

## **National Authors' Day Categories**

With a commitment to igniting learning through explorations of art, history, science, and culture, the New Bedford Whaling Museum Store chooses merchandise and books that reflect the stories of the people, the region, and the international seaport we proudly serve. The buying categories below have been thoughtfully designed to resonate with our visitors and support the New Bedford Whaling Museum's mission. We invite authors and publishers to consider these buying categories when submitting their application for the National Author's Day event scheduled for November 1, 2024.

### **Local SouthCoast Connections & Culture**

This buying category celebrates the vibrant heritage and diverse cultures of the SouthCoast region of Massachusetts, reflecting the New Bedford Whaling Museum's deep roots in the community and origins as the Old Dartmouth Historical Society. Through carefully selected products, visitors can connect with the rich history, traditions, industries, and stories of the area. By showcasing these products, the Museum Store fosters a sense of pride and appreciation for the community it serves, while supporting local artisans and businesses.

Examples of books in this category:

- Memoirs or biographies of notable figures from the area.
- Cookbooks featuring traditional SouthCoast recipes and culinary traditions.
- Photographic collections showcasing the landscapes, architecture, and daily life of the region.
- Guidebooks highlighting local attractions, landmarks, and hidden gems.
- Historical books about the SouthCoast region, including New Bedford, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Westport, and Acushnet.

### **Whales & Ocean Ecology**

This buying category is dedicated to raising awareness about the marine environment and promoting ocean conservation, in alignment with the New Bedford Whaling Museum's commitment to marine mammal conservation. It offers educational resources and eco-friendly products that highlight the importance of preserving our oceans and protecting marine life. From informative books on marine biology to sustainable lifestyle items, each product empowers visitors to become stewards of the sea and advocates for a healthier planet.

Examples of books in this category:

- Field guides to marine mammals, including whales, dolphins, and seals.
- Books exploring the behavior, migration patterns, and habitats of whales.
- Environmental literature addressing ocean pollution, climate change, and marine conservation efforts.
- Children's books introducing young readers to marine life and ocean ecosystems.
- Travel narratives recounting experiences with whales and other marine creatures.

### **Whaling: New Bedford and Beyond**

This buying category delves into the fascinating history of whaling, both locally in New Bedford and around the world, reflecting the museum's comprehensive collection on whaling history. It offers a glimpse into the captivating stories of whalers, their ships, and the impact of whaling on global history and culture. From scrimshaw inspired pieces to Moby-Dick themed apparel, each product honors the impact of this industry while educating visitors about its complexities and consequences.

Examples of books in this category:

- Historical accounts of the whaling industry, focusing on New Bedford's role as a whaling hub.
- Memoirs or diaries of whalers and sailors from the 19th century.
- Studies on the social, economic, and cultural impact of whaling on global history.
- Art books featuring depictions of whaling scenes in painting, sculpture, and other visual arts.
- Fictional works set in the whaling era, drawing inspiration from historical events and characters.