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Portland Zagat Book - Shopping Reviews

Alder & Co

"A lovely collection of accessories and home goods" fill the shelves of this West End boutique – think handmade Argentinean ponchos and baskets, potholders made from vintage Oregon wool and locally produced honey; it's a "welcoming and friendly place" with a "good crew" and a hot spot for "unique and unusual contemporary designed gifts."

Andy & Bax

With its "frightening and fascinating collection of cast-off military goods, survival gear and tools for the last century", this longtime Eastside Industrial shop is reminiscent of a "crazy granddad's garage", albeit one with a "tremendous selection of classic outdoor gear"; prices are "below market", and the staff "knows it all", but its key charm is that "so many weird and awesome things" "can be found tucked away."

Animal Traffic

This "quality vintage" and Westernwear store on Mississippi is a "good place for bandanas and cowboy boots", decades old Pendleton button-ups or a pre-loved denim jacket, and it also stocks new items like a "large" selection of Minnetonka moccasins and locally made jewelry; fans like it "because you don't have to sort through lots of junk" and say prices are "comparable with less-curated shops."

Anna's

Brides flock to this "easy" "one-stop" bridal boutique in Lake Oswego to find "beautiful" designer gowns a la Pronovias and Matthew Christopher, as well as to accessorize, outfit their bridesmaids and attend to alterations; opinion on service is mixed (ranging from "patient" and "enthusiastic" to "mediocre at best"), but many betrothed report landing their "dream dress"; P.S. the Beaumont location is almost entirely sample gowns.

Artemesia

An "absolutely quaint shop with tons of wonderful bonsai, air plants, art items and more", this "beautiful" Kerns "diamond in the rough" attracts all types of plant lovers, with a special attraction to those "into terrariums and everything related" (including kits and DIY workshops); the products are "affordable" and the staff is "nice", but mostly shoppers are bowled over by a "beauty" that's "like out of a children's book – if children were into awesome terrariums."