

when we moved to Oregon a couple years ago, I did not know this state's history.
if you had asked me to list a state with a troubled racial history, I would not have listed Oregon.
--then I began to read about the history of the state, including The Oregon Trail, which could be described as Exhibit A in Oregon racist history
--I learned about KKK marches in downtown Ashland.....and onward to BLM

--when friends in other states asked me about Oregon, I talked about the friendly people, the beauty--but also the ingrained racism in this state
(which surprised them)

--so, it's that simple: history means all the history, not just the nice stuff.