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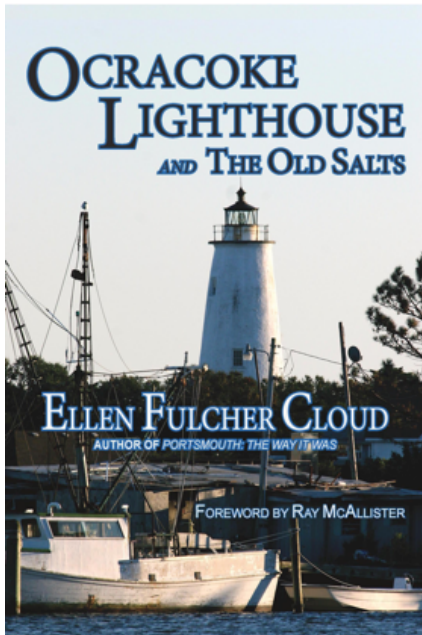
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Ocracoke Lighthouse and The Old Salts ELLEN CLOUD'S OCRACOKE CLASSICS ARE BACK

Two Outer Banks classics about Ocracoke by the late Ellen Fulcher Cloud, long almost impossible to find, are being published April 20 as *Ocracoke Lighthouse and the Old Salts*, by Beach Glass Books.



Publishes April 20, 2018. ISBN: 978-0-9987881-3-5
\$21.00 hardcover. Non-fiction, History.
5-7/8 x 8-3/4, 224 pages, 81 B&W photos/illus.

The \$21.00 hardcover, which tells the definitive story of both the Ocracoke Lighthouse and the island's seafaring men, will be launched at a special event at the Ocracoke Preservation Society Museum, while concurrently going on sale throughout the North Carolina's Outer Banks. Sales at other booksellers and online begin May 24.

The new book, published in an enhanced edition, is a companion volume to Cloud's *Portsmouth: The Way It Was*, re-published last year in a similar edition. Ocracoke and the deserted Portsmouth once were sister villages on either side of Ocracoke Inlet.

Cloud's unparalleled research, little-known stories and own family tradition make *Ocracoke Lighthouse and the Old Salts* a must-read for any lover of the Outer Banks.

First published 25 years ago as *Ocracoke Lighthouse*, Part 1 shares the history of the oldest lighthouse in North Carolina and the second oldest on the East Coast. Cloud also includes her personal story and that of a few public-spirited friends who engaged in the rollicking "Great Window Heist" to keep the historic lighthouse from being irreparably damaged by government officials.

Part 2, first published as the award-winning *Old Salt*, introduces Ocracoke's "men of the sea" – pilots, fishermen and shrimpers, men of war, shipbuilders, surfmen of the U.S. Life-Saving Service, and even her own father.

Ocracoke Lighthouse and the Old Salts includes a new foreword by award-winning coastal author Ray McAllister. The new edition also includes two short pieces Cloud wrote after the books' publications, plus more pages and photographs, enhanced photo reproduction and a keepsake hardcover binding.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Ellen Fulcher Cloud, who passed away in December 2016, is the author of three books, including two contained in this volume and *Portsmouth: The Way It Was*. A native of Ocracoke Island, she was a local historian, preservationist and genealogist, as well as an accomplished sketch artist.

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