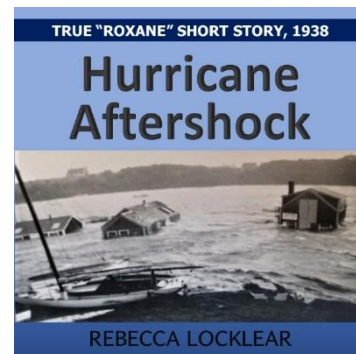


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The Hurricane of 1938 was one of the deadliest and most destructive storms to hit Long Island, New York and New England. Find out what happened to one family on Cape Cod.



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Hurricane Aftershock

Wednesday, September 21, 1938 ~ Roxane, age 33
Orleans, Cape Cod, Massachusetts

It was just after eight in the morning. Darkness lingered unnaturally. Rain gushed in torrents off the roof of the house.

Wrapped in a slicker with the hood fastened under her chin, Roxane groped her way under the eaves of her home on Tonset Road, checking the wooden shutters on each window to make sure they would stay firmly closed. Normally she would have nailed plywood crosspieces over the closed shutters, but there was no time.

Wind whipped around, bending tree limbs. *There certainly will be no milk delivery today*, she mused, as she made her way back inside.

Upstairs her seven-year-old son Ollie was sleeping in since she knew school would be canceled. But her husband Alaric, an electrician and line supervisor in charge of a truck of four men, was already at work. Many utility poles would be expected to fall in high winds. Roxane knew Alaric was preparing for intense work and long hours following the storm, for his team would need to work fast to restore power to homes and businesses.

She too, was preparing. Bustling about, Roxane collected bayberry candles from the sideboard and set them strategically in the kitchen, hallway, and bedrooms. Not knowing if.....

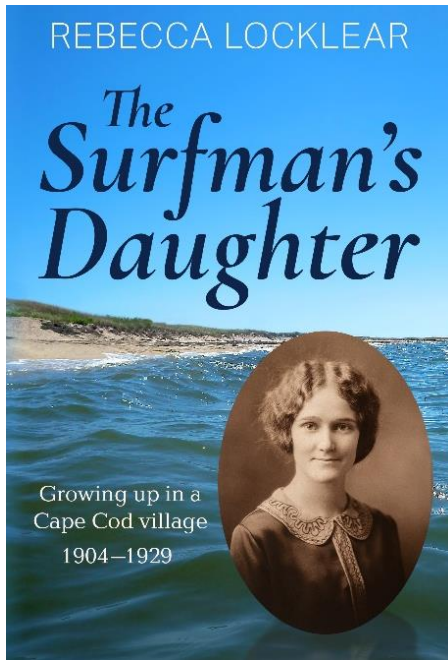
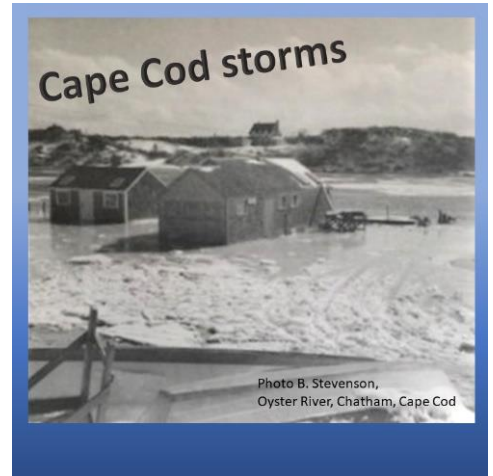


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