

# NORTH CAROLINA NOVELS

## The Coast

### ***The River to Pickle Beach*** (1972)

Betts, Doris

In the summer of 1968, Jack and Bebe Sellars take over the management of Pickle Beach on the NC coast. They hope for a peaceful summer but the arrival of several difficult people including a violent, racist former Army buddy of Jack's the peace is disrupted.

### ***Cape Fear Murders*** (2003)

Canada, Wanda

Carroll Davenport, a local developer who has an unlucky habit of getting drawn into murder investigations, is back on the case when she finds NC State Senator William Burriss III murdered alongside his mistress. Carroll chases criminals all over Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach in this sequel to *Island Murders*.

### ***Island Murders*** (2001)

Canada, Wanda

Carroll Davenport is the first suspect when bodies begin showing up all over Figure Eight Island, an exclusive resort community near Wilmington. Carroll is soon cleared and decides to solve the case on her own.

### ***Storm Warriors*** (2001) (JFic)

Carbone, Elisa L.

Nathan Williams lives on Pea Island with his grandfather in 1895. Nathan is fascinated by the "surfmens," the African American rescue crew at the United States Life-Saving Station. Nathan dreams of joining them and spends all of his free time observing the surfmen and studying their books.

### ***Her mother's Shadow*** (2004)

Chamberlain, Diane

Lacey O'Neill grew up in a small community on the Outer Banks. She has always tried to live up to the memory of her mother who was murdered when Lacey was thirteen. Lacey, now in her mid-twenties is suddenly thrust into the role of mother when she becomes guardian of Mackenzie, the daughter of Lacey's best friend who was killed in an automobile accident. Lacey finds herself attracted to a new lawyer in town and a local man who just may be Mackenzie's father.

***Cape Fear Rising*** (1994)

Gerard, Philip

Based on the actual events of the November 1898 Wilmington riot that led to the murder of many African Americans and the violent overthrow of the city's government, this novel dramatizes one of the most significant periods of NC history.

***The Keeper's Son*** (2003)

Hickman, Homer

The tiny fictional island of Killakeet, on North Carolina's outer banks, is shaken when German U-Boats appear off the coast in 1941. Coast Guard Lt. Josh Thurlow, the son of the keeper of the lighthouse, takes it upon himself to protect his home.

***Whirlwind*** (2004)

Jaffe, Michael Grant

Lucas Proudly is a weatherman in the fictional coastal town of Bentleyville. His life is in a hold pattern when Hurricane Isabel hits the state. Lucas's beachfront coverage is shown nationwide and his apparent death is captured on film. But, he survives and emerges several days later to find himself an instant celebrity.

***Another Son of Man*** (2004)

McLaurin, Tim

When Nate dies of cancer in Chapel Hill, a small group of his friends carry out his final wish by bringing his ashes to his favorite spot on the NC coast. They run into trouble when they travel into a coming hurricane.

***Bloodlines of the Shakleford Banks*** (2004)

Mountford, B.J.

Wild horses have run wild for centuries on Shakleford Banks. Each year volunteers gather to roundup the horses for a checkup. One year things do not go as usual. There is a horse missing and a volunteer is murdered. Park Service worker Roberta "Bert" Lenehan pursues the case.

***Sea-Born Women*** (2002)

Mountford, B.J.

Roberta "Bert" Lenehan wants to start her life anew in a quiet, out-of-the-way place so takes a job in Portsmouth, NC, located on a barrier island. She becomes romantically involved with a younger man, and learns the legend of the "Sea-Born" Woman" from him.

***Saltwater Cowboys*** (2004)

Morris, Bill

The residents of a small maritime community in Down East Carteret County are surprised when sea turtles began showing up in odd places. Dodge Lawson has the job of hauling the turtles back out to sea. He becomes embroiled in the turtle mystery that which seems to be the work of environmental activists.

***Early from the Dance*** (2003)

Payne, David

Adam Jenrette, a successful artist in New York, has just suffered a breakdown and returned home to Killdeer, NC, a fictional town on the Outer Banks. He runs into an old acquaintance from high school and together they reminisce about the summer that a common friend committed suicide. They reflect how the choices they made then have echoed through their lives.

***Gravesend Light*** (2000)

Payne, David

Joe Madden, a professor at Duke, has come to the Outer Banks to study the inhabitants of a small fishing village. Joe moves into his family's home and soon begins an affair with Day Shaughness, a doctor at the local hospital. The narrative alternates between Joe and Day, describing their relationship and Joe's research.

***Beachcomber*** (2003)

Robards, Karen

Christy Petrino sought a simple vacation at Ocracoke Island after breaking up with her mobster boyfriend. When somebody makes an attempt on her life, she must figure out whether the New Jersey mob or an Outer banks serial killer is out to get her.

***The Professor Simon Shaw Mysteries***

Shaber, Sarah

Simon Shaw is a professor of history at Kenan College in Raleigh. His specialty is historical anthropology and he is often called to investigate long-unsolved crimes. His adventures take him to other parts of the state.

*Simon Said (1997)*

*Simon Hunt (2000)*

*The Fugitive King (2002)*

*The Bug Funeral (2004)*

***The Guardian*** (2004)

Sparks, Nicholas

This novel is set in the coastal town of Swansboro. Julie Berenson is only twenty-five when her husband dies of a brain tumor and she struggles to decide how to go on with her life. She begins to date again, but one of the men she dates becomes too possessive too quickly and when someone begins to stalk her, she fears it is he.

***The Sands of Pride*** (2002)

***Fires of Pride*** (2003)

Trotter, William R.

In these two novels, Trotter dramatizes many of the important events and individuals in coastal North Carolina during the Civil War.