

U of A's Noted Anthropologist Authors Book on N.W. Indians

A noted University of Alaska anthropologist is the author of a book that has been issued by the Portland Art Museum in connection with the museum's 75th anniversary.

The book, "Art in the Life of the Northwest Coast Indian," is by Dr. Erna Gunther, head of UA's Department of Anthropology and Geography and director of the Washington State Museum from 1929 to 1962.

The volume was financed by a grant from the Ford Foundation. It contains a dozen color photographs of

the Portland Museum's Axel Rasmussen Collection of Northwest Indian Art.

Dr. Gunther has lectured at the Portland Museum and has been its consultant on Indian art of the Northwest Coast.

She was director of the Northwest Coast Indian Art Exhibit at Century 21 in Seattle in 1962 and is well known for her field work among the Indians of the Northwest.

Dr. Gunther participated in an autograph party for her book November 1 at the Portland Museum.