



So You Think You Know the Ocean State?

**A Story of
Rhode Island Told
In 100 Buildings**

If those walls could talk...this is what they would say. A story of Rhode Island.

Clam cakes...Quonset huts...diners...summer stock theater...the CCC...Roger Williams...frozen lemonade...roadside architecture...the U.S. Open tennis Tournament...American chateaus...Triangle Trade...the Paw Sox...shore dinners...King Philip's War...This book will have you telling stories like a native in no time.

Imagine a group of settlers arriving in an undeveloped location. First come shelters in which to live and then structures in which to work and shop. There are buildings for worship and education. As the community grows government buildings are required. With prosperity comes places in which to spend leisure time. And each step along the way builds a story only Rhode Island can call its own.

That story is all around you in the work of those who came before you. In these pages you'll learn the explanations behind the quirks, the traditions and the secrets that make Rhode Island uniquely Rhode Island. The building invented in Rhode Island that transformed the military? Solved. Where to find hockey-style side-by-side dugouts on a baseball field? Mystery solved. The oldest merry-go-round in America with horses suspended from chains? Identified. The clubhouse where players in golf's first U.S. Open changed their shoes? Revealed.