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***The Legacy of Ida Lillbroända: Finnish Emigrant to America 1893***

By Arlene Sundquist Empie (Northwest author of award-winning *Minding a Sacred Place* under pen name Sunnie Empie.)

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***The Legacy of Ida Lillbroända: Finnish Emigrant to America 1893*** A compelling story about a young Finnish peasant girl's trek across North America from her grim arrival and quarantine in Quebec, to 1890s Telluride where she runs a boarding house, to the 'Twenties farm in Washington's Skagit Valley.

Historical cultural material is skillfully woven into the immigrant story: Ida, a Swedish-speaking Finn, prompts discussion of the history of Finland under the Swedish realm. Descriptive excerpts from manuscript and letters written by Ida's daughter Leona Sundquist, Professor Emeritus, Western Washington University, provide insight into the activities and mindset of the first and second generation Finland Swedes in early 20th century America.

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"Migration studies have traditionally focused on men as the typical immigrants whereas the fates and aspirations of women have received much less attention. I therefore wholeheartedly welcome this engaging study with a female protagonist who created a life for herself and her family in a new country. As the story follows the endeavors of a young immigrant woman in the early 20th century, yet another quest unfolds – the historical and genealogical detective work of the author striving to bridge the gap of generations."—Susanne Österlund-Pötzsch, Ph.D., co-author *Swedish Folklore Studies in Finland 1828-1918*

"An insightful analysis of a Swedish-speaking Finnish woman and of her adjustment within a multitude of different settings in the American West. A true account of the immigrant experience and an inspiration to all who knew Ida personally and her family."—Vincent O. Erickson, Retired Professor of Anthropology, University of New Brunswick and Editor of *The Officers' Quarters*, York-Sunbury Historical Society, Fredericton, NB, Canada.

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