

Cape Cod book scene

Local authors pen top-notch reads for summer

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"Cape Cod Museum of Natural History: Mudflat Mania! Exploring the Ocean When the Tide Pulls Out," Irene Ledwith (Rowley Bridge Press, ISBN 978-0-615-23223-2, 63 pages, \$6.95)

This delightful, small book (6-by-4 inches) will fit handily into a back pocket or beach bag and is a must-have for a fun and educational day at the beach — especially on the Cape's flats and salt marshes. Author Irene Ledwith and the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History take readers on a tour of the beach when the tide goes out and introduces us to such creatures as the calico crab, plumed worm, moon jelly and striped anemone. Up-close color photos will help budding naturalists appropriately name what they see, then the book will teach them the attributes and range of the creature. Added bonuses: a special detail about each critter and directions for where to look for a successful beach hunt. A glossary accompanies the text.