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The 173-page book, published by The History Press and released in April, is densely packed with information, from scuba diving basics to a look through the centuries at New Jersey history, via the ships that found their way to sandy depths. *Press of Atlantic City*

#### About the Author

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