

Carolina by County:

Books That Take Place in NC Counties



Bladen

[A Chosen Few : Between the Rivers](#) by Carolyn Rawls Booth



A Chosen Few is the third in Carolyn Booth's trilogy of books that recount the struggles of rural, coastal North Carolinians during the 1920s and 1930s. The author was born in Bladen County and her family lived on a Penderlea Homestead until 1939; *A Chosen Few* is loosely based on her family and its experiences.

Brunswick

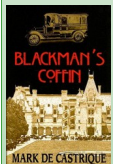
[Beach Trip](#) by Cathy Holton

Mel, Sara, Annie, and Lola have traveled distinct and diverse paths since their years together at a small Southern liberal arts college during the early 1980s. Now the friends, all in their forties, converge on Lola's lavish North Carolina beach house in an attempt to relive the carefree days of their college years. But as the week wears on and each woman's hidden story is gradually revealed, these four friends learn that they must inevitably confront their shared past and a secret that threatens to change their bond, and their lives, forever.



Buncombe

[Blackman's Coffin](#) by Mark de Castrique

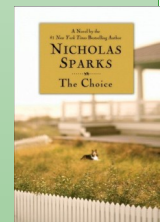


A Chief Warrant Officer in the Criminal Investigation Detachment of the U.S. military who has lost a leg in Iraq, Sam Blackman investigates the murder of ex-Marine and fellow amputee Tikima Robertson.

Carteret

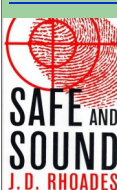
[The Choice](#) by Nicholas Sparks

Resisting romantic commitments while enjoying a life of boating, swimming, and barbecues, Travis Parker is unable to deny his attraction to new neighbor Gabby Holland, a defensive woman whose long-time boyfriend further challenges Travis' growing feelings.



Cumberland

[Safe and Sound](#) by J.D. Rhoades



A Gulf War veteran finally starting to recover from his wartime experiences, fugitive apprehension agent Jack Keller may be in over his head when he takes on the case of a missing young girl, whose father is an AWOL member of the U.S. Army's elite Delta Force, following a dangerous trail through the Carolina woods to find the kidnapped girl.



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Dare

Roanoke by Margaret Lawrence

Sent to the fledgling American colony of Roanoke, Gabriel North is given the task of seducing a young Indian princess for her fortune in gold and pearls, and in the process is drawn into the mystery of what really happened to the vanished English settlers on Roanoke.



Durham



Up at the College by Michele Andrea Bowen

Devastated by the unexpected end of her marriage, Yvonne returns to her North Carolina hometown, where her attraction to a successful university coach prompts questions about her faith and innermost desires.

Henderson

Miss Julia Delivers the Goods by Ann B. Ross

Learning that Hazel Marie is pregnant with twins and that the father, private investigator J. D. Pickens, has left town, Miss Julia summons the wayward man to solve a local theft in the hopes of reuniting the couple.



Jackson



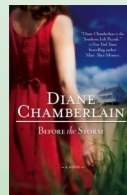
The Fireman's Wife by Jack Riggs

After fifteen years of marriage, Cassie Johnson is feeling the stresses and strains of her relationship with Peck, the town's newly appointed fire chief, as the time he spends saving others and Cassie's attraction to one of his colleagues could doom their lives together, in a novel set in South Carolina's low country in 1970.

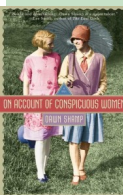
Pender

Before the Storm by Diane Chamberlain

An overprotective parent, Laurel Lockwood is terrified when the church where her son is attending a church social is consumed by fire and delighted when Andy not only survives but saves other children from the flames, until she discovers that Andy has fallen under suspicion of arson for starting the fire.



Person



On Account of Conspicuous Women by Dawn Shamp

Four friends share a relationship during the women's suffrage movement in early twentieth-century North Carolina, including opinionated women's rights advocate Bertie, stylish dinner-party hostess Guerine, quiet farmer's daughter Doodle, and city debutante-turned-country schoolteacher Ina.

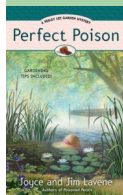
Rockingham

Nightwalkers by P.T. Deutermann

Seeking more peaceful pastures in North Carolina, Cam Richter buys a 700-acre plantation and immediately finds himself the target of a killer, and he must deal with all the entanglements of a place suddenly alive with secrets of a bloody past.



Stanly



Perfect Poison by Joyce Lavene (Mystery)

When a drowned body is found with an unusual plant wound through her hair, part-time forensic botanist Peggy Lee agrees to help with the investigation, but comes up empty-handed while digging for clues.

Wayne

Rain Song by Alice J. Wisler (Inspirational)

Through her online column for the Pretty Fishy Web site, Nicole Michelin meets Harrison Michaels, who lives in Japan, but when she attempts to avoid him, Harrison eventually reveals that he knew her as a child in Japan--where her parents were once missionaries.

