has been updated with a new preface and afterword that explains what some of the main characters have been up to and explores the irony of Forks, Wash., becoming an international destination as a result of the Twilight series." —The Oregonian
"Dietrich presents in an easy-to-read

narrative style the point of view of various participants in this war, from the logger whose way of life is threatened to a biologist concerned with saving the Northern spotted owl. Highly recommended."âLibrary Journal"A remarkably readable and lucid account."âAudubon Magazine"The best book about the environment that I've read in a year."âNewsday

"In writing as lush as the threatened forests he describes, William Dietrich captures why the battle isn't merely for the ancient forests of the Pacific Northwest and California but for the health of the planet itself."âMichael L. Fischer, former Executive Director, Sierra Club"William Dietrich has gone to the heart of the greatest forest left in North America and returned with a clear and compelling story of why so many people are fighting over it. Like the towering firs of the Olympic Peninsula, this book will stand the test of time."âTimothy Egan, author of *The Big Burn*

Growing up in an era where I heard of the spotted owl and the surrounding controversy as told by the loggers in my family, this book was a wonderfully impartial recount of the facts of the case. The back stories of all sides of the issue were very helpful in being able to more completely understand why each person formed the opinions that they did. With the mainstream media focusing only on the controversial aspect of any issue, it was refreshing to be able to read and form my own opinions on the subject.

This updated version of the *Final Forest* is a fascinating history of the "Spotted Owl" controversy concerning logging in the West End of the Olympic Peninsula of Washington State. The story is told through the eyes of each stakeholder group...featuring individuals who exemplify each set of issues and perspectives. Excellent research and writing.

Extraordinarily well researched and written. This is the accounting of both sides of the old growth issue that never was widely reported.

Great read for those interested in outdoors, forests and some recent history.

I took this class, and it was required reading. I am glad that it was. My professor is in the book and for good reason. We also had a chance to chat with the author in class, and he was a great guy. I recommend this book to anyone who would like to learn more about what is going on in the forest on the Olympic peninsula from the activists to the loggers. Great read.

This was a book I needed to get for one of my daughter's college courses. The info provided about the content helped her know this was a book that she would be able to use for her course work. It was received quickly and in great condition.

The Final Forest is a work of pure genius. A must read for anyone interested in old growth forests, the forest products industry, or the environmental movement. The forests around Forks Washington are among the most productive in the world. This book tells an incredible story of how the disappearing habitat of a small but fearless bird .. the spotted owl .. was used to justify preserving the last remaining stands of old growth forests in the Pacific North West. Dietrich writing is obviously brilliant .. but it's also an even-handed and accurate work of journalism. He patiently explains the wildly divergent views of many actors involved .. from wood cutters, truck drivers, mill owners, Warehouse executives, forestry academics, wildlife biologists, environmental activists, Forrest Service employees, WA Dept. Natural Resources employees, and the good people of Forks WA. The book is so well researched and so well written .. it's hard to put down.

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