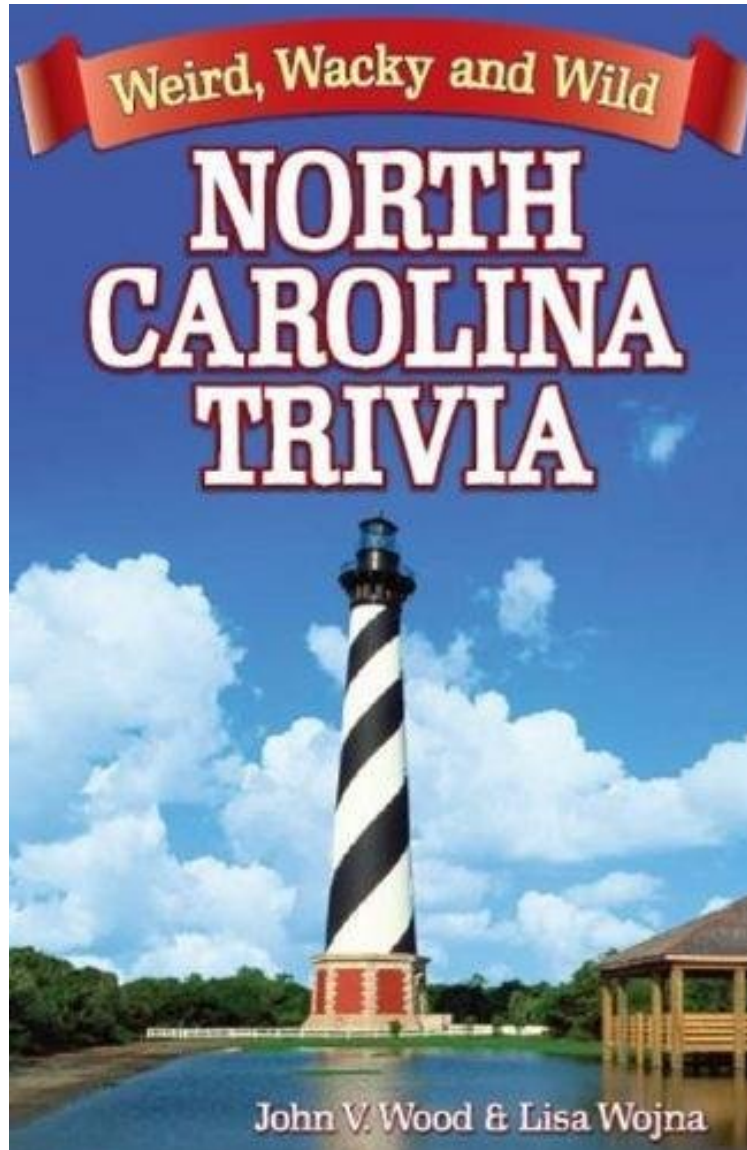


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John V. Wood, Lisa Wojna : North Carolina Trivia: Weird, Wacky, and Wild before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised North Carolina Trivia: Weird, Wacky, and Wild:

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. A Fun, Informative Book with Something for EveryoneBy Sandra Carrington-smithDid you know that if an unmarried couple check into a hotel and mark the "married" box on the registration form, then by the power vested by the state of North Carolina, they are officially husband and wife? And did you know that if you sing off-key for longer than 90 seconds in Nags Head, you can be fined? But, surely, you

didn't know that it is illegal, in North Carolina, to use an elephant to harvest a cotton field. These, and many more interesting tidbits, are what kept me glued to *North Carolina Trivia*, a book recently released by John V. Wood, a Johnston County middle school teacher. I loved reading funny town names such as Boogertown, Half Hell and Tick Bite and to learn there are seven kinds of dolphins found off the North Carolina coast. Also, with all the talk of tea parties of late, I found it quite interesting that a native Tar Heel woman helped spark the resistance against British rule during the American Revolution with her own tea party. *North Carolina Trivia* has something for everybody. Loaded with fun-to-read, informative tidbits about local fauna, history, education, sports, old laws and businesses (did you know the Pepsi-Cola Company was incorporated in North Carolina in 1902?), this book was an absolute delight to dive into. The format is great and easy to search and read; divided in sections organized by topic, the book is written in a highly entertaining, humoristic tone which won't fail to amuse the young and old alike. It is an informative guide for school-age children and a good tool for teachers wishing to inspire local love among their pupils. *North Carolina Trivia* is definitely a book I would recommend to readers living in North Carolina, and to anyone interested in traveling or moving to our beautiful state.

0 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Well researched and fun to read
By Matilda
In *North Carolina Trivia: Weird, Wacky and Wild*, John V. Wood and Lisa Wojna take us on an amusing and enlightening journey across the state. I expected the usual barbecue joints, historic sites and ghost stories, and they are here. But Wood and Wojna take us much deeper into the landscape, with a laid-back approach that both informs and entertains. While the chapters are arranged by seemingly mundane topics (Economy, Geography, Education, Politics, etc.), the accompanying comical illustrations tell us it ain't necessarily so. In *Lifestyles*, a naked lady on a bicycle escorts us into the section on local nudist colonies and a barbell-boosting granny illustrates the average life expectancy of a white North Carolina female (79.6). In *Communities*, the authors take us to such fabled towns as Tick Bite, Whynot, Meat Camp and Lizard Lick, and they teach us how to pronounce Chickamacomico. We learn about our nation's first mystery (Roanoke Island's Lost Colony), why people holler in Spivey's Corner, and what town drops a possum on New Year's Eve. The authors' attention to detail is evident, as they provide us with accurate, well-researched information that's fun and easy to read. Even presumably dry subject matter as agricultural production, religious diversity and drug trafficking come to life in this book. Read the section on *Drugs, Booze and All Things Naughty* for the scoop on the buried school bus full of marijuana. There is so much here to keep you absorbed. Whether your North Carolina travels are actual or armchair, let this book be your guide.

North Carolina Trivia is full of fascinating and often humorous stories of strange places, bizarre events, intriguing history and colorful characters: -- The famous Siamese Twins, Chang and Eng Bunker, lived in and are buried near Mount Airy, the town after which Andy Griffith modeled his Mayberry TV town. -- George Herman Babe Ruth hit his first professional home run in a scrimmage match in Fayetteville. -- It's illegal to sing off-key in the town of Nags Head. -- The world's largest privately owned home, measuring 175,000 square feet, is the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, built by the famous Vanderbilt family. -- The first English colony in America was located on Roanoke Island, but the inhabitants mysteriously vanished. -- The state was the nation's biggest producer of gold, long before the California Gold Rush. -- People from across the country meet up in Spivey's Corner and holler for all they're worth in the National Hollerin' Contest. -- And so much more...