

## The great beach

*John Hay*

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From the Back CoverCape Cod's vast outer coast is little changed since the Pilgrims' first landfall almost 350 years ago. Today a plane can skim its fifty miles in a matter of seconds, and in the summer bathing areas are so crowded

with cars and people they take on a continental flavor. In these unforgettable pages a noted naturalist and author brings to life a breathtakingly vivid world of sand, wildlife, sun, shipwrecks, and sea. About the Author John Hay (1915-2011) was the author of *The Run*, *The Undiscovered Country*, *The Immortal Wilderness*, and other books on nature.