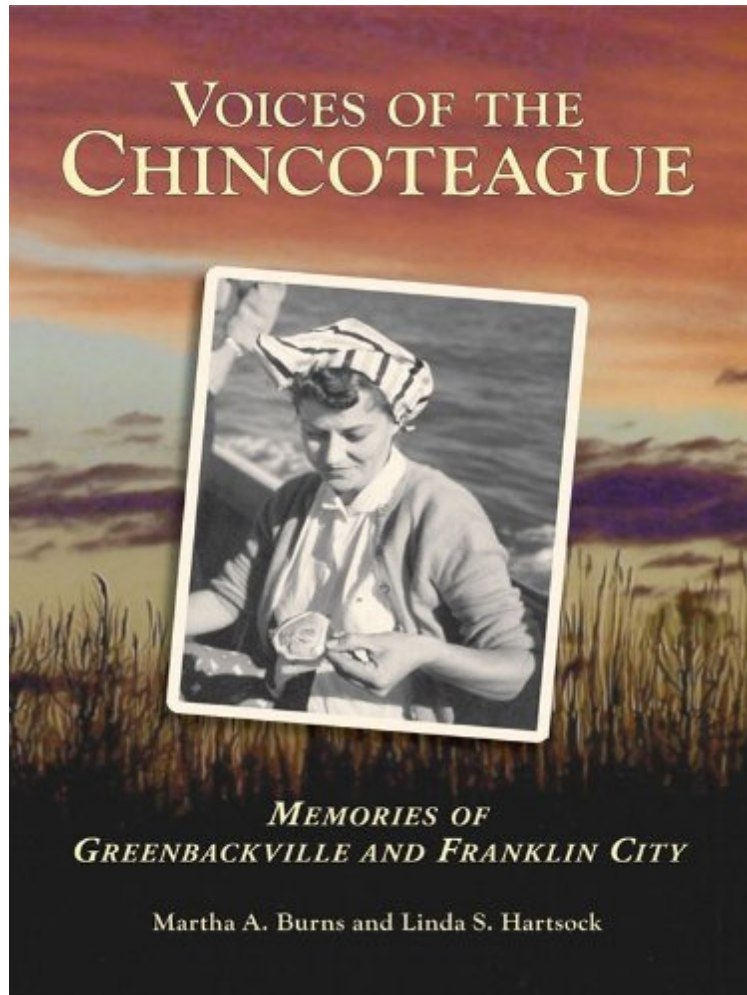


Voices of the Chincoteague: Memories of Greenbackville and Franklin City

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clear, seamless, and graceful with subtleties and complexities as it easily slips between the time frames of the past and present. It explores the profound impact of institutions such as volunteer fire departments, churches, scouting organizations, and baseball teams on the fabric of life in small towns. How skilled and adroit is the authors' presentation? I had finished reading the section on the methods of clamming and fishing and was just starting to ask "Why did they spend so much time describing this subject in such detail?" when I realized I had also been given a quick course in the economics of transportation and distribution of seafood from the harvesting in the Chincoteague waters to the delivery in the eastern cities of the mid twentieth century and on the vagaries of making a living as a "waterman" during that time frame. The crowning achievement of the authors is their portrayal of the lives of the people. Whether relating townsfolk's stories of working, hard times, making do with little, sharing with others, drinking sprees by hard working men, or the damage wrought by hurricanes, they treat their storytellers with a deep respect and dignity. Social studies and sociology teachers will find this book especially interesting and useful especially in "compare and contrast" exercises for students in small rural towns, suburbs or urban areas. VOICES OF THE CHINCOTEAGUE is a fascinating well written book.

Beginning around the turn of the 20th century, people flocked to boom towns like Greenbackville and Franklin City on Virginia's remote Chincoteague Bay to cash in on the lucrative oyster trade. Most eventually settled for simple rural lives, living a cash and barter economy, commuting on foot or by boat, always closely tied to the tide and water. From mystery in the marsh to jealous lovers, these accounts of life on the Bay are filled with work boats, crab pots, and saltwater.

About the Author As "come 'eres"--newcomers--to the Eastern Shore, authors Martha A. Burns and Linda S. Hartsock bring a fresh perspective to life on the Bay. They present here the memories of a vanishing way of life in rural America, largely in the words of those who lived it and worked it. Much of the language, insights, and emotion of the last century are here for all to read, coupled with the authors' observations and interpretations of their neighbors and the bay they call home.