

Peter Pigeon of Snug Harbor — Fact Sheet

Pages: 90 pages. (96 including front and back matter)

Illustrations: There are 40 line drawings including depictions of Snug Harbor, other locations on Staten Island, The Ferry, the Port Of New York and various characters in the book.

Age Range: Suitable for all ages.

Type Of Book: Trade paperback, 6 X 9 inches in size.

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Price: \$7.95

Plot: A sick baby pigeon is found during a snowball fight at an old sailors home on Staten Island. He is nursed back to health by a former sea captain (Captain Hardtack) who befriends him and teaches him about sailing. When the home is turned into an arts center, the pigeon is launched onto a journey of self-discovery through his friendship with a young woman artist (Maria Maria). Their Collaboration results in nationwide fame

Characters: Peter Pigeon (a baby pigeon who grows to find fame and fortune on Staten island), Captain Hardtack, an ancient mariner who is Peter's mentor and the unofficial leader of the "Snugs" (as the old Sailors are called); Maria Maria, an obsessed young artist; the Snugs(including Boatswain Jonsen, Ensign Uckluk, Chief Petty Officer Jackson, Lieutenant Martinez and Seamen First Class Ruplemyer); Ms. Martinette , the administrator of the old sailors home; Hannah, the Snug Harbor groundskeeper; the Captain of the Staten Island Ferry; and numerous artists and ferry riders

Publishing History: As an unpublished manuscript, *Peter Pigeon of Snug Harbor*, was awarded a 2006 Junefest literary prize from the Council Of Arts And Humanities On Staten Island. As part of Junefest, a partial reading of the manuscript was presented at the New York Public Library center at St. George, Staten Island. The release date for the first edition is May 2nd, 2009, published by Rocky Hollow Press.

About The Author: Ed Weiss was born in New York, New York. Resides in Stapleton, Staten Island. Raised in Brooklyn Heights. Attended Brooklyn Friends School from grades K-12. Graduate of Bennington College, Bennington, Vermont (art\theater major) . Active in the 1980s and 1990s, East Village performance art and rock scene. His serial *The Onyx Fool* ran for three months at the legendary club 8 BC. His work as a performer, and creator, has been shown at numerous venues including: The Pyramid Club, The Kitchen, BAM, La Mama, TNC, and The Mark Taper Theater Complex (LA).

Odd facts that most people don't know about the author: He has bartended at the 21 Club, The Rainbow Room, and the Penguin & Puffin Hut at the Central Park Zoo. Weiss once appeared on the NBC/Wall St. Journal business program *Before Hours* as an industry expert, despite the fact he had recently bleached his hair platinum blonde in order to look sharp for his band's show at the Lower East Side club *Downtown Beirut*. The next guest was Secretary of The Treasury, Donald Regan.