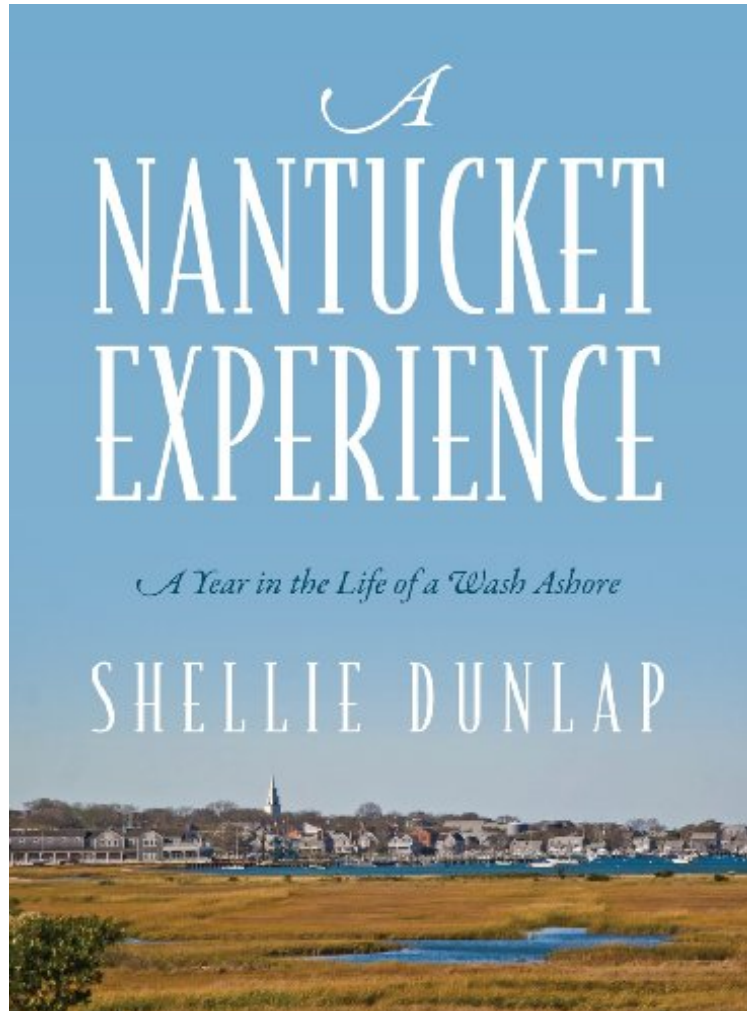


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Genius of Place.By Lindy SloanTo borrow a term coined for America's first Landscape Architect, Frederick Law Olmsted, Shellie's narrative is also a genius of place, her beloved Nantucket. My husband and I have had the good fortune of visiting this ideallic island and were at once captivated by it's charm. Shellie has a way of inviting her readers on a journey through the calendar of time whisking us away from our noisy and overly scheduled lives. I have found myself picking up her book and disappearing into her world of beauty and stillness. Far away in the Sonoran desert of Arizona, I can escape into another life. Thank you Shellie for

inviting us on the journey with you, your journey in the life of a "Wash Ashore." 3 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A Love Song from Nantucket By Grady Harp It takes a seasoned pro to capture the flavor, the atmosphere, the unique little mysteries and joys, and the abundant charm of a single place, and in A NANTUCKET EXPERIENCE Shellie Dunlap has entered that realm of writers. Perhaps the reason her books acts as such a love song is the fact that she was a seasonal visitor for many years before becoming a permanent resident (aka a 'wash ashore' in Nantucketese) that gives her book such a seductively solid range and extent of appreciation. But no matter how Shellie Dunlap grew into the expert diarist, this very handsome book is fully half gloriously rich color photographs of the various parts of the island and the other half is a tour through the months of the year, pausing long enough to share the special aspects of each holiday, each season, each tourist impacted time and each quiet deserted time the permanent residents treasure. Her comments on the unique island activities that seem to celebrate not only an idea, but the fact that that idea is carried out with the backdrop of one of the nation's most beautiful destinations include sporting events, Daffodil Festival, parades down Main Street for July 4th (and writing this on July 4th my enhance the romance of reading Dunlap's book!), theater, the special foods, the languid beaches and the sheer beauty of the sunsets and sunrises and yes, even the fog. Having been to Nantucket in the past as a tourist and reading Shellie Dunlap's book makes this reviewer only long to return - perhaps even become a 'wash ashore', that is how seductive is this A NANTUCKET EXPERIENCE. For a flavorful and heart warming book to keep visible on your coffee table (and as a gift to those you love), this book is high on the list. Grady Harp, July 131 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Nantucket Is More than a Summer Experience By Suzanne Bates Nantucket was for years our family's summer destination. My husband and I married on Nantucket in a "secret garden," tucked away off Centre Street, and fondly recall many an August visit, biking to the beach, strolling through the shops, sitting at outdoor cafes, and just relaxing at home. We treasured every moment of every day. However, it wasn't until my friend Shellie Dunlap "washed ashore" and decided to make Nantucket her permanent home that I even thought about Nantucket as a place to be all seasons. Shellie has somehow managed to translate 20 years of experiences into a down home collection of stories that complement the photos of gray shingled cottages, cobblestone roads, rocky jetties, sandy beaches and historic lighthouses. Whether you've been summering on Nantucket for years, or simply long to visit the place, you'll find joy in reading this book. Beyond your typical coffee table ornament, A Nantucket Experience will take you on a personal journey, and you'll put it down brimming with reasons to love it, visit it, or keep coming back to it.

22 Miles out to sea, off the coast of Cape Cod Massachusetts, lies a little sliver of paradise called Nantucket Island. The magical experience begins the moment the ferry carrying bright-eyed visitors glides around the Brant Point Lighthouse and into Nantucket Harbor. Church steeples dot the horizon, gray shingled cottages line the wharf and sailboats bob on their moorings. As guests descend the boat ramp and step onto the brick-paved wharf there are so many quaint details it's impossible to take them all in at once. One new island visitor was overheard saying, "It's like Disneyland for grown-ups." Tourists and summer residents get the opportunity to experience the island "in season" when all the shops and restaurants are in full swing and the population can swell to over 50,000. But those who call Nantucket home know the best kept secrets of the island are revealed all year long. Shellie Dunlap and her family had owned a house on Nantucket for over 17 years before deciding to make the island their permanent home. During her first year as a new full time resident of the island (affectionately referred to as a "wash ashore" by long time Nantucketers) Shellie learns there is more to the island than she ever dreamed possible and much she has yet to discover. Come join her as she ushers you through one year of island life and inspires you to create your own Nantucket Experience.