

# New book chronicles Doc Hastings' service to our country and our region

**Congressman Doc Hastings: Twenty Years of Turmoil, Kindle Edition, By C. Mark Smith, Book Publishers Network, 2018**

By JoDean Jordan

Richard (Doc) Hastings proudly represented his Eastern Washington district in Congress from 1994 to 2014. Before serving during one of the most tumultuous time periods in history, Doc rose from humble beginnings to greatly impact the state of Washington and the country throughout the course of his career.

Doc was raised to trust in the power of hard work and personal responsibility. His father saw a need in Pasco for a janitorial supply company, and with know-how and perseverance he founded Columbia Basin Paper and Supply. This choice not only sparked an entrepreneurial interest in Doc, but also relocated him and his family from Spokane to Pasco, where he would spend his childhood and graduate from Pasco High School in 1959.

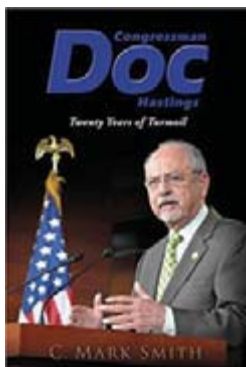
Doc continued his education at Columbia Basin College and Central Washington University, where he studied business administration, and he enthusiastically served his country in the United States Army Reserve.

With the support of his new wife Claire, Doc took his first steps into what would be a successful and impressive political career. He got his feet wet as a member of the Pasco-Kennewick Rotary Club, and retired from a 20-year career as a Republican in the United States House of Representatives.

*Congressman Doc Hastings: Twenty Years of Turmoil* is an historically accurate biography filled with detailed

anecdotes that made up Doc's life and work during a developing time for our country and the state of Washington. He was elected nine times by his constituent — and by great margins — which speaks to the trust that he had earned among those who depended on him to help make their lives more fulfilling and productive. He was known as a considerate observer with a dignified air about him, which earned him the respect of everyone who crossed his path.

Throughout his time in Congress, Doc participated in shaping history. C. Mark Smith has done an excellent job of educating the reader to the behind-the-scenes decisions and relationships that have directly affected the state in which we live.



Doc had a hand in deciding the outcome of major issues such as the evolution of the Hanford Site, public land-use policies, the Columbia River and the state's hydroelectric dams. He worked on policies and decisions affecting small business owners and farmers. He represented the Republican Party

during the Bill Clinton impeachment and 9/11, and throughout the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.

Doc Hastings fought battles and strived to balance the budget for the betterment of all those he represented back home, and he did it with an



In 2001, Congressman Doc Hastings, center, joined Senator Patty Murray on one of many visits he made to the Hanford Site in support of environmental cleanup.

understated and respectful quality that drew others to him and made his leadership more effective.

The stories that C. Mark Smith has written surrounding all of these issues, and countless others, are composed in a personal way that makes them readable for those who enjoy politics as well as for those who are experiencing the nuances for the first time.

Smith has brought the history of the Tri-Cities to life and has delved into the fascinating creation of the Port of Pasco and the progress of the region. His descriptions are rich with detail and interesting facts that Tri-Citians might not be aware of.

Combining the political history of the United States, and the amazing life and career of Doc Hastings, this book is a must-read for history buffs, politicians, those who love a good story and anyone who calls the Tri-Cities home.

*Congressman Doc Hastings: Twenty Years of Turmoil* can be downloaded to a Kindle for \$9.99 or purchased in hardcover from Amazon.com for \$32.95. For more about the book, visit [dochastingsbook.com](http://dochastingsbook.com).

# Educated: A true story of escape, rebirth

**Educated, A Memoir, by Tara Westover, Random House, 2018**

By JoDean Jordan

Tara Westover and her six older siblings knew no life other than the one created for them in a modest house at the base of Buck Peak, a rugged mountain in Southeast Idaho. She spent her adolescent years working in her father's junkyard, foraging for sellable metal, and assisting her mother in making tinctures and salves in their cluttered kitchen.

She didn't set foot in a classroom or in a doctor's office during her entire youth, and lacked not only a birth certificate but also a basic understanding of how the world worked outside of her family's home. She did not attend public school due to her father's mistrust, and by the time Tara was old enough, her mother didn't bother with home-schooling either.

Tara, by all accounts, was simply uneducated. Her parents, devout survivalists and fundamentalist Mormons, shielded their children from the truth that could be found outside of their strict beliefs, and spent their days preparing for the end of the world.

Tara spent her childhood in the shadow of a beautiful mountain, and in the shadow of her older brothers who managed to escape their reality and risk everything to pursue their educations. She lived under the watchful eye of her father, who would rather see her

endanger her life working with heavy equipment than venture out into what he deemed more perilous — the ways of the world, as opposed to the strict rules of God. Life within the four walls of their home was a paranoid, borderline bipolar existence.

Tara was destined to follow in the footsteps of her put-upon and fearful mother, who pursued a life as a midwife and creator of homemade salves and essential oils, thus feeding into the perceived evil of modern medicine.

This was not who Tara truly was. She craved an education, and to dance and sing with other girls her age. She wanted to know more, to be more, but pursuing her thirst for knowledge would be at the expense of her family's love.

Knowing more would make her more powerful than her violent, protective brother Shawn, who greatly affected Tara and everyone who dared get in his path. Knowing more would mean questioning everything she's ever known about her future role as a wife, a mother and a midwife, and finding the truth about a world beyond her family and herself.

She decided it was worth it all, and as a new future opened itself to her, her old life slammed the door in her

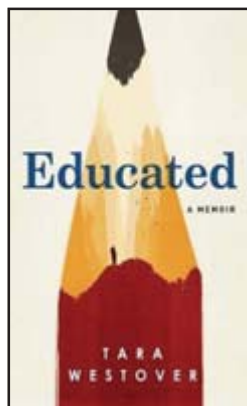
face.

Tara Westover has written a beautifully raw coming-of-age memoir that outlines a life of contradictions. In it, she shows the unbelievable real life of a family desperately trying to stick to their ideals despite the harm it does to those they are trying to protect. Tara triumphs over physically, mentally and emotionally unstable situations to rise above the limiting expectations and thrust herself into the unknown.

The sacrifices she makes to pursue her dreams and defy her family are simultaneously tragic and inspiring. She has captured the real emotions and almost surreal internal struggle she must undertake to not only get what she wants but to keep herself safe from those who love her most.

*Educated* is a deeply moving personal memoir, and an eye-opening story into a life that most people could not survive. It's the story of a personal journey that is worthy of praise and admiration. It is wonderfully written and definitely worth the time it takes to read.

*Educated* can be purchased from Amazon in hardcover for \$16.80, in paperback for \$20.43 or downloaded to a Kindle for \$12.99.



## New Releases Playing in Theaters

June 2018

- 1st Action Point  
Adrift  
American Animals
- 8th Hearts Beat Loud  
Hereditary  
Ocean's 8
- 15th Incredibles 2  
SuperFly  
Tag
- 22nd Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom  
Damsel
- 29th Sicario: Day of the Soldado  
Uncle Drew

July 2018

- 6th The First Purge  
Ant-Man and the Wasp
- 13th Hotel Transylvania 3:  
Summer Vacation  
Eighth Grade  
Skyscraper
- 20th Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again  
The Equalizer 2
- 27th Mission: Impossible – Fallout  
Teen Titans Go! To the Movies



## New DVD Releases

June 2018

- 5th A Wrinkle in Time  
The Hurricane Heist  
Every Day  
Gringo  
Thoroughbreds
- 12th Tomb Raiders  
I Can Only Imagine  
Love, Simon  
The Strangers: Prey at Night  
Sherlock Gnomes  
An Ordinary Man
- 19th Pacific Rim Uprising  
Midnight Sun  
Unsane  
Flower
- 26th The Endless  
Tyler Perry's Acrimony  
Gemini

July 2018

- 3rd Blockers  
Beirut  
7 Days in Entebbe  
Finding Your Feet  
Journey's End
- 10th Lean on Pete  
211
- 17th Rampage  
I Feel Pretty  
Truth or Dare  
Disobedience
- 24th Ready Player One  
The Con Is On