

Hilderbrand, Elin
***Five Star Weekend* (2023)**

From the author of *The Perfect Couple* (movie adaptation filmed in Chatham!): An idea too good to pass up brings recently-widowed Hollis Shaw to Nantucket along with some of her best friends. Set to reexperience some of the best times of their lives, the weekend doesn't go as planned.

Hostin, Sunny
***Summer on the Bluffs* (2021)**

In the exclusive black beach community of Oak Bluffs on Martha's Vineyard, the three unofficial "goddaughters" of Amelai Vaux Tanner, successful women from different backgrounds, gather from one to the last summer together before Amelia moves to the south of France and gives her home to one of them.

Khoury, Angel
***Between Tides* (2021)**

A captivating historical novel set on Cape Cod and North Carolina's Outer Banks about two women stitching together a family ripped at the seams and discovering that, even through absence, love's presence is everlasting.

Lincoln, Joseph (1870-1944)

Lincoln was an American author of novels, poems, and short stories, many set in a fictionalized Cape Cod. Two of his stories (*Cap'n Eri* and *The Woman-Haters*) were adapted to film (*The Golden Boys* and *The Lightkeepers*).

Thayer, Nancy
***All the Days of Summer* (2023)**

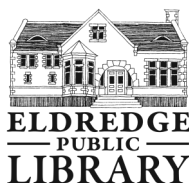
When Heather decides to leave her husband and move to Nantucket, things go perfectly—until her son decides to join her so that he can work for his girlfriend's father. Their already-complex relationship will be tested as they try to figure out what family has meant and what it will mean going forward.

Weiner, Jennifer
***Big Summer* (2020)**

When her ex-best friend invites Daphne to be her maid of honor, the two begin to fall into old patterns. But a lot has changed since their falling out, though a weekend in a mansion on Cape Cod may challenge all of that

Additional Authors: Maddie Day * Vicky Delany * Nancy Geary * Jane Green * Pamela Kelley * John Loomis * William Martin * Jacquelyn Mitchard * Elizabeth McKraken * Cynthia Riggs * Nan Parson Rossiter * Richard Russo * Alexandra Slater * Barbara E. Struna

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CAPE COD FICTION

The Cape has a rich literary tradition and an even richer history. From the Pilgrims and Whalers to modern stories from folks just like us, both locals and visitors alike have found inspiration here.

All the items mentioned on this list are available through the CLAMS system. **Items in bold are owned by the Eldredge Public Library.**

CHATHAM FICTION

Connors, Rose
***Absolute Certainty* (2002)**

A series of crime fiction novels, featuring attorney Marty Nickerson. You'll recognize lots of Chatham and Cape Cod landmarks! This novel is followed by *Temporary Sanity*, *Maximum Security*, and *False Testimony*.

Cook, Thomas
***Chatham School Affair* (1996)**

A crime fiction novel in which attorney Henry Griswold reveals the truth about a (fictional) event in Chatham that destroyed lives and shattered a quaint community.

Denk, Roger
***Stepping Stones* (2007)**

In this 1960's-70's-based novel, Andy Reid stumbles across a secret that Chatham has been keeping since World War II.

Fitzpatrick, Matt
***Forsythia's Ride* (2023)**

Seeking her fortune in New York City, Fory is still haunted by witnessing her father's suicide. After a terrible spiral, Fory feels to Chatham, to the house of her eccentric and dangerous aunt where things take an even more sinister turn.

Heavey, Frank
***Dying to Sea* (2005)**

This action-packed, suspenseful book is full of Chatham scenery and popular local landmarks!

Hoffman, Alice
***Blackbird House* (2004)**

This story follows many generations of families who lived and loved in the Blackbird House on the outermost reaches of Cape Cod.

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LeClaire, Anne

***Lavender Hour* (2007)**

Cancer survivor Jesse Long relocates to the Cape and begins volunteering at a hospice center. She falls in love with her first patient, 45 year-old fisherman, Luke. Jesse is later charged with his murder.

Yokum, Keith

***A Whisper Came* (2021)**

Chatham is full of quirky villagers and ghost stories. But when a young reporter is sent to investigate a body found by an old lighthouse, she has much more to deal with than eccentrics and poltergeists. In order to uncover the truth, she must risk everything—even her own sanity.

CAPE AND ISLAND FICTION

Blake, Sarah

***Postmistress* (2009)**

The stories of a Cape Cod postmistress and an American reporter stationed in London collide on the eve of the US entrance to WWII, a meeting that is shaped by a broken promise to deliver a letter.

Boyer, Rick

***Billingsgate Shoal* (1982)**

Boyer starts his Doc Adams series with a story about a fishing boat that is found stranded on Billingsgate Shoals and draws Dr. Adams into an adventure that involves sea-faring arms smuggling.

Brenner, Jamie

***Summer Longing* (2020)**

As summer unfolds and friends and family care for an abandoned infant, alliances are made, relationships tested, and secrets are uncovered. But the unconditional love for a child in need just might bring Ruth and the women of Provincetown exactly what they have been longing for themselves.

Brodeur, Adrienne

***Wild Game: My Mother, Her Secret, and Me* (2020)**

Her mother's midnight confession on a hot Cape Cod summer night changed her life forever. This memoir traces Adrienne's journey to support her mother and, despite all the odds, find her own way to love and be free.

Brooks, Geraldine

***Caleb's Crossing* (2011)**

Narrator Bethia Mayfield grows up in a tiny settlement on Martha's Vineyard amid a small band of pioneers and Puritans. She befriends Caleb, a Wampanoag youth, and tells his story of how he became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard University in 1665.

Clancy, Christina

***The Second Home* (2020)**

After a disastrous summer spent at her family summer home on Cape Cod, seventeen-year-old Ann Gordon was left with a secret that changed her life forever and created a rift between her sister and their adopted brother. Now, fifteen years later, her parents have died, leaving the sisters to decide the fate of their Wellfleet home that's been in their family for generations.

Colt, Peter

***The Off-Islander* (2019)**

In Peter Colt's gritty, gripping new series set along the New England coast, a Boston-born Vietnam veteran and P.I. is hired to find a missing father on Nantucket—but may find far more than he bargained for.

Crowley, Miranda

***The Paper Palace* (2021)**

A story of summer, secrets, love, and lies: in the course of a singular day on Cape Cod, one woman must make a life-changing decision that has been brewing for decades.

Dukess, Karen

***The Last Book Party* (2019)**

In the summer of 1987, 25-year-old Eve Rosen is an aspiring writer, languishing in a low-level assistant job. With her professional ambitions floundering, Eve jumps at the chance to attend an early summer gather at Cape Cod, home of famed New Yorker writer, Henry Grey.

Gable, Michelle

***The Book of Summer* (2017)**

For the first time in four years, Bess Codman visits the Cliff House that her great-grandparents built almost a century before, but due to erosion, the once-grand house will soon fall into the sea. Bess must now put aside her complicated memories in order to pack up the house and deal with her mother, who refuses to leave.

Gerstenblatt, Julie

***Daughter's of Nantucket* (2023)**

With their sailor husbands away for long periods of time, the women of Nantucket already live a unique existence. When a terrible fire ravages the town, the women must put issues of racism, xenophobia, and past histories aside and bring their best selves to bear in saving the community.

Gunning, Sally Cabot

***Painting the Light: A Novel* (2021)**

Local author Sally Gunning tells the story of Ida Pease, former artist, now consigned to a farm on Vineyard Haven. When tragedy strikes, Ida must explore the remains of her husband's life and discover what is truth and what fiction.