

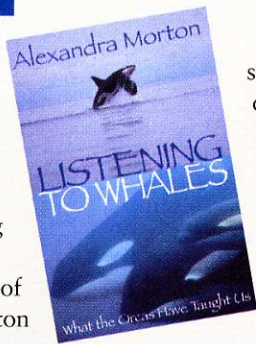
### Listening to Whales: What the Orcas Have Taught Us

**KILLER WHALES** are intelligent beings sharing this planet with us.

This is the conclusion of biologist Alexandra Morton after spending 25 years studying their language and behavior — both in captivity and the wild ocean.

Morton's new book *Listening to Whales: What the Orcas Have Taught Us* is a beautifully written blend of personal memoir and fascinating wildlife stories.

At age 22, Morton moved from urban Southern California to BC's rugged west coast to chase her dream to crack the code of killer whale communication. Homesteaded in Echo Bay, located off southeast Vancouver Island in the Broughton Archipelago, Morton



says her life's quest is to record orca sound and behavior — and match the two together.

The book's many amazing orca stories show how smart they really are — like the time Alexandra was lost in a fog at sea and a pod rescued her, surrounding her small boat

to guide her home. She has seen birth, death, and generations of killer whale families go by during her years among them.

Inside the covers of *Listening to Whales*, readers get a glimpse at a most unusual family album with 14 black-and-white plates of orcas, whales, other BC marine mammals, Morton and her family, combined with ink drawings of marine life scattered through the text.

*Listening to Whales* is published by Ballantine, distributed by Random House, and is available in hardback for \$39.95.

— Gordon Young