

Maine Lobstering Stars In Two Book Releases By Author Barbara Delinsky

Lobstering off the coast of Maine and unusual lobster facts star in two new book releases by author Barbara Delinsky. The paperback edition of her bestselling book *THE SUMMER I DARED* will be on bookstore shelves on June 28, joining the non-fiction volume *DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?*, an amusing collection of lobster trivia culled from background research for the novel. Author proceeds from *DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?* will be donated to charity through the Barbara Delinsky Charitable Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

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Lobsters, catching lobsters, lobster trivia and the coast of Maine are central to two Barbara Delinsky books released for summer reading. Her bestselling novel [*THE SUMMER I DARED*](#) will be published in paperback by Pocket Books on June 28. [*DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?*](#) is not a novel. It's a compilation of facts about lobsters, lobstermen, and lobstering gathered by author Delinsky in the course of researching *THE SUMMER I DARED*. Published by Down East Books, it is informative and fun.. All author proceeds benefit breast cancer research.

THE SUMMER I DARED is the tale of three people whose lives change forever when they survive a tragic ferry accident en route to Big Sawyer Island, a lobstering community off the coast of Maine. After the accident forty-year-old New Yorker Julia Bechtel feels strangely connected to the tragedy's other survivors – Noah Prine, a divorced lobsterman, and Kim Collella, a young woman rendered mute since her rescue.

In a deeply moving story of the risky but rewarding search for self, Julia, Noah, and Kim find themselves enmeshed in a mystery with diabolical implications, and they discover that the danger to their lives did not end with their rescue. Following unusual activities in Maine's lobstering waters, the story climaxes in near-hurricane conditions on Noah's lobster boat.

While preparing to write *THE SUMMER I DARED*, Delinsky conducted extensive research on catching lobsters off the coast of Maine, consulting first-hand with lobstermen and digging deep into written sources to understand lobstering's daily routine, the dangers presented by violent weather, and even the frightening and all-too-real territorial lobster wars that erupt among fishermen.

"I've always taken my research seriously," Delinsky says, "and I find myself doing research before, during, and even after the writing to make sure that my facts are correct. But most of what I learn on any given topic is for my own understanding. Precious little of it appears in the actual book." As a result, she says, "I had compiled reams of information on lobsters and lobstering, all heading into storage, never to be seen by the rest of the world. The thought of that broke my heart."

Delinsky was so captivated by all of the interesting, amusing, and surprising information she turned up concerning Maine's most famous crustacean, she collected it into a little book that she had printed up to give to friends, family, and professional colleagues. Then it occurred to her that the book might be of interest to a wider readership.

"I do believe it would be a fun impulse buy for lobster lovers everywhere," Delinsky says. Down East Books agrees. They have taken the lobster facts, added an some amusing illustrations, and published the collection under the title *DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?*

Delighted that her research on the rugged life of the Maine lobsterman and his eight-legged “bug” will live on, Delinsky is donating all of her author proceeds from *DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?* to charity through the Barbara Delinsky Charitable Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

Until now, the author had written only one non-fiction book: *UPLIFT: Secrets from the Sisterhood of Breast Cancer Survivors*. As a breast cancer survivor herself, Delinsky compiled this handbook of practical tips and upbeat anecdotes gathered first-hand, in the words of 350+ breast cancer survivors and their loved ones.

Barbara Delinsky has written more than 70 books, including 16 New York Times bestsellers. The paperback edition of Her bestselling novel [THE SUMMER I DARED](#) will be published in paperback by Pocket Books on June 28. [DOES A LOBSTERMAN WEAR PANTS?](#) is currently available through Down East Books. Her latest novel, [LOOKING FOR PEYTON PLACE](#), will be published by Scribner on July 12th. A short biography of the author and a complete list of her titles its available for download as PDF.

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