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Couture Bouquets,  
Dream Desserts,  
and more!*



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## BOOK SMARTS

### *Portland, Oregon*

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**ROMANCE FACTOR** Portland's favorite bumper sticker says it all: "Reading is sexy."

**GEEK OUT TOGETHER** Spend a day or two scissoring around the city's indie bookstores; at lunchtime, lean up against one of the area's beloved food carts. Things will get more dignified at dinner—the city to the south gives us a run for our money when it comes to seasonal haute cuisine. They're serious about their cocktails, too; Beaker and Flask puts out impeccable classics.

After a day or two of art galleries and *Portlandia* jokes, hit the country before heading home. The coast is just an hour and a half away, and the hike-able Columbia River Gorge and Willamette Valley wine country are both just quick 45-minute jaunts.

**WHERE TO STAY** Pamper yourselves at the plush, historic Heathman Hotel ([heathmanhotel.com](http://heathmanhotel.com)), which houses a reading library and a James Beard Award-winning restaurant, or go for Old Hollywood glam at the silver screen-inspired Hotel deLuxe ([hoteldeluxeportland.com](http://hoteldeluxeportland.com)).

**GET THERE** From Seattle, drive three hours south. Plan on four hours for the Amtrak version. Jet-setting? Portland International Airport is a 45-minute flight from Sea-Tac. [travelportland.com](http://travelportland.com)

