



Taffy of Torpedo Junction

by Nell Wise Wechter

Taffy of Torpedo Junction tells the thrilling adventure story of thirteen-year-old Taffy Willis, who, with the help of her pony and dog, exposes a ring of Nazi spies operating from a secluded house on Hatteras Island, North Carolina, during World War II. For readers of all ages, the book brings to life the dramatic wartime events on the Outer Banks, where German U-boats turned an area around Cape Hatteras into 'Torpedo Junction' by sinking more than sixty American vessels in just a six-month period in 1942.

Taffy of Torpedo Junction details:

- delivered on CD
- 16 chapters
- 800-950 words in each chapter, approx.
- Quarter-page and half-page versions
- color and black and white
- PDFs, Quark 4 files, raw files (access to other if requested)
- In-paper ad to promote the story
- order form to distribute to area schools (Contact school system and any local chapter of NC Reading Association about your plans to publish the story)
- A newspaper activity with each chapter

Study guides:

- Background information
- Study questions
- Newspaper activities
- Graphic organizers
- Map of North Carolina's coast
- Explanation about spoken language "HOI TOIDE ON THE OUTER BANKS"
- Resources on WWII
- Links to the UNC Press Web site (author bio, question/answer session with author's daughter and, on *The State of Things*, interview that includes Carol Dillon, the real-life woman who inspired the character Taffy)

Thanks to its publisher, UNC Press, a condensed, serialized version of Taffy of Torpedo Junction will be available to all NC newspapers for publication one chapter per week starting January 2008 and ending May 2008. The NC Press Foundation's NIE program will absorb the cost of writing and designing curricula to support the use of the story and the use of newspapers in the classroom. Thanks to two NC newspapers for supplying photos of the Outer Banks taken during the 1930s (Outer Banks Sentinel) and organizing actors to read the story aloud (Carteret County News-Times). Curricula and read aloud will be posted on this Web site: www.ncnewspapersineducation.org.

Do you want the CD sent to YOU?

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