

Books by Subject

Martha's Vineyard Museum

Whales & Whaling:

1. Do Whales Ever...? – What You Really Want to Know about Whales, Porpoises & Dolphins

By Nathalie Ward

-Children's book with answers to interesting questions about whales

2. Whaling Letters

By Descendants of Whaling Masters

-Collection of Letters between whalers & their wives

3. Good-bye for Today – The Diary of a Young Girl at Sea

By Peter & Connie Roop

-The diary of a fictional girl, based on real journals from children who lived aboard 19th-century whaling ships (among them Laura Jernigan)

4. "Cobblestone" magazine, April 1984, *Whaling in America*

-Children's magazine about whaling with games & comics

5. The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed

By Heather Vogel Frederick

-Young adult novel about a 13-year-old girl on board her father's whaling ship.

6. The Education of Patience Goodspeed

By Heather Vogel Frederick

-Sequel to *The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed*; Young adult novel.

7. Revenge of the Whale – The True Story of the Whaleship Essex

By Nathaniel Philbrick

-Adapted for young adults from *In the Heart of the Sea*

8. Crystal: The Story of a Real Baby Whale

By Karen C. Smyth

-Children's book about a humpback whale

9. Mutiny on the Globe

By Edwin P. Hoyt

-Full account of the mutiny on the whaling ship the *Globe*, which sailed out of Martha's Vineyard in 1824. The mutiny was led by the first mate, Samuel Comstock.

10. Sailors, Whalers, Fantastic Sea Voyages – An Activity Guide to North American Sailing Life

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By Valerie Petrillo

-Activity book for children which teaches them what life was like for mariners in the 19th century.

11. Shipwreck of the Whaleship Essex

By Owen Chase

-The original 1821 narrative of the famed battle between a whale & a ship that inspired Herman Melville's Moby Dick.

12. Melville A Biography

By Laurie Robertson-Lorant

13. "Footsteps Magazine", May/June 1999, *Blacks in Whaling*

-Children's magazine with articles, poems and activities

Maritime Not Whaling:

1. Zeb – Celebrated Schooner Captain of Martha's Vineyard

By Polly Burroughs

-Story of prominent MV schooner captain of late 1800s & early 1900s, based on newspaper accounts, family records, words of friends & cronies, & historic photographs

2. Sea Struck

By William H. Bunting

-About the final decades of American square-rigged sail, as recorded in firsthand accounts of voyages made by three well-born young men from Massachusetts: Frank Besse, Rodman Swift, & Carleton Allen.

3. What Ship Is That? – A Field Guide to Boats and Ships

By Bob Basnight

-Guide to identifying different types of boats.

4. Surveying the Shore: Historic Maps of Coastal Massachusetts, 1600-1930

By Joseph Garver

-A history of New England revealed through cartography, reflecting how a community's maps reflect its view of the world.

5. Shipwrecks on Martha's Vineyard

By Dorothy R. Scoville (Dukes County Historical Society)

6. The Sloop Venture of Vineyard Haven – Stories by Pat West

By Pat West

-Story of young sailor of the early 1900s.

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7. Ships in Bottles

By Leo P. Convery Sr.

-History, explanation, & photographs of ships in bottles by a collector of marine antiques.

8. The Boy, Me and the Cat – Cruise of the *Mascot*, 1912-1913

By Henry M. Plummer

-Narrative of Henry M. Plummer & his son's voyage on the *Mascot* from Massachusetts to Florida on a 24' Cape Cod catboat.

9. The Ghost of the Grasshopper – The Seagrit Saga of Two Families

By Thomas Hale

~“This is the account of the intertwining of two families – one American & one British – who came together first in time of war, the American War of Independence, and then, over the next two hundred and twenty years, meet again and part in a series of coincidences which have occurred in the maritime history of the times.”

10. Head Tide All the Way

By Lois Caldwell Campbell

-A collection of stories from Lois's experience aboard *Whitefoot*, a tugboat that operated out of Vineyard Haven.

11. John Paul Jones – Sailor, Hero, Father of the American Navy

By Evan Thomas

12. Captain Pease U.S. Coast Guard Pioneer – From Sail to Steam * From East to West

By Florence Kern

-Biography of Captain Pease

Women:

1. More Than Petticoats – Remarkable Massachusetts Women

By Lura Rogers Seavey

~“Stories of 11 strong & determined women, all of whom broke through social, cultural, or political barriers to achieve greatness.”

2. Women Who Kept the Lights – An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers

By Mary Louise Clifford & J. Candace Clifford

-Stories of 32 female light keepers on the Atlantic, Gulf, & Pacific Coasts, on Lake Champlain & the Great Lakes

-Fresnel Lens

-No stories specific to MV

3. Mind the Light, Katie

By Mary Louise Clifford & J. Candace Clifford

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-History of 33 female lighthouse keepers including, the Story of Kate Walker who kept the Robbins Reef Light from 1890-1919, after her husband died.

-For ages 12 and up

African Americans:

1. African American Heritage Trail of Martha's Vineyard

By Elaine Weintraub, historian & teacher at MVRHS

-Spirituality & maritime experience

-John Saunders – preacher

-Captain William A. Martin – only African American Master of Whaling Ships on MV

2. By Gertrude Wilson: Dispatches of the 1960s from a White Writer in a Black World

Justine Priestley's recollections & newspaper columns from the 1960s. Priestley, a white woman, wrote for the African American weekly, the *New York Amsterdam News*, under the pen name of Gertrude Wilson. Justine Priestley moved to MV in 1970 & founded the real estate firm Priestley, Smadbeck, & Mone; taught yoga & supported Island organizations.

3. Lighting the Trail: The African-American Heritage of Martha's Vineyard

By Elaine Cawley Weintraub, historian & teacher at MVRHS

-Captain William A. Martin & wife Sarah Brown

-Multiple photographs

-Brief histories of prominent African Americans on the Vineyard

4. "African Americans on Martha's Vineyard" – a special edition of The Dukes county Intelligencer

Edited by Arthur Railton

-Essays concerning a minority long

overlooked by historians. Includes the essays: "The African-American Presence on Martha's Vineyard"; "Two 'Men of Color' Who Fought in the Civil War"; and "The History of Oak Bluffs As a Popular Resort for Blacks"

-John Saunders

5. "Footsteps Magazine", May/June 1999, *Blacks in Whaling*

~Children's magazine with articles, poems and activities

Deaf Community:

1. Everyone Here Spoke Sign Language

By Nora Ellen Groce

-History of the communities of West Tisbury & Chilmark, which

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experienced +200 yrs of hereditary deafness, where deafness was the norm and was not considered a handicap.

2. American Sign Language

By Deborah Kent

-Short book about sign language with brief description of deaf community on Martha's Vineyard in the 1800s.

Lighthouses:

1. Women Who Kept the Lights – An Illustrated History of Female Lighthouse Keepers

By Mary Louise Clifford & J. Candace Clifford

-Stories of 32 female light keepers on the Atlantic, Gulf, & Pacific Coasts, on Lake Champlain & the Great Lakes

-Fresnel Lens

-No stories specific to MV

2.) Massachusetts Lighthouses – A Pictorial Guide

By Courtney Thompson

-Section on MV & Nantucket lighthouses

3.) Lighthouses of Massachusetts

By Bruce Roberts & Ray Jones

-Travel Guide

4.) Lighthouses – A Pictorial History of Lighthouses Around the World

By Leo Marriott

-Lighthouses around the world, no specific info on MV lighthouses

5.) Shoreline Sentinels: The Lighthouses of Martha's Vineyard

By Jill Bouck & Dana Costanza

-Chronological history of all 5 Vineyard lighthouses + info on the Fresnel Lens

6.) Nineteenth-Century Lights – Historic Images of American Lighthouses

By J. Candace Clifford & Mary Louise Clifford

-Chronological history of the development of lighthouses from their early days in 1800 to today.

-Info on 4 of MV's 5 lighthouses

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History of MV:

1. The History of Martha's Vineyard – How We Got to Where We Are
By Arthur Railton
2. Martha's Vineyard: History, Legends, Stories
By Henry Franklin Norton
3. The History of Martha's Vineyard
By Charles E. Banks
-First definitive history of Martha's Vineyard
4. England to New England – A Tale of Two Chilmarks
By I. Sinclair
-History of how Martha's Vineyard was shaped by the early English settlers.
5. Island Wilderness – Imagining the Early Years of Martha's Vineyard
By Christopher Burns
-Historical fiction novel about Thomas Mayhew, the first governor of Martha's Vineyard, & the relationship between the Wampanoag & the English in the early days of Martha's Vineyard. Based on original records & historical research.
6. From Sanderson's to...Alley's General Store
By Charles Parton
-A biography of the West Tisbury General Store

Works by Vineyarders:

1. Full Circle
By Vineyard Elders
-Book of poetry by Vineyarders
2. Martha's Vineyard Writing
-Writing & poetry by Vineyarders of all ages.
3. Off Season
By Brooks Robards (poems) & Nancy Purnell (art)
-Poems, paintings & photographs of Martha's Vineyard.
4. The Richer, the Poorer
By Dorothy West
-Collection of West's works. West, a prominent black writer of the Harlem Renaissance period now lives on Martha's Vineyard.

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5. Widow's Walk

Selected poems by Anthony Van Riper & photographs by Alison Shaw

6. Velvet Tides

By Anthony Van Riper

-Poems & illustrations

7. "South Road" – The Literary Journal of Martha's Vineyard

-Includes the works of 24 Vineyard authors

8. A Magical Place – Poems, paintings and photographs of Martha's Vineyard

Poems by Brooks Robards & Artwork by Nancy Purnell

9. Martha's Vineyard, An Elegy

By Everett S. Allen

~A wry and thoughtful memoir recalling the authors life on the Vineyard and the changes he witnessed.

Art on Martha's Vineyard

1. Where Magic Wears a Red Hat; The Art of Stanley Murphy

~This beautiful hard-cover book features 36 full color plates of Stan Murphy's Island portraits as well as a foreword by collector and friend of the artist, Robert Doran and an essay by author and professor Karal Ann Marling.

2. Allen Whiting: A Painter at Sixty

~A stunning hard-cover book that showcases a selection of works hand-chosen by the artist.

Children's:

1. Meet the Museum Cat Coloring Book

By Norman Bridwell (Dukes county Historical Society)

2. Sailors, Whalers, Fantastic Sea Voyages – An Activity Guide to North American Sailing Life

By Valerie Petrillo

~Activity book for children which teaches them what life was like for mariners in the 19th century.

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3. Chappaquiddick Lullaby – a song of Martha’s Vineyard
Story & Song by Stacy Elizabeth Hall
4. The Legend of Katama – The Creation Story of Dolphins, A Wampanoag Legend of Martha’s Vineyard
By Stacy Elizabeth Hall
5. Archaeology for Kids – Uncovering the Mysteries of Our Past
By Richard Panchyk
6. Heddy the Lighthouse
Written by Susan Bassler Pickford & Illustrate dby Peregrine Bracy
7. Right Here on This Spot
By Sharon Hart Addy
8. The Story of Grey’s Raid - Retold by Mr. Reagan’s 2/3 Class
9. Has Anyone Seen the Glee?
By Paul Ferris Smith
10. “Blacks in Whaling”
A Cobblestone Publication
11. The Greatest Place on Earth By Ilana Mackin
12. The Purple Horse With the Sky Blue Tail
By Eleanor Petricone
13. The Secret
Written by Merrily Fenner & illustrated by Joan Walsh
14. Liberty’s Children – Stories of Eleven Revolutionary War Children
By Scotti Cohn
15. A Child’s Guide to Martha’s Vineyard
By Alison M. Convery
16. In the Moonlight, Waiting
Written Carol Carrick & Illustrated by Donald Carrick
17. Old Mother Witch
Written by Carol Carrick & Pictures by Donald Carrick
18. Whaling Days
By Carol Carrick & Woodcuts by David Frampton

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19. Melanie

Written by Carol Carrick & illustrated by Alisher Dianov

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By Kate Waters

-Children’s story about a young Wampanoag boy in the 1620’s whose dream it is to become a *pniese*, a warrior counselor.

26. “Footsteps Magazine”, May/June 1999, *Blacks in Whaling*

~Children’s magazine with articles, poems and activities.

27. Coloring Cape Cod, Martha’s Vineyard and Nantucket

By James Owens and Adam Gamble

~Includes themes such as Native American life, a Nantucket sleigh ride and present-day wildlife.

Martha’s Vineyard Guides:

1. Guide to Martha’s Vineyard

By Polly Burroughs

-Restaurants, hotels/inns/cottages, beaches, parks, walking tours, lighthouses, churches, historic homes, special events, public boat launches

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2. Walking in Vineyard Haven Massachusetts

By James H. K. Norton
-Walking tour of Vineyard Haven

3. Walking Tour of Historic Edgartown

By Dukes County Historical Society

Stories & Biographies of Vineyarders:

1. Vineyard Voices

By Linsey Lee, Oral History Curator of the MVM

2. More Vineyard Voices

By Linsey Lee, Oral History Curator of the MVM

3. Craig Kingsbury Talkin' – The Salty Model for Quint Speaks Out

By Kristen Kingsbury Henshaw
-Life of Craig Kingsbury, the man who played Ben Gardner in “JAWS”

4. Riv & Ruth – A Vineyard Saga of Love & Vocation

By Isabel White West
-Story of a Vineyard couple told by their daughter using documents and letters written between the two.

5. Consider Poor I – The Life and Works of Nancy Luce

By Walter Magnes Teller
-Biography & poetry of Nancy Luce, an Island woman of the 1800s who had a passion for her chickens. Nancy Luce was widely known on the island as the “hen lady” and was laughed at and viewed almost as a tourist attraction.

6. Chronicle of an Islander

By Edwin B. Athearn
-Autobiography. The Athearns on Martha's Vineyard began with Simon Athearn, a prominent man in West Tisbury during the late 1600s and early 1700s.

7. The Sloop Venture of Vineyard Haven – Stories by Pat West

By Pat West
-Story of young sailor of the early 1900s.

8. Smuggler's Luck

By Edouard A. Stackpole
-The story of a Nantucket boy during the American Revolution.

9. Far Out the Coils

By Henry Beetle Hough
-Written by the former editor of the Vineyard Gazette, the “Country

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Editor,” and prominent resident of Martha’s Vineyard.

10. Country Editor – Henry Beetle Hough and the Vineyard Gazette
11. Where Magic Wears a Red Hat
By the Martha’s Vineyard Historical Society
-The life & works of Stanley Murphy, an Island artist.
12. From Off Island
By Dionis Coffin Riggs
-Riggs, an Island poet & writer, tells the story of her grandmother who came to the Vineyard from Australia.
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By Florence Kern
-Biography of Captain Pease
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By Kate Waters
-Children’s story about a young Wampanoag boy in the 1620’s whose dream it is to become a *pniese*, a warrior counselor.
2. Indian Handcrafts
By C. Keith Wilbur, M.D.
-Step-by-step instruction book on how to make handcrafts used by Indians of the Northeast.
3. The History of Wind-Power on Martha’s Vineyard
By William Marks & Charles Coleman
-Study of wind-power on Martha’s Vineyard beginning with the Wampanoag’s first use of solar power to the use of windmills to power salt-works & gristmills. Includes illustrations & photographs.
4. Moshup’s Footsteps
By Helen Manning with Jo-Ann Eccher
-About the history & culture of the Wampanoag tribe, including legends

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of Moshup, Wampanoag recipes & historical time line. Written by a respected Wampanoag elder, the last teacher of the one-room schoolhouse in Aquinnah that closed in 1968.

5. The Wampanoag – Indians of North America
By Laurie Weeinstein-Farson
-History & culture of the Wampanoag in Massachusetts.
6. The Wampanoag – Genealogical History of Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts
By Dr. Jerome D. Segel & R. Andrew Pierce
7. Algonquians of the East Coast
By The Native Americans
-Contains information on the Wampanoag of Martha’s Vineyard.
8. Faith and Boundaries – Colonists, Christianity, and Community among the Wampanoag Indians of Martha’s Vineyard 1600-1871
By David J. Silverman
9. Cranberry Day – A Wampanoag Harvest Celebration
Written & Illustrated by Jannette Vanderhoop
-Children’s story
10. The Other Islanders – People Who Pulled Nantucket’s Oars
By Frances Ruley Karttunen

Methodism/Oak Bluffs Campground:

1. City in the Woods
By Ellen Weiss
-Chronicles the growth of Wesleyan Grove and Oak Bluffs, two Methodists camp meeting sites on Martha’s Vineyard
2. A Centennial History of Cottage City
By the Oak Bluffs Historical Commission
-History of Oak Bluffs with maps, photos, & illustrations.

Natural History:

1. Historical Influences on the Landscape of Martha’s Vineyard
By David R. Foster & Glenn Motzkin
2. The Heath Hen’s Journey to Extinction
Compiled by Henry B. Hough, Historian, the Dukes County Historical Society
-The history of a hen whose last home was Martha’s Vineyard before its extinction in 1933.

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3. Seasons of a Vineyard Pond
By Shirley W. Mayhew
4. Code Name KC: A True Account of One Osprey
By Linda Zeltzer with photography by Julian K. Robinson
5. Edible Wild Plants of Martha's Vineyard
Illustrations & Text by Linsey Lee, Oral History Curator for the MVM
6. The Cooke House Herb Garden at the Martha's Vineyard Historical Society – The Plants & Their Uses
By Karin Stanley
7. Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket: The Geologic Story
By Robert Oldale
~Revised and updated

Miscellaneous:

1. Penikese – Island of Hope
By I. Thomas Buckley
~The history of the hospital for the treatment of people with leprosy (Hansen's disease) that was started on Penikese Island, one of the Elizabeth Islands, in 1905. Includes brief history of the Elizabeth Islands.
2. Dissolving Dream – The Improbable Story of the First Baptist Maori Mission
By R.F. Keam
3. The Apache Diaries – A Father-Son Journey
By Grenville Goodwin & Neil Goodwin
4. In the Devil's Snare – The Salem Witchcraft Crisis of 1692
By Mary Beth Norton
5. New England Views
By Susan Fletcher Witzell, Jane A. McLaughlin, & Mary Lou Smith
Photography of Baldwin Coolidge (1845-1928)
6. The Other Islanders – People who pulled Nantucket's oars
By Frances Ruley Karttunen