

EDITOR'S NOTE



*H*ISTORY COMES FROM MANY SOURCES: legends, letters, town records and books, oral reports, and tales recounted by grandparents and storytellers. Cuttyhunk's history is no different, except that its inhabitants were people of action, not scholars or writers, and fierce storms destroyed many written records. Much of its story has had to be found in off-island sources. It is, however, the truth, as certain as one can ever be of the truth.

We have divided this book into three parts. The first tells the story of the discovery of the Elizabeth Islands and the story of each of the islands: Naushon, Pasque, Nashawena, Cuttyhunk, and Penikese. The second is about Cuttyhunk, island events, landmarks, organizations, and buildings past and present, existing and vanished. The third tells about the islanders themselves.

We hope you will enjoy reading about these island people and happenings and will become more familiar with this small but important part of our New England heritage.

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