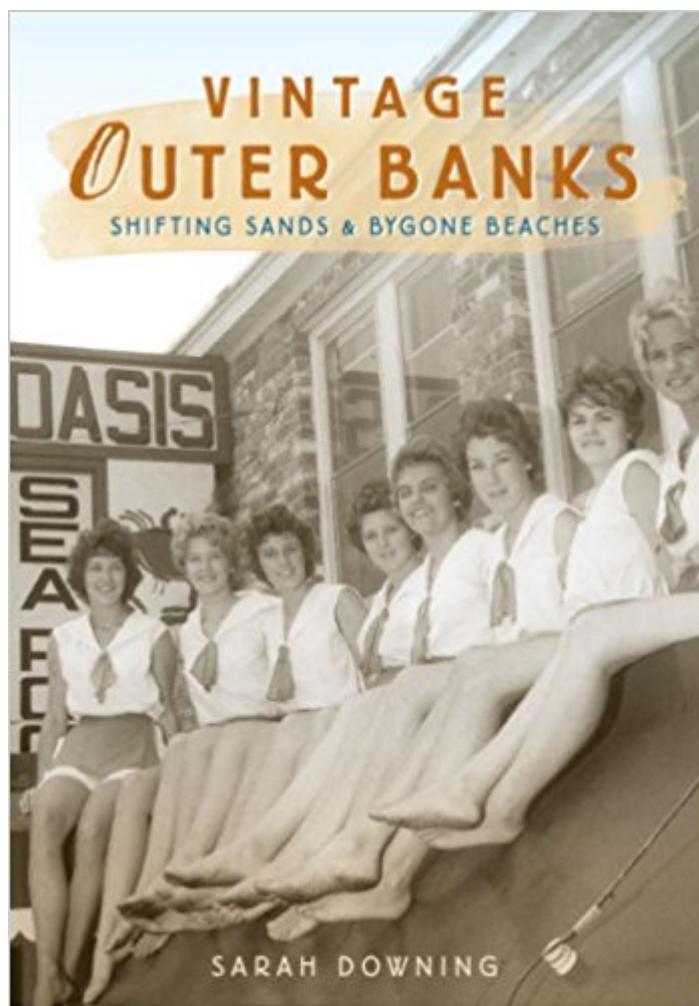


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# Vintage Outer Banks: Shifting Sands & Bygone Beaches



## **Synopsis**

In this never-before-assembled collection of lost landmarks, historian Sarah Downing evokes the Outer Banks of yesteryear. Drawn from the vast collections of the Outer Banks History Center and from locals mourning the forever changed character of the area, these vintage images reflect the hotels, stores, restaurants and bandstands that appeared in the boom time following World War II but have since been lost to progress. An honorary native, Downing has preserved the Pirate's Ball at Nags Head Casino, Doc Watson playing at the Sound Side on Kitty Hawk Bay and grits at the El Gay in this collection of hangouts and haunts of yesterday's summer.

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## **Customer Reviews**

Sarah Downing has been an involved resident of the Outer Banks community for over 20 years. She is an Assistant Curator at the Outer Banks History Center and has published multiple books and articles as a freelance writer since 2005. Besides working at the History Center, Sarah does a short radio segment each week and enjoys residing in Nags Head.

Anyone who has spent summers at the outer banks will love this book! We own a cottage there and I gave it to our 2 neighbors for Christmas.. and they LOVED it as well!! The history of the outer banks keeps you immersed in the book. You don't want to stop reading because you are learning so much. Sarah Downing did a great job writing this book and a lot of research went in this book too. The history of the beach is so fascinating!

Title says it all - almost. I wish the book had a map, to reference where these vintage lost places are. I am not very familiar with OBX, and when the book says "...was located at Smith's causeway at the old I-25 bypass..." that means nothing to me. And alas for the old Oasis Restaurant (with barefoot college waitresses...) pictured on the cover...why can't there be a place like that today?

Brought back great memories of vacationing in Nags Head as a child. Wish there were a few more tid bits on places like Gray's one floor Department store, Miller's Pharmacy (milkshakes!), Forbe's, Sam and Omie's....but still loved it!

Cool pictures and history of the outer banks!

darling present for my daughter who plans a trip for us there later this year. nice addition to our travel library

Interesting. Had to have it.

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