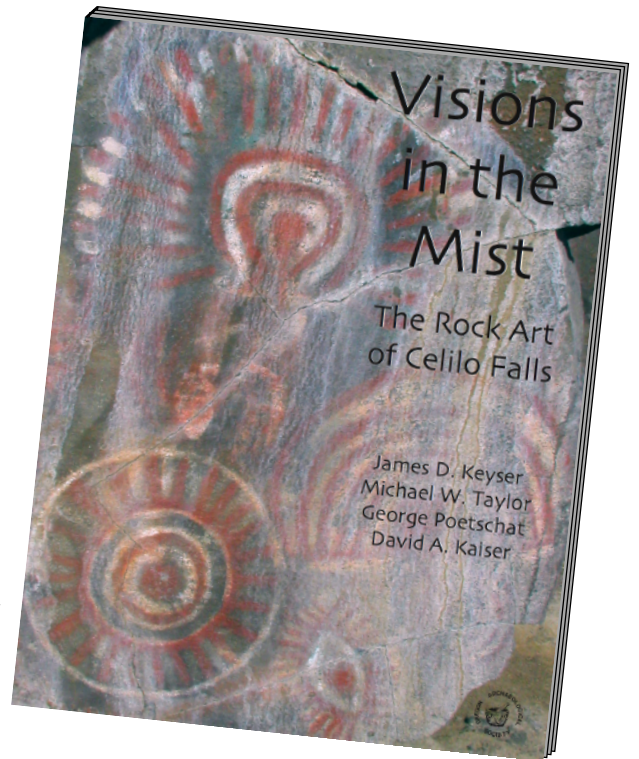


# Visions in the Mist

## The Rock Art of Celilo Falls

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For thousands and thousands of years people have lived, fished, and celebrated their spiritual beliefs near the thundering waters of Celilo Falls. The falls, a major Indian fishing ground since prehistoric times, were inundated in 1957 by the filling of the pool behind The Dalles Dam. Before inundation Celilo Falls spanned the Columbia River directly adjacent to the small railroad town of Wishram, Washington. Indian fisherman braved the fast currents and rough water of the falls to harvest the massive runs of Salmon heading up the river to spawn.

Ancient rock art is abundant in the area, commemorating the visions, rituals, and memories of the people who made their lives in the mists created by the massive torrent of falling water. The basalt bluffs overlooking Celilo Falls provided a perfect canvas for the painting and carving of the powerful symbols documented in this book.

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