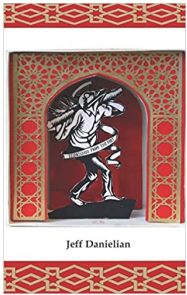
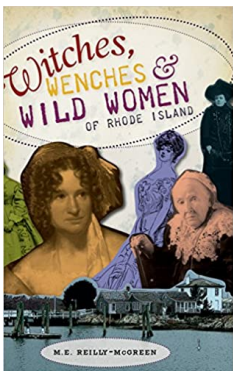


Now Read This!: Local authors to stash in your beach bag this summer

Some people will feel safe venturing out to the old haunts of last summer, while others will continue to be cautious and stay close to home. Here are some book options by local authors to add to your summer reading list, regardless of where you plan to read them:



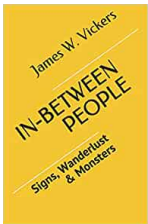
***Dispatches From the Fort*, by Jeff Danielian:** This is Danielian's fourth volume of poetry. He has a simple style to writing that is both uplifting and thought provoking. This collection includes 58 poems and a short nonfiction piece.



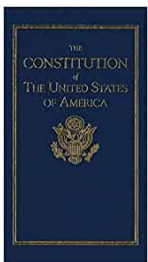
***Witches, Wenches and Wild Women of Rhode Island*, by M.E. Reilly-McGreen:** Our state is full of forgotten history and fascinating tidbits; this book highlights Rhode Island's many powerful and influential women. Each tale is short but insightful, giving plenty of interesting information. Homework: Go the extra mile and visit the monuments and markers mentioned in the book.



***I Gotta Tell You Something*, by B. Lucy Stevens:** Stevens collected these poems from a class that she taught to a group of 12 adults back in 2016. Each poem provides a magnified glimpse into the author's thought process, life and soul. There are moments of success, struggle and heartbreak with every word full of power and meaning.



***In-Between People*, by James Vickers:** This semi autobiographical tale about a freelance writer who travels the country on his own accord is a great read for those worried about traveling, but who want to vicariously take a trip.



***The Constitution of the United States of America*:** This should be required reading for every American this summer (myself included). Education is the key to progress.