

Facet signs Anna Iltner's Sea Libraries

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Facet Publishing has signed *Sea Libraries: Maritime Knowledge, Architecture and Inspiration* by Anna Iltner. Publishing director Andrew James bought world English language rights from Allison Remcheck at Stimola Literary Studio. The book will be out in trade paperback and ebook in June 2028.

Iltner is creator of the Sea Library in her native Latvia. She is a journalist and researcher who works at the National Library of Latvia. She said: "Working on *Sea Libraries* for Facet Publishing is a dream come true. After years of curating the Sea Library, learning the craft of librarianship at the National Library of Latvia and exploring the network of libraries around the world, this book brings together my two great passions - the sea and libraries - in one place."

James said: "When Anna moved to an old wooden house by the Baltic Sea, she started to collect books about the sea. In 2018, she opened the Sea Library in one of the rooms and there are now over 1000 books in her collection dedicated to our blue planet. Anna's book is a lyrical and fascinating deep dive into the connection between libraries and the sea, from shipboard collections and coastal reading spaces to maritime archives and oceanographic research libraries that reveals the vital role libraries play in supporting global ocean literacy. It is a beautiful, passionate and vital contribution to maritime conservation and knowledge."

Remcheck said: "Iltner's *Sea Libraries* is a gift, an exploration of how literature connects people to one another in unexpected places, and the inspiration the sea brings to foster such a connection and promote the preservation of the sea itself."

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