



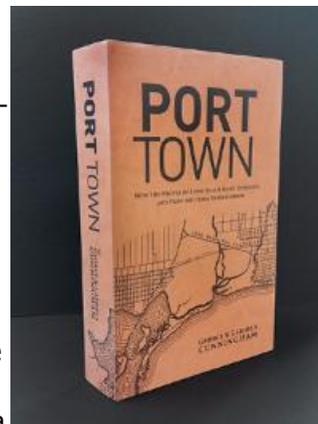
Port History Brought to Life in New Book

***Port Town* to be unveiled June 20**

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The history of the Port of Long Beach is the history of the City of Long Beach, and yet no one has written an in-depth history of the Port - which is why a new comprehensive history book, *Port Town*, has been commissioned by the Port and is due to debut in late June.

Port Town is written by George and Carmela Cunningham, formerly the publishers of a well-regarded, widely read maritime newsletter. The 500-page book takes an uncompromising look at how the people of Long Beach transformed a "worthless" mud flat into one of the most important ports in the world. It details the successes and the setbacks, the political and legal battles that were fought, and the emergence of the Port as the chief asset of the city.



The publication of *Port Town* will be celebrated at the Long Beach Public Library Foundation's 12th annual "Grape Expectations" benefit on June 20. The gala at the Terrace Theater will kick off several special events including lectures and historical harbor tours. The Port is also partnering with the Historical Society of Long Beach on a gallery exhibit from Aug. 7 to Nov. 6 showcasing the Port's history. The exhibit will be at the Historical Society galleries at 4260 Atlantic Ave.

You can keep up to date with all of these events by visiting porttown.polb.com or following us on social media.

Click [here](#) to find out more about Grape Expectations.

Watch a video about the book [here](#).

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