

# Local authors tackle nukes, childhood memories

## ■ 'The Traveler's Guide to Nuclear Weapons: A Journey Through America's Cold War Battlefields'

A new book co-authored by a Bremerton man has both an unusual theme and an unusual format.

"The Traveler's Guide to Nuclear Weapons," by James M. Maroncelli of Bremerton and Timothy Karpin, a resident of Northern California, is now available as a CD-ROM book.

It is intended, Maroncelli said, as a guide to the thousands of people each year who visit one or more of the nation's nuclear historical sites.

Maroncelli says 250,000 people visit the National Atomic Museum in Albuquerque; 150,000 review the exhibits at the American Museum of Science and Energy in Oak Ridge; and more than 10,000 each take escorted tours of the Hanford Reservation, the

Nevada Test Site and the Savannah River Plant.

The book, complete with maps and photos, was researched during a rare period of openness before September 11th, Maroncelli said.

"Like so many other people, we felt it was not good enough just to read about the weapons plants, but rather we wanted to touch them and see with our own eyes where this recent period of our history took place," he said.

Maroncelli said the authors decided to publish on CD-ROM because the format gave them much more flexibility in adding additional material, including maps and photographs, than printing on paper would have allowed.

The book is described on the Website [www.AtomicTraveler.com](http://www.AtomicTraveler.com), and can be purchased for \$29.95 from that Web site.

## ■ 'Children of the Lighthouse'

Bainbridge author Ila G. Lee has published "Children of the Lighthouse," recounting her memories of a childhood as a lighthouse keeper's daughter. Lee grew up on the Oregon coast and in the San Juan Islands. The lighthouses were automated in the 1940s, so few who worked as keepers or who lived at the stations remain alive today to tell that history lesson.

Keepers spent hours during daylight maintaining the lighthouses under strict federal rules; then they split the night with their assistants to keep watch for ships in trouble and for smugglers.

Lee's book is available at Eagle Harbor Books or from the print-on-demand publisher, 1stBooks Library at [www.1stbooks.com](http://www.1stbooks.com).

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