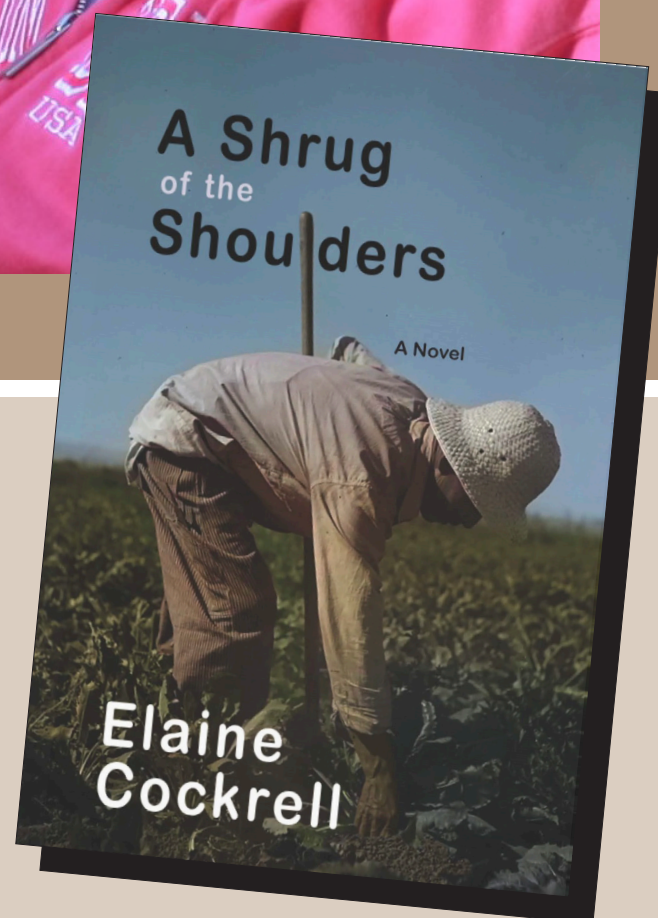


**Elaine Cockrell**

*Tuesday,  
January 24,  
2023*



**Workshop, 11:30 a.m.**

**LCC Main Building, Room 148**

**Reading, 7 p.m.**

**Longview Public Library**

In a rich novel spanning Portland's assembly center, farming communities in Eastern Oregon, and internment camps like Minidoka in Idaho, *A Shrug of the Shoulders* renders the Yanos' and Mitas' lives with care, hope, and historical fidelity. Through multiple points of view and dozens of vivid settings, author Elaine Cockrell creates a mosaic of Japanese-American perseverance: one tiled with humor, frustration, despair, anger, and love.

Elaine grew up amid wheat and sugar beet fields of her family's farm near Adrian, Oregon. She lived in a multi-cultural world with Basque shepherders, Mexican itinerant fieldhands, and Japanese-American families, most of whom settled there at the end of World War II. After graduating from Eastern Oregon University, Elaine taught literature and writing to middle and high school students for many years.



**The public is invited to these free events.**

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