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Nell Wechter.

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UNC Press. ^[2]Nell Carolyn Wise Wechter, teacher and writer, was born at Stumpy Point,[Dare County](#) ^[3], the daughter of Enoch Raymond, a fisherman, and Edith Casey Best Wise. She was graduated from East Carolina College in 1951 and received a master's degree from both her alma mater and the [University of North Carolina at Greensboro](#) ^[4]. From 1933 until her retirement in 1964 she taught in the public schools of the state.

A free-lance feature writer for North Carolina newspapers between 1943 and 1968, she also was associate editor of the [Hyde County Herald](#) ^[5] at Swan Quarter during the period 1948–50. In 1972 she taught creative writing and English at the [College of the Albemarle](#) ^[6] in Elizabeth City. Her first novel, *The Romance of Juniper River*, appeared in 1937. She wrote for young people as well as adults, notably *Taffy of Torpedo Junction* ^[7] (1957), *Betsy Dowdy's Ride* ^[8] (1960), and *The Mighty Midgetts of Chicamcomico* ^[9] (1974). Mrs. Wechter won numerous awards for her books, including those offered by the [American Association of University Women](#) ^[10] and the Catholic Children's Book Club of America.

In 1943 she married Robert William Wechter, of Madison, Wis., a naval officer stationed on North Carolina's Outer Banks. They were the parents of a daughter, Marcia. Mrs. Wechter was a member of the Methodist church.

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