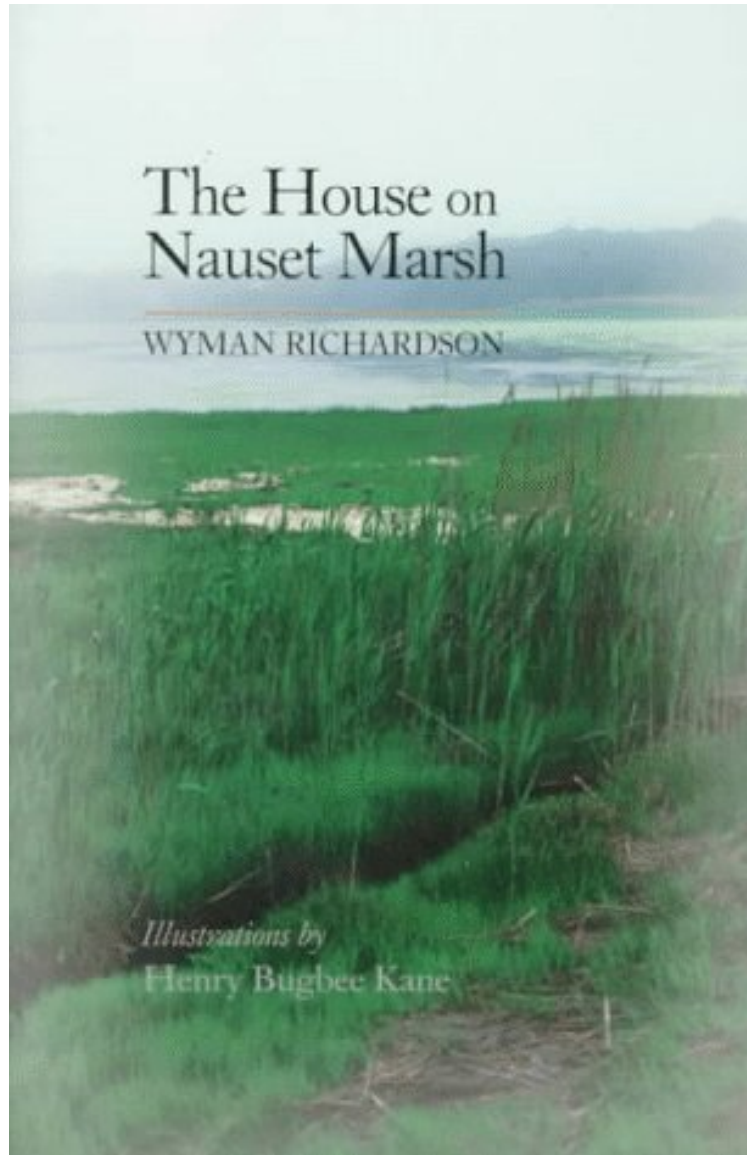


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so many parts of our country). I spent summers on the Cape as a young boy in the late 50s and early sixties, and Richardson's writing brings back that sense of wild emptiness and special light that used to make Cape Cod so special. The writing and lovely illustrations recall a time when you could have a hand in the gathering of your own food and take joy in the beauty of the process. We have gained much smugness and lost so much else since then; the House on Nauset Marsh brings back a sense of how lives connected to nature used to be. 15 of 16 people found the following review helpful. House on Nauset Marsh still viable By A Customer Wyman Richardson's account of life on Cape Cod, first published in 1947, is a delight to read even tho' much has changed on the Cape since then. This is a book to treasure in the dead of winter when one longs to 'feel the whims of the sea' or 'hear the slow low pitch of a cricket's song.' Richardson, besides being a physician, is a first rate nature writer. His 'other' life comes alive as he describes morning in the old farmhouse where 'you can look out the south windows over the ...grassy hills...over the blue water of Nauset Marsh' and in the early morning 'an orange moon slipping behind the western horizon.' Richardson paints pictures with words that draw the reader, however briefly, into the pages of his book. First rate. I loved it. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Wonderful descriptions of Nauset in a quieter time By A Customer This is an important book because it, like Thoreau's journals, is a record of a particular place at a particular time. What did it look like then? What plants, birds, fish came and went? How did people think about the place? These questions are answered in writing that transports you back in time to an apparently quieter and more leisurely world. Yes, there's a bit too much on fishing and hunting for my taste, but I find that I just skip those chapters when I go back to this book, as I do every couple of years. A must for anyone trying to get a handle on Cape Cod.

One of the great classics of Cape Cod literature and a fine piece of nature writing--a lyrical, keenly observed portrait of a much loved land and its inhabitants. Dr. Wyman Richardson lived the busy life of a distinguished physician, practicing in Boston and teaching at the Harvard Medical School, but here is recorded his other life--the life closest to his heart. Cape Cod, and more specifically, his humble farmhouse on Nauset Marsh, was his "earthly paradise" and the site of many keen observations and reflections on the natural world. Nothing escaped Wyman Richardson's eyes--the changing moods of the land and sea, the dozens of species of birds in the salt marshes and woods, and the personalities and stories of the Cape Codders he knew are all recorded here.

About the Author Wyman Richardson, physician and writer, was also an amateur naturalist and ornithologist. He spent many years of his life on Cape Cod, on and off from his boyhood until his death in 1953.