



## North Carolina Novels by County

The characters and the stories in most novels come from the imagination and experiences of the author, but the settings are often based on real places in North Carolina. The novels listed below have been identified, either through clues in the text or statements by the author, as taking place in or near specific counties.

### Avery County

Robert Morgan. *Gap Creek*. Chapel Hill: Algonquin, 2000.

### Brunswick County

Doris Betts. *The River to Pickle Beach*. New York: Harper & Row, 1972.

Robert Inman. *Captain Saturday*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2002.

### Buncombe County

Gail Godwin. *Evensong*. New York: Ballantine, 1999.

Susan S. Kelly. *Even Now*. New York: Warner Books, 2001.

David Schulman. *The Past is Never Dead: A Gritz Goldberg Mystery*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 2004.

Thomas Wolfe. *O Lost*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2000.

### Carteret County

Bill Morris. *Saltwater Cowboys*. Wilmington: Coastal Carolina Press, 2004.

B.J. Mountford. *Bloodlines of Shackleford Banks*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 2004.

B.J. Mountford. *Sea-Born Women*. Winston-Salem, N.C.: John F. Blair, 2002.

### Catawba County

Toni L.P. Kelner. *The Laura Fleming Mysteries*.

### Chatham County

Laurence Naumoff. *Silk Hope, N.C.* New York: Harcourt Brace, 1994.

**Clay County**

Terry Kay. *The Valley of Light*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2003.

**Craven County**

Gwynne Forster. *Blues from Down Deep*. New York: Kensington, 2004.

**Cumberland County**

J. D. Rhoades. *The Devil's Right Hand*. New York: St. Martin's, 2005.

Sharon Wildwing. *Some Welcome Home*. Gale, 2005.

**Dare County**

Elisa L. Carbone. *Storm Warriors*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2001.

**Durham County**

Katy Munger. *The Casey Jones Mysteries*.

**Edgecombe County**

Louise Shivers. *Here to Get My Baby Out of Jail*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 2003.

**Forsyth County**

Martin Clark. *The Many Aspects of Mobile Home Living*. New York: Knopf, 2000.

**Guilford County**

Nancy Bartholomew. *Stand By Your Man*. New York: New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

Marianne Gingher. *Bobby Rex's Greatest Hit*. New York: Ballantine, 1986.

**Haywood County**

Charles Frazier. *Cold Mountain*. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1997.

**Henderson County**

Ann B. Ross. *The Miss Julia Novels*.

**Hyde County**

Blake Crouch. *Locked Doors*. New York: St. Martin's, 2005.

Karen Robards. *Beachcomber*. New York, Atria Books, 2003.

**Iredell County**

Judith Minhorn Stacy. *Betty Sweet Tells All*. New York: HarperCollins, 2002.

Judith Minhorn Stacy. *Maggie Sweet*. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.

**Madison County**

Joan A. Medlicott. *The Covington Novels*.

**Mecklenburg County**

Patricial Cornwell. *Hornet's Nest*. New York: G.P. Putnam's Sons, 1996.

Kurt Corriher. *Someone to Kill*. New York: St. Martin's, 2002.

Judy Goldman. *The Slow Way Back*. New York: William Morrow, 1999.

Judy Goldman. *Early Leaving*. New York: HarperCollins, 2004.

Fred Leebron, *Six Figures*. New York: Knopf, 2000.

Joyce Lavene and Jim Lavene. *Pretty Poison*. New York: Penguin, 2005.

Kathy Reichs. *The Temperance Brennan Mysteries*.

**Montgomery County**

Joyce Lavene and Jim Lavene. *The Sharyn Howard Mysteries*.

**Moore County**

Roberta Isleib. *Fairway to Heaven*. New York: Penguin, 2005.

**New Hanover County**

Ellyn Bache. *Riggs Park*. New York: Harlequin Next, 2005.

Wanda Canada. *Cape Fear Murders*. Wilmington, N.C.: Coastal Carolina Press, 2003.

Wanda Canada. *Island Murders*. Wilmington, N.C.: Coastal Carolina Press, 2001.

Philip Gerard. *Cape Fear Rising*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 1994.

William R. Trotter. *The Sands of Pride* (New York: Avalon, 2002) and *The Fires of Pride* (New York: Carrol & Graf, 2003).

**Onslow County**

Nicholas Sparks. *The Guardian*. New York: Warner Books, 2004.

**Orange County**

Alice Adams. *A Southern Exposure*. New York : Alfred A. Knopf, 1995.

Alice Adams. *After the War*. New York: Knopf, 2000.

Daphne Athas. *Entering Ephesus*. New York: Viking, 1971.

Ellyn Bache. *Activist's Daughter*. Duluth, Minn.: Spinsters Ink, 1997.

Doris Betts. *Souls Raised From the Dead*. New York: Knopf, 1994.

Jimmy Carter. *The Hornet's Nest: A Novel of the Revolutionary War*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2003.

Doug Marlette. *The Bridge*. New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

Martha Witt. *Broken as Things Are*. New York: Henry Holt, 2004.

### **Pasquotank County**

Bland Simpson. *The Mystery of Beautiful Nell Cropsey*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1993.

### **Robeson County**

Philip Gerard. *Cape Fear Rising*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 1994.

### **Rockingham County**

T.R. Pearson. *A Short History of a Small Place*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1985.

T.R. Pearson. *Glad News of the Natural World*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.

### **Rutherford County**

Tony Earley. *Jim the Boy*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2000.

### **Surry County**

Mark Slouka. *God's Fool*. New York: Knopf, 2002.

Lynn York. *The Piano Teacher*. New York: Plume, 2004.

### **Wake County**

Robert Inman. *Captain Saturday*. Boston: Little, Brown, 2002.

Margaret Maron. The Judge Deborah Knott Series.

Karen Rose. *Have You Seen Her?* New York: Warner Books, 2004.

Sarah Shaber. The Professor Simon Shaw Mysteries.

### **Warren County**

Reynolds Price. *A Long and Happy Life*. New York: Atheneum, 1962.

### **Watauga County**

Jan Karon. The Mitford Novels.

Sarah Shaber. *The Fugitive King*. New York: St. Martin's, 2002.

Nicholas Sparks. *True Believer*. New York: Warner, 2005.

### **Wilson County**

Anderson Ferrell. *Have You Heard*. New York: Bloomsbury, 2004.