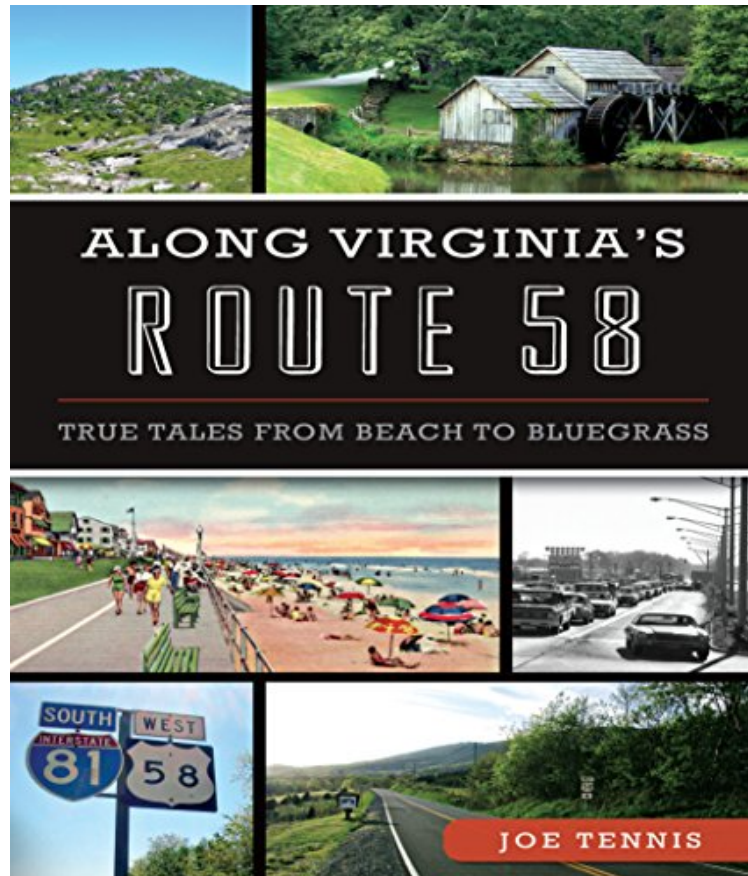


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great speaker and authorBy Carey AllenI got the pleasure to hear Joe Tennis speak at a convention in Roanoke, Virginia. He is a great story teller and that comes thru in his writing, I bought this digitally and it is very easy to read and it is a joy to read each of the stories along Route 58. I plan to purchase his other books after I finish reading this one.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Outstanding! I live in Virginia and travel Rte. ...By headsnipeOutstanding! I live in Virginia and travel Rte. 58 often. Never knew there was so much history. My 14 year old grandson is reading it now.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. My new Hobby!By williamhave visited just one of the locations described in the book but am looking forward to many more!

Route 58 stretches across all five hundred miles of Virginia, from the sandy shores of the Atlantic to the waterfalls and

wild ponies of the Blue Ridge Highlands. Weird, quirky and intriguing legends and lore lie along this historic highway, including a UFO landing in South Hill, Virginia Beach's 'witch duck' controversy of 1706 and Nat Turner's bloody insurrection in 1831. Country music icon Johnny Cash played his final shows at the world-famous Carter Fold. Civil War skirmishes touched towns. The 'Wreck of the Old 97' happened in Danville, and haunting memories of a schoolhouse lost to a tornado remain in Rye Cove. Author Joe Tennis provides a guide to Route 58 with a trail of tales, accompanied by easy driving directions and vivid photography.

"Author Joe Tennis takes you on an historical, informative and fun journey ... This is a wonderful book. It has all kinds of great history and great pictures." -- Chris Reckling, "Reck On the Road," Hampton Roads Show, WAVY-TV, November 2015
"Feel the brisk Virginia breeze as the miles click by in Tennis' panoramic perusal along one of Virginia's and America's more scenic and storied highways." -- Tom Netherland, Bristol Herald Courier, November 2015
"A collection of 90 photos and postcards, including many vintage images from the Virginia Department of Transportation and Norfolk Southern Archives at Virginia Tech, can be found throughout Tennis' book. The cover features a vintage postcard of the Boardwalk and a historic shot taken in 1972 by VDOT of Virginia Beach Boulevard near Pembroke Mall. History buffs can enjoy a casual 'drive' down Route 58 all tucked within the pages of Tennis' latest work." - Sandra J. Pennecke, The Virginian-Pilot, November 1, 2015
"You'll want to keep this event-rife compendium handy in your glove compartment. Yep, we have here the Witch of Pungo, Emporia's fabled speed trap and Guy Lombardo at the Cavalier Beach Club, but also the less well known origins of Brunswick stew in Lawrenceville and the kewpie dolls of South Hill, where a UFO with a 20-foot metal storage tank took off near East Ferrell Street in 1967 ... Laughter and tears, good news and bad, home place history ... Joe's captivating Commonwealth chronicle will make you an instant certifiable Tennis buff." -- Bill Ruehlmann, The Virginian-Pilot, Dec. 6, 2015
"A pleasant read with little known tales of the communities along the way and clear instructions of where to find some interesting sites. The longest road in the commonwealth, U.S. Route 58 begins at Virginia Beach and runs parallel to Virginia's southern border, all the way to Cumberland Gap ... All told, 'Route 58' is a magnificent journey, and the book will help you explore this trail of small town tales and sites." -- Lynn Davis, The Roanoke Times, November 29, 2015
From the Author
This book features both vintage and color photographs, along with 58 chapters that range from roadside stories and ghost tales to unforgettable scenes that are part of every great American history book: Bacon's Rebellion, Nat Turner's Insurrection, the English settlers of Jamestown, the Civil War and Daniel Boone's march to the west in 1775. Chapters cover every type of town and terrain imaginable in Virginia, including stops at Cape Henry, Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Portsmouth, Great Dismal Swamp, Suffolk, Franklin, Courtland, Emporia, Lawrenceville, Brunswick County, South Hill, Boydton, Clarksville, Buffalo Springs, South Boston, Danville, Henry County, Martinsville, Critz, Stuart, Fairy Stone State Park, Woolwine, Patrick County, Meadows of Dan, Blue Ridge Parkway, Hillsville, Galax, New River, Independence, Grayson Highlands State Park, Mount Rogers, Whitetop Mountain, Green Cove, Damascus, Abingdon, Bristol, Hiltons, Clinchport, Rye Cove, Natural Tunnel State Park, Jonesville, Lee County and the Cumberland Gap. A bibliography is included, along with two maps, an index and 140 photographs.
From the Inside Flap
In the early days of the American colonies, going beyond the Appalachian Mountains to the bluegrass of Kentucky would mirror how the Jamestown settlers sailed the Atlantic Ocean to reach the beach of Virginia. The journey to either destination was filled with mystery and confrontation. "Along Virginia's Route 58: True Tales from Beach to Bluegrass" links these journeys with its own. From Cape Henry to the Cumberland Gap, tales of triumph and tragedy lie sandwiched between Cape Henry's "Gateway to the New World" and Cumberland Gap's "Gateway to the West." My father, Richard Tennis, coined the phrase "Beach to Bluegrass" when I told him I wanted to write about U.S. 58's ramble. All along, this road snakes just above Virginia's southern border, linking the sandy shores of the Atlantic Ocean to Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, located partially in the Bluegrass State of Kentucky. Yet that title has also grown beyond this book's first edition, published in 2007. State officials have since borrowed "Beach to Bluegrass" for "Virginia's Beaches to Bluegrass Trail," a pedestrian path that, largely, links abandoned railroad grades turned into trails paralleling the U.S. 58 corridor - including the Tobacco Heritage Trail, Virginia Creeper Trail and Wilderness Road Trail.