



When Seagulls Fly Inland

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Dear Readers:

When Seagulls Fly Inland took place before and during a hurricane in August of 1933. Even though weather forecasting has greatly improved, people today seldom believe a hurricane will make a direct hit on their area. Like the folks who were vacationing at Buckroe and Bay Shore in '33, we refuse to take a storm seriously until it is upon us. Here are some questions for you to think about after reading the book.

1. During the early 1900s a fence divided the amusement parks of the Virginia Peninsula. What did that fence signify to the blacks? What did it signify to the whites?
2. How did the music at Bay Shore differ from what was performed at the Buckroe dance pavilion?
3. Perhaps the storm tore the Bay Shore Hotel apart because it was situated right on the edge of the water, but why did the Dips at Buckroe survive without damage, when the Dixie Fly and all the rides at Bay Shore were ruined?
4. What change was made in the construction of cottages along the Chesapeake shoreline after the storm?
5. What was the C.C.C. and what kinds of work were they responsible for after the "33 storm?
6. The rebuilding of Buckroe cottages began immediately after the storm. This was not so at Bay Shore. Why?
7. There were only two deaths at the beaches that were attributed to the Storm of '33. Why is this storm remembered as the worst in recorded history to hit the Virginia Peninsula?
8. What finally brought about the demise of Bay Shore? And why did the Buckroe Beach Amusement Park close?

Discuss how Marge felt about Frog when she first encountered him. And how James felt about Rose when he saw her prior to the storm. Have you a friend you had to learn to like by sharing good times or bad?