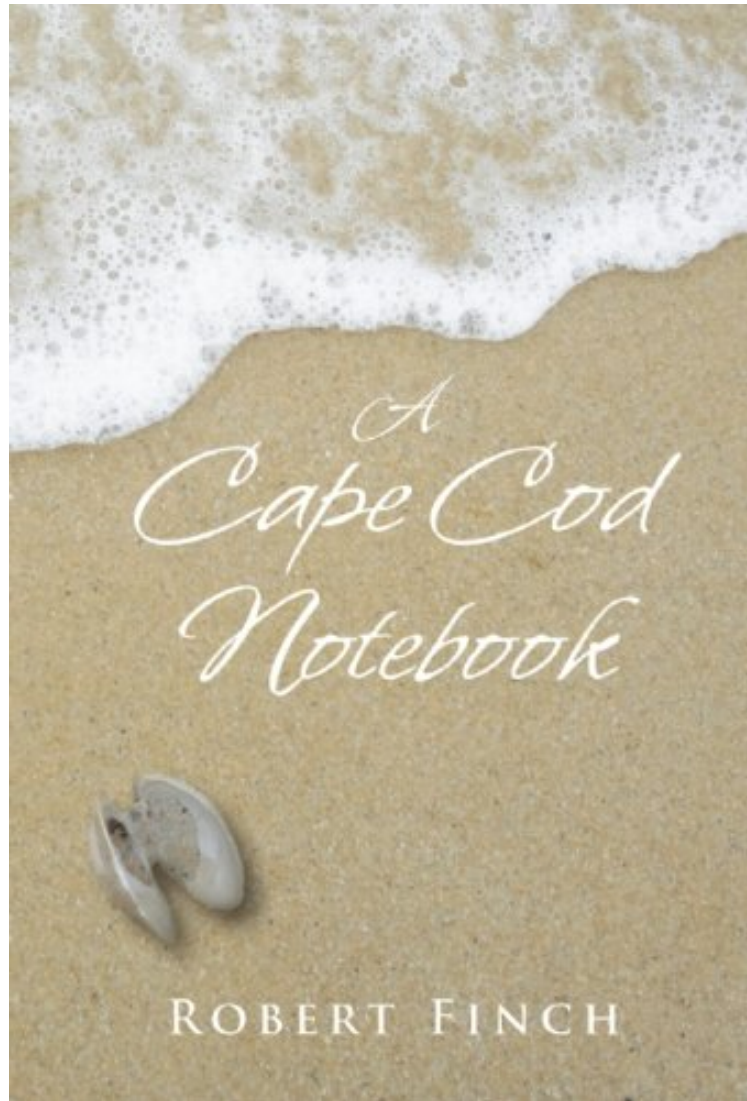


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A Cape Cod Notebook By Jean C Burke Robert Finch's voice charmed the Wellfleet Library crowd tonight when he read aloud from his book "A Cape Cod Notebook", a work of 52 observational essays by this talented author and radio writer. A likeable personality came through to those who came to hear him read and his vibrantly descriptive writing style captivated the listeners for the duration of his presentation. Mr. Finch read five selections from his "small book about a large place"- 1. "Rooting for Oysters" 2. "Vive La Difference," an essay that contrasts the two latest eating establishments to come to town: a fancily-named French bakery with a new Dunkin' Donuts outlet 3. "Mimosa Tree," his obsession with observing this tree's growth to the size and shape of a "multi-level fountain," 4. "Sea Dawn," (this caused my head to droop as it was about my next door neighbor, a talented builder who, tragically, took his own life a couple years ago) and, 5. "Dancing With My Shadow," his discovery when one day he went out on the ice, after the ponds had frozen over, and, to his delight, saw his shadow on the pond's floor! Mr. Finch pleased his listeners-- plenty of folks lined up to have this award-winning essayist sign their latest literary purchase, "A Cape Cod Notebook." Good things really do come in small packages, in this case, in the shape of a small, pocket-sized paperback of joyful Cape Cod essays.

A collection of more than 50 exquisitely crafted radio essays, these short but poetic gems celebrate unique aspects of life on Cape Cod, especially the relationship between humanity and the natural world. Entranced by the islands riches, Robert Finch takes the reader on a journey through the seasons in many well-known and beloved essays including "Beach Ball," "Sea Dawn," "A Gratuity," "The Fish That Wouldnt Die," "The Old Shell Game," and "Fire and Music" that have the power to immediately connect the reader with the natural world of this region and that speak to the mysterious qualities of this peninsula that have drawn people to it for centuries.

About the Author Widely regarded as one of America's leading nature writers, Robert Finch has lived on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, since 1971. He has published seven books of essays and is co-editor of The Norton Book of Nature Writing. His most recent book is A Cape Cod Notebook 2, a second collection of his weekly public radio radio commentaries that have been broadcast since 2005 on WCAI, the Woods Hole NPR affiliate of WGBH, and for which he received the prestigious Edward R. Murrow Award for Radio Writing in 2005 and 2013. His essays have appeared in numerous magazines and journals and his books have been translated into Japanese and Chinese. For his body of work he was named as one of the New England Literary Lights for 1999 by the Associates of the Boston Public Library. In 2001 he received the Non-Fiction Award from the New England Booksellers Association. Mr. Finch has taught at numerous colleges and writers conferences, including Williams College, Emerson College, Carleton College, Penn State, the Provincetown Fine Arts Work Center and the Bread Loaf Writers Conference. From 2002-2012 Mr. Finch was on the nonfiction faculty of the MFA in Writing Program at Spalding University, Louisville, Kentucky.