

The Paradise Notebooks

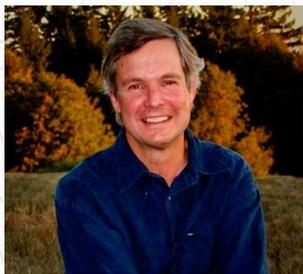
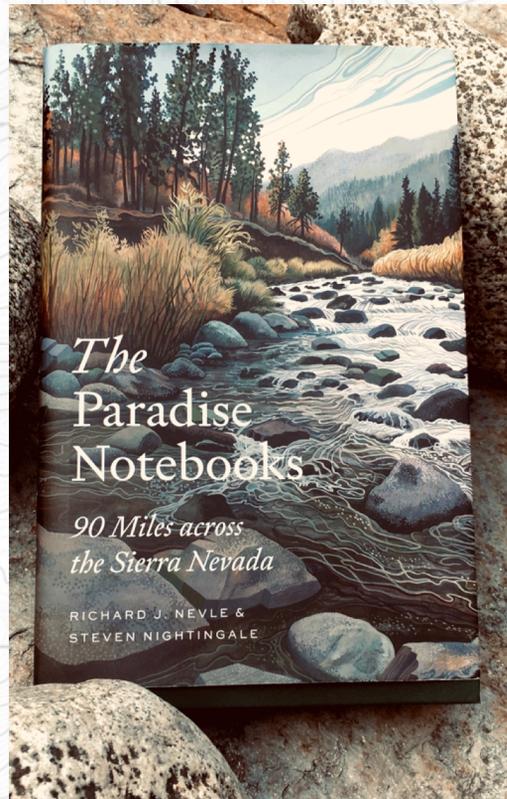
The Foster Museum

940 Commercial St., Palo Alto, CA 94303

Sunday, September 11, Program at 7:00 pm, Doors Open at 6:15pm

A reading and conversation with John Muir Laws and authors of *The Paradise Notebooks*, Richard J. Neve and Steven Nightingale. With special guest, singer-songwriter Deborah Levoy.

In *The Paradise Notebooks*, Neve and Nightingale take us across the legendary Sierra Nevada mountain range on a journey illuminated by scientific insight and incandescent poetry. From granite to aspen, to fire, to a rare, endemic species of butterfly, the essays and poems in the book explore the natural history and mystical wonder of each wild element. As they weave in vignettes from a ninety-mile backpacking trip across the range with their families, Neve and Nightingale powerfully reconceive the Sierra Nevada as both earthly matter and transcendental offering. In a time of rapid environmental degradation, *The Paradise Notebooks* offers a way forward—a whole-minded, learned, loving attention to place that can rekindle our joyful relationship with the living world.



Steven Nightingale teaches poetry in schools and universities in Nevada and California. He is the author of ten books, including the short fiction collection *The Hot Climate of Promises and Grace*.



Richard J. Neve is the deputy director of the Earth Systems Program at Stanford University and recipient of the university's highest teaching honor.



Naturalist, artist, and educator **John Muir Laws** is a principal leader and innovator of the worldwide nature journaling movement. He has dedicated his work to connecting people to nature through art and science.



Joining the authors will be singer-songwriter **Deborah Levoy**, performing original songs about the wild country of the American West.



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