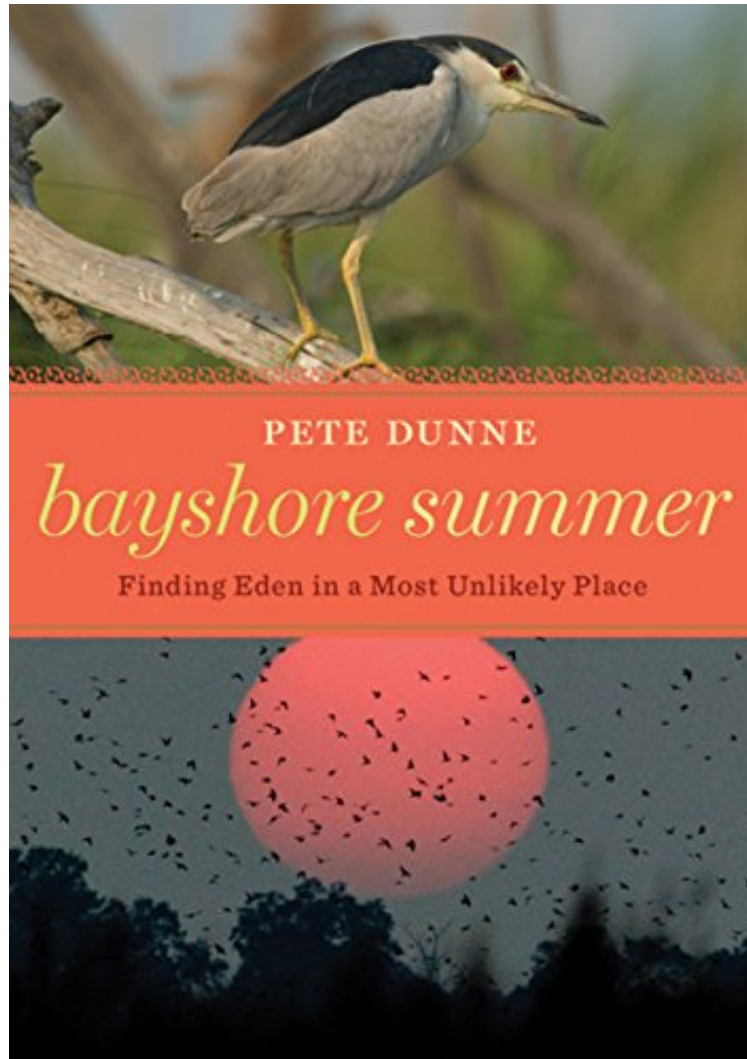


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reason for the decline in crabs. He visits a farm where a farmer and his son still perform an age old ritual of threshing salt hay which wildlife in the region so much depend on and he discusses strawberry flies, no-see-ums and mosquitos. He visits a local tomato farm and has written an entire chapter on the importance of buying from farmers markets and which farmers markets in the Bay Shore New Jersey area are worth visiting. This book tells the importance of ecology and environment and how human interaction is affecting nature. Jeff takes the reader on a tour of his home town area of New Jersey looking at it with a sense of hope and humor. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By pen name a good read 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good read By Floyd Jester Like the rest of Pete Dunne books always enjoyable and insightful.

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report merits reading. --Rick Roche  
About the Author  
PETE DUNNE forged a bond with nature as a child and has been studying hawks for more than forty years. He has written fifteen books and countless magazine and newspaper columns. He was the founding director of the Cape May Bird Observatory and now serves as New Jersey Audubon's Birding Ambassador. He lives in Mauricetown, New Jersey.