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There's only one thing that Freddie loves as much as football: sightseeing! Every time she and her trusty companion Fumble the Dog visit a new city, they set out to learn all about the location and its history before cheering on the home team!

Gameday in the Carolinas

It's gameday in the Carolinas! Football Freddie and Fumble are on their way to the stadium to cheer for the Panthers. First, they'll stop at Cape Hatteras, Kitty Hawk, and other historic locations to learn everything they can about the Carolinas. Come along and cheer with Freddie and Fumble for the Panthers!



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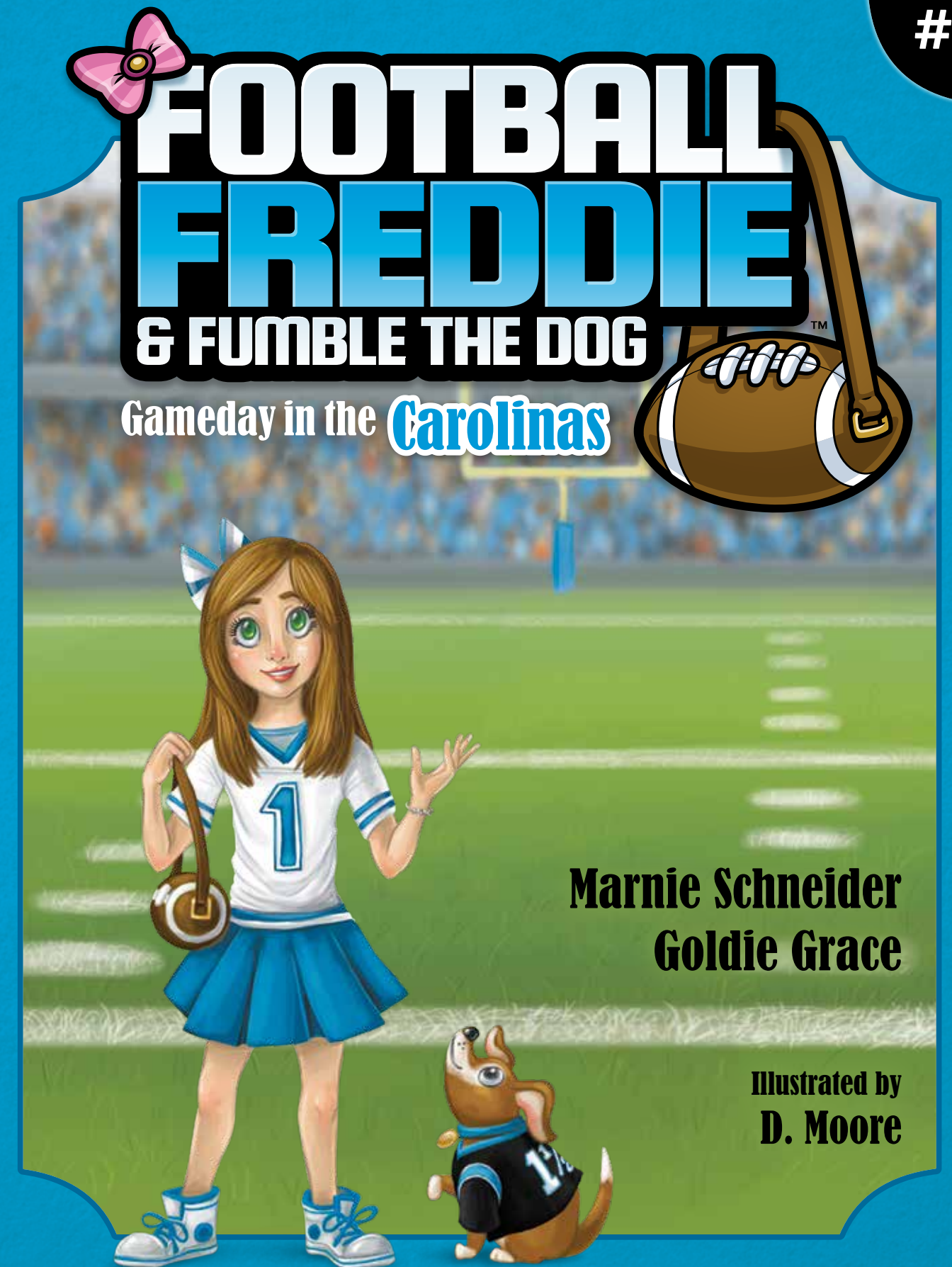
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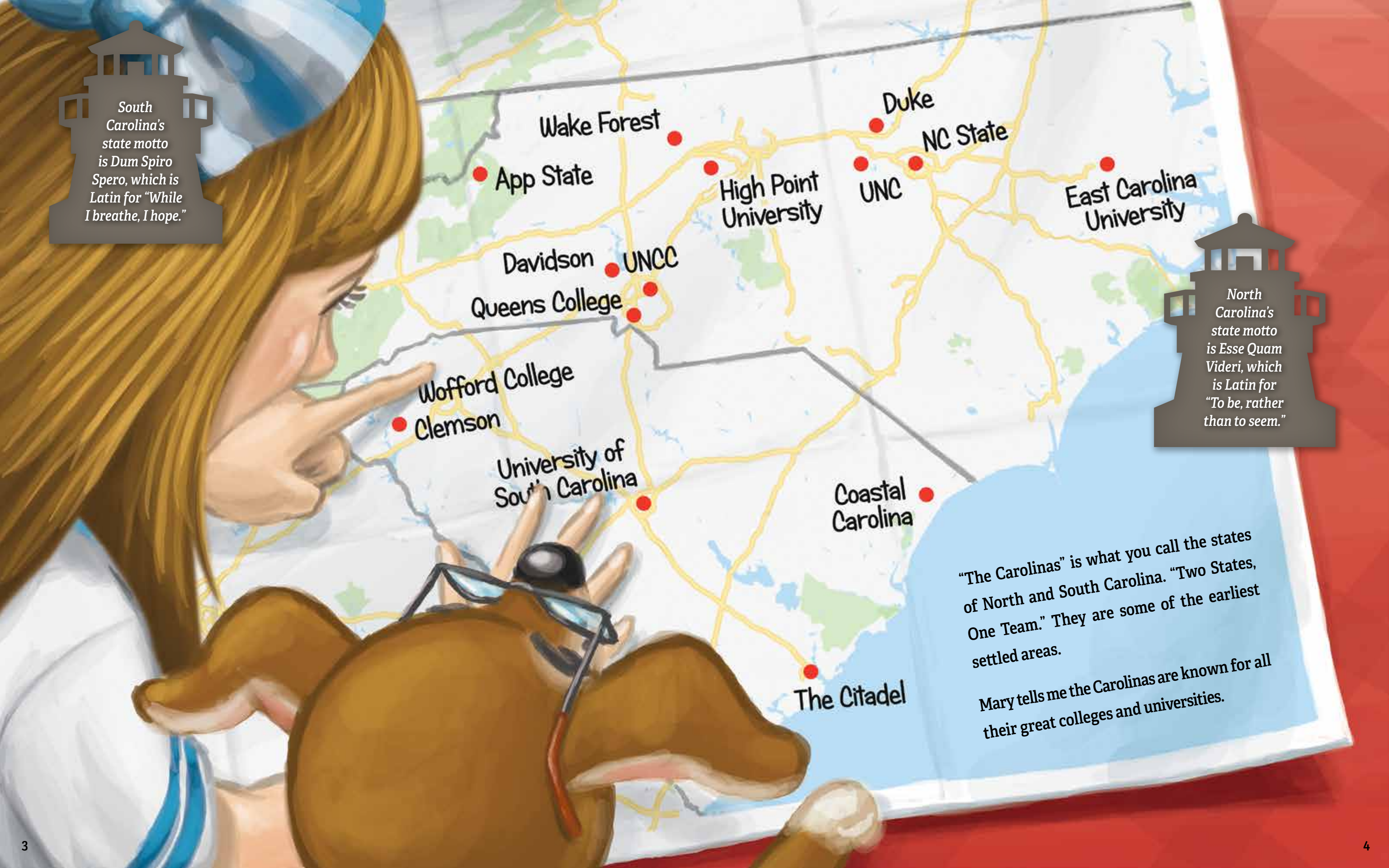


Hi! My name is Fredericka, but everyone calls me Football Freddie. This is my trusty companion Fumble. He was at our local animal shelter and we scooped him up like a loose ball on the field. That's why we named him Fumble.

I'm so excited to see my friend Mary! We're on our way to the stadium in Charlotte, North Carolina, for the Panthers game. First, she's going to show us around all the historic sites in the Carolinas.

Our first stop is **Myrtle Beach**, South Carolina. Mary's brought some homemade biscuits for us to have a picnic on the beach before we go fishing and catch a round of golf. Talk about Southern hospitality!





South Carolina's state motto is *Dum Spiro Spero*, which is Latin for "While I breathe, I hope."

North Carolina's state motto is *Esse Quam Videri*, which is Latin for "To be, rather than to seem."

"The Carolinas" is what you call the states of North and South Carolina. "Two States, One Team." They are some of the earliest settled areas.

Mary tells me the Carolinas are known for all their great colleges and universities.



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DARIUS RUCKER

A Charleston
physician by
the name of
Dr. Garden
first imported
gardenias from
South Africa.

The **Arthur Ravenel Bridge** is the longest cable bridge in North America, connecting Charleston to Mount Pleasant. Not far away in the Charleston Harbor is Patriots Point, where we saw the **USS Yorktown**, a heralded aircraft carrier that's now a museum.



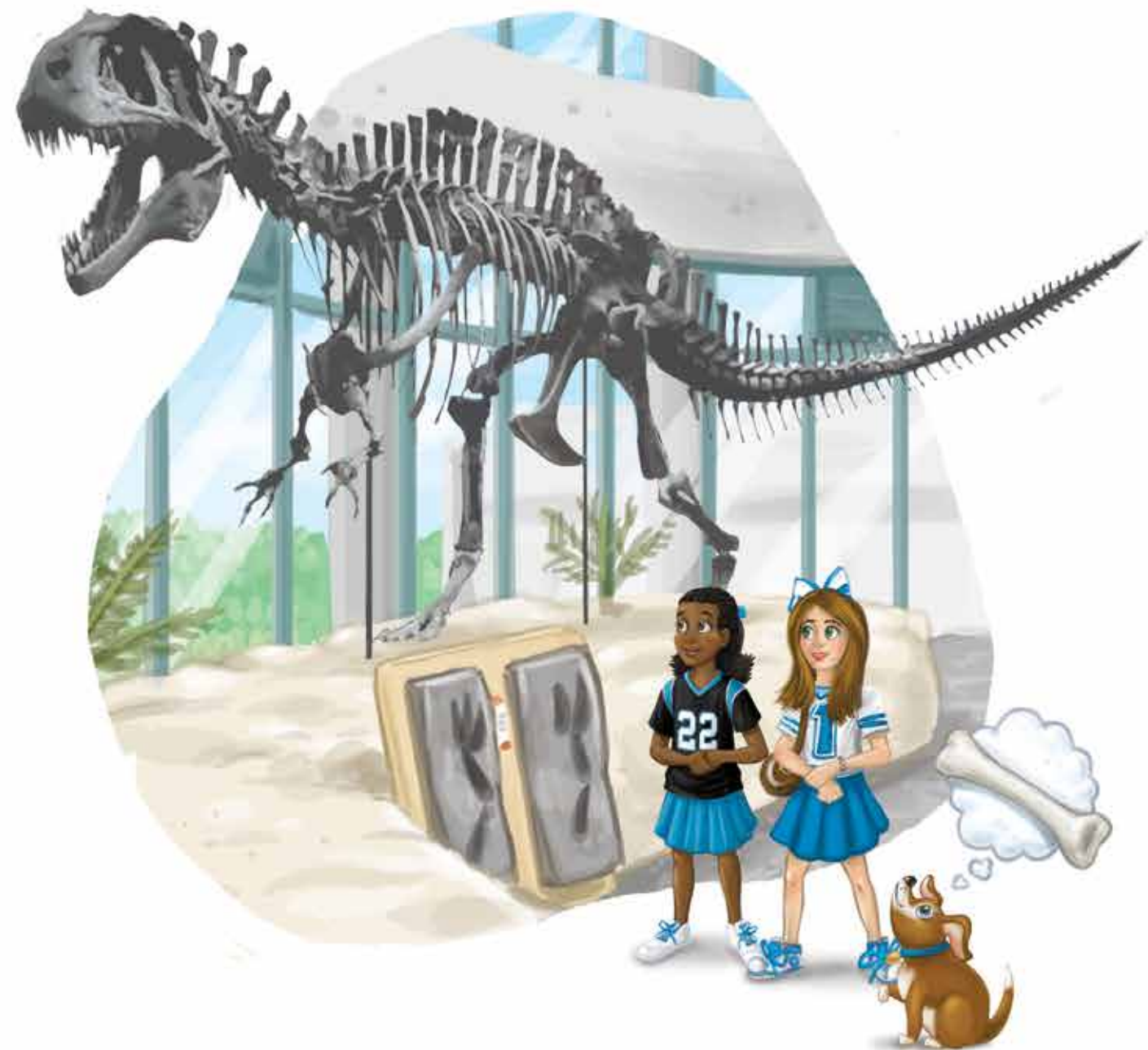
Middleton Place is the home to the oldest landscaped gardens in the United States. It dates back to around the 1730s! Let's see if we can find some Spanish moss growing here in the gardens, Mary.

Spanish moss is actually a flowering plant.

Middleton Place is also home to the Middleton Oak that has a trunk over 10 feet in diameter.



Columbia is the capital city of South Carolina, and it's full of architecturally significant sites like the **Robert Mills House** and the **Palmetto Building**! We can't stay here too long, but there's one place in particular Mary says we have to take Fumble to see—the largest fire hydrant in the world! It's almost 40 feet tall!



It's time to cross into North Carolina. Raleigh is the capital city, and it's home to the **North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences**, the oldest museum in the entire state! Mary has been telling me about the amazing dinosaur exhibits. Don't get any thoughts about chewing on these bones, Fumble!



The lighthouse at Cape Hatteras is 210 feet tall and is still in use today.

North Carolina is famous for lighthouses! There are seven different coastal lighthouses in North Carolina that warned ships about dangerous rocks and islands in their path. This one at **Cape Hatteras** is the tallest lighthouse in the United States! Keep an eye out for coastal pirates, Mary!



Orville was the first brother to fly because he won the coin toss.

Less than 30 minutes away is **Kitty Hawk**! This is where the first airplane took flight. Wilbur and Orville Wright built the first airplane and flew it for the first time in December 1903. The plane was named the Wright Flyer.

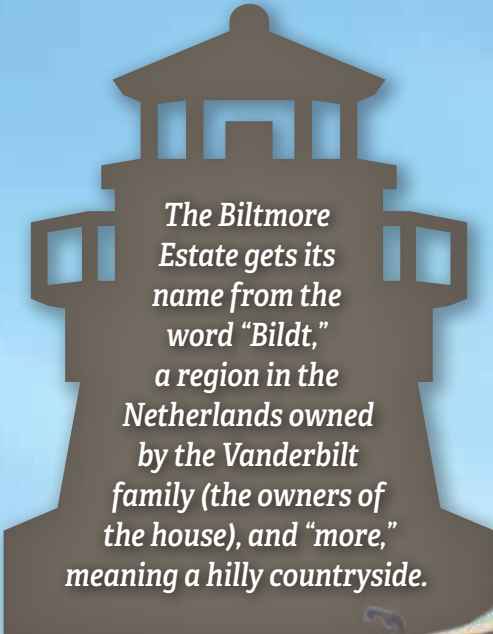


Did you know that **Fort Bragg** in North Carolina is the largest military installation in the whole world? It's home to more than 50,000 servicemen and servicewomen, including Mary's dad. He's a paratrooper!

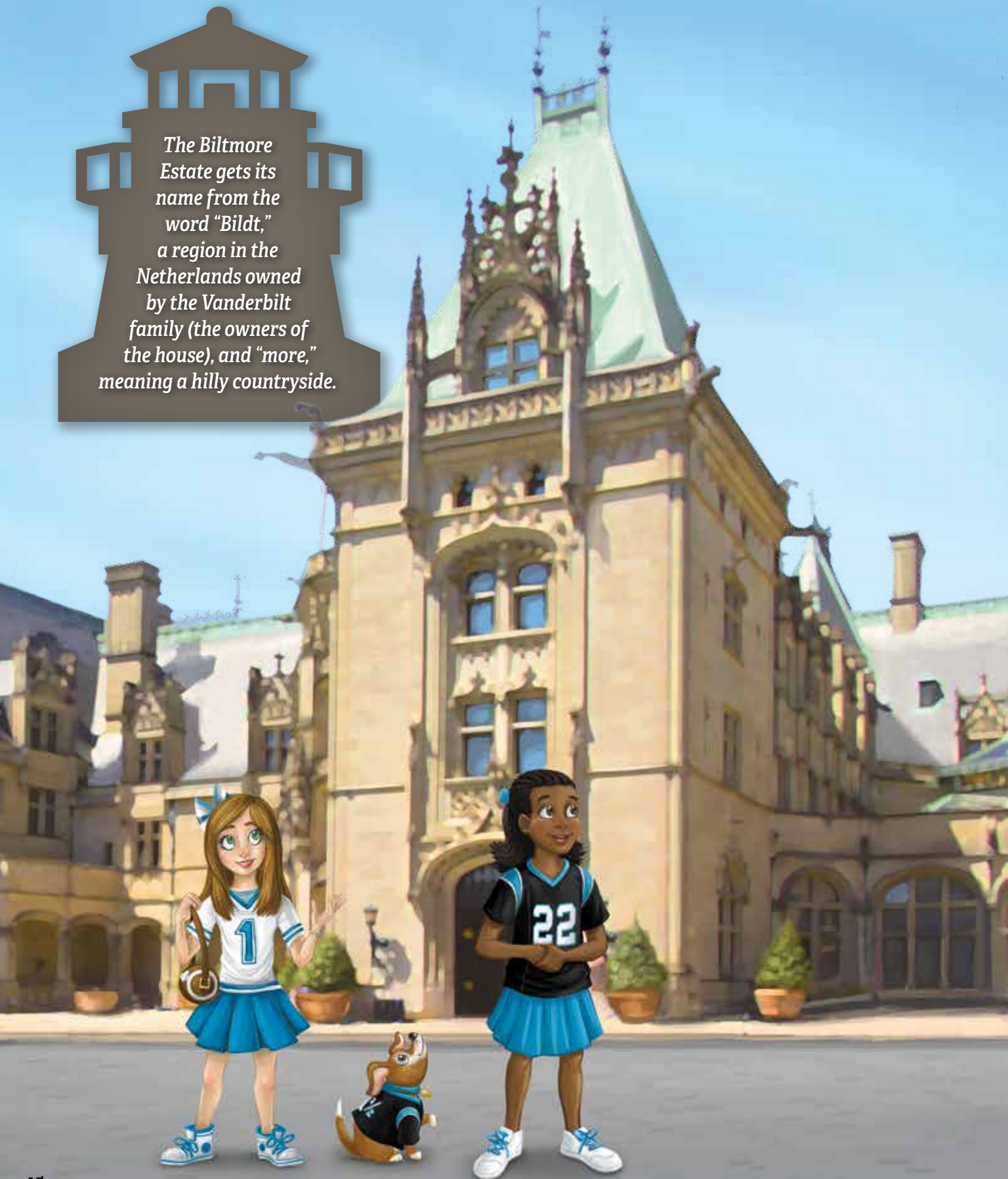


Other military installations in the Carolinas include Camp Lejeune, Seymour Johnson AFB, Fort Jackson, Joint Base Charleston, and Parris Island.

He's not here because he's been deployed overseas for the last six months. Getting a chance to thank the troops with the USO is the least we can do for their hard work and brave service!

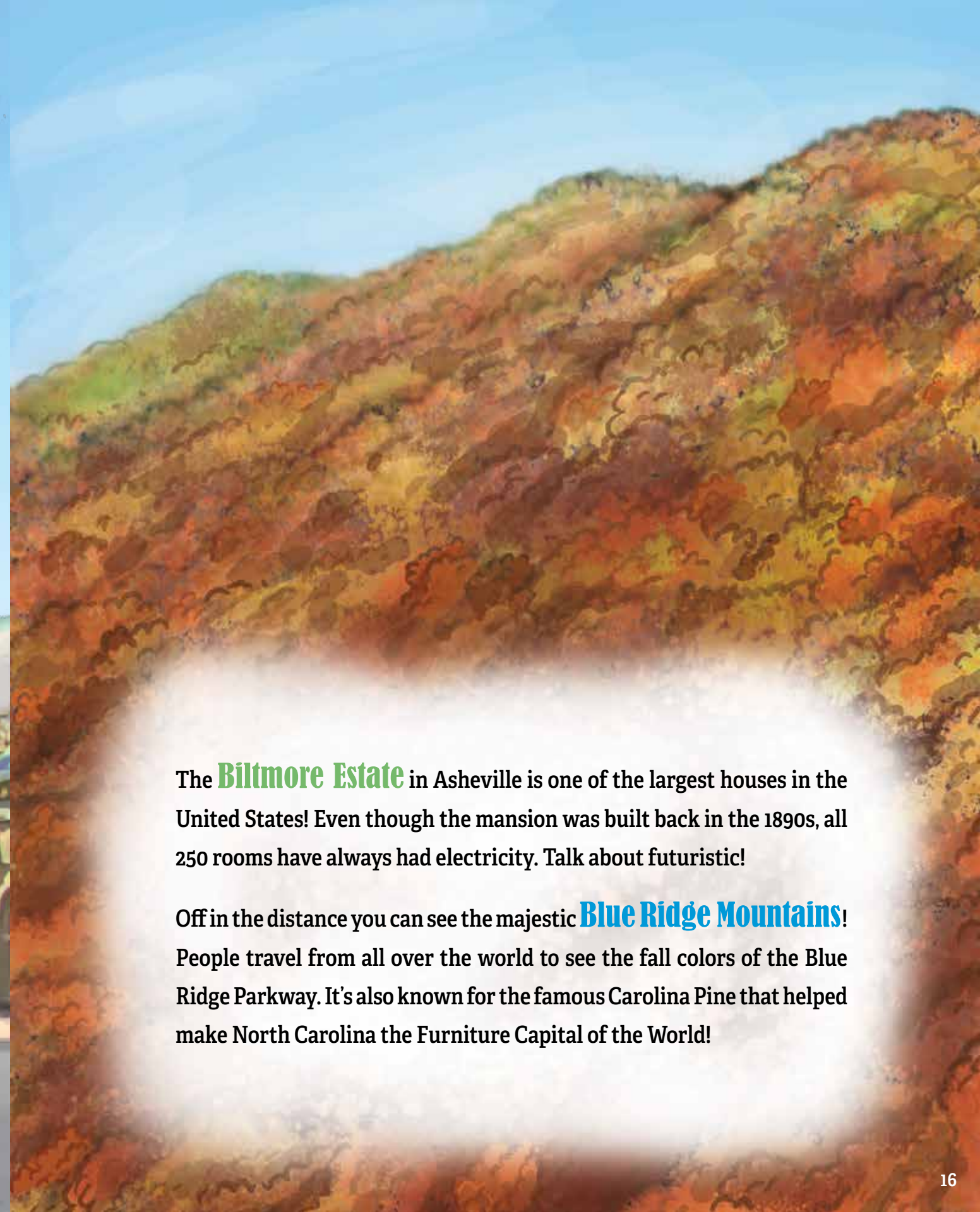


The Biltmore Estate gets its name from the word "Bildt," a region in the Netherlands owned by the Vanderbilt family (the owners of the house), and "more," meaning a hilly countryside.



The **Biltmore Estate** in Asheville is one of the largest houses in the United States! Even though the mansion was built back in the 1890s, all 250 rooms have always had electricity. Talk about futuristic!

Off in the distance you can see the majestic **Blue Ridge Mountains**! People travel from all over the world to see the fall colors of the Blue Ridge Parkway. It's also known for the famous Carolina Pine that helped make North Carolina the Furniture Capital of the World!



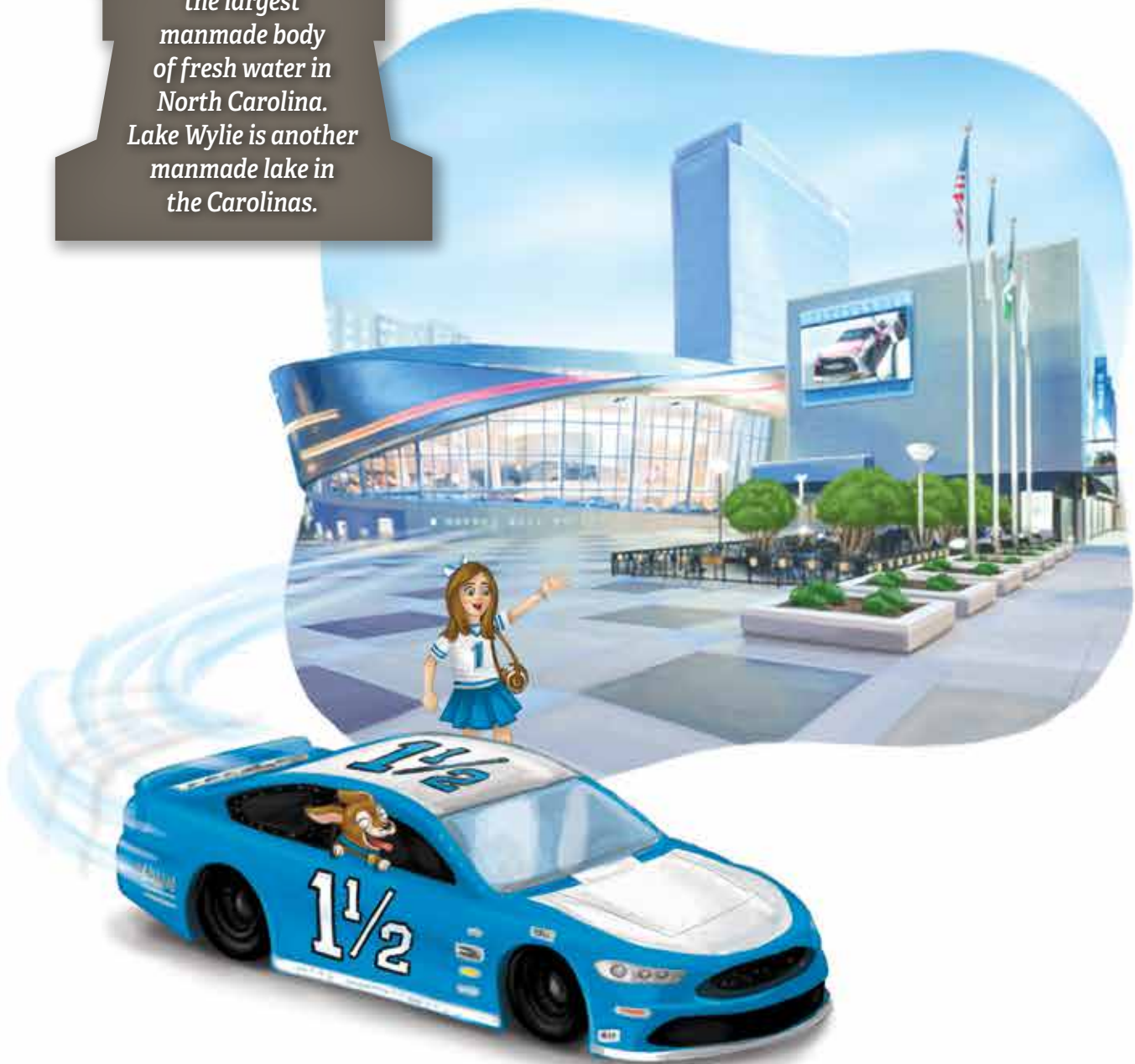


We've made it to Charlotte, North Carolina, the **Queen City**. This beautiful city was named after the King of England's wife, Queen Charlotte. Before we go to the game, let's meet some of the other sports teams. They've got great fans!

Founded in 1991 in Charlotte, the Levine Museum of the New South features history of the Carolinas from 1865 to today.

Race car drivers are athletes too! The **NASCAR Hall of Fame** in Charlotte honors all the great drivers, crew chiefs, and owners in NASCAR history. NASCAR officially formed in 1948. You look really "intimidating" leaning out of that car, Fumble!

Just north of Charlotte is Lake Norman, the largest manmade body of fresh water in North Carolina. Lake Wylie is another manmade lake in the Carolinas.

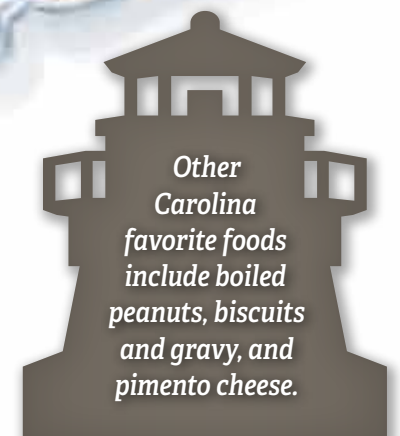


Now it's time to experience a real Carolina tailgate party! Tailgating is an old tradition in the Carolinas. There's no shortage of delicious things to eat here, but one thing stands out from all the rest—**barbeque**! There are three different kinds of barbeque to choose from: tomato-based, vinegar-based, and mustard.

This is one meal where it's encouraged to get your hands messy! If you're thirsty, you can wash it down with a tall, cool glass of sweet tea or some Cheerwine.



I'll try some oysters. Mary says they're her favorite!



Other Carolina favorite foods include boiled peanuts, biscuits and gravy, and pimento cheese.

I love the energy in the air before a big football game. All the fans here at the stadium are ready to cheer on their team. The Carolinas are known as two of the most hospitable and polite states. I sure feel welcome here! It's a tradition to begin a sporting event with the singing of the **National Anthem**.



"The Star-Spangled Banner" is the U.S. national anthem and was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.

Looks like the Panthers' quarterback is going for a long pass.
If one of the receivers can catch it in the **endzone**, they'll
make a touchdown and score six points.

Each
football
team has
11 players
on offense
and 11 players
on defense.

The league
rules say two
minutes before
kickoff is the
coin toss. Teams
can have as many
as six players at
the coin toss.



Just before **halftime**, the other team also scored a touchdown. The game is tied!

Fumble, look! Mary's down on the field helping out with the halftime show honoring Carolina's first responders and military. Wait, who's that coming out on the field now? It's Mary's dad! The USO has brought him home for a surprise reunion with his family. What a great moment to be a part of!

KEEP POUNDING!

What a close game! With one second left, the home team completed another long pass and won! In **football talk**, that's a "Hail Mary!" Mary was their good luck charm. It's really exciting when your team wins. It's also important to recognize that the other team played a great game. Let's make sure that we're always respectful.



What a fun day in the Carolinas! I wish I had your energy, Fumble. However, I can't go to sleep until I've finished my homework for school on Monday. First things first, I want to write a thank-you note to Mary for showing us around. I can't wait to tour another great football city!

As they say in football, XOXO,
– **Football Freddie and
Fumble the Dog**



About the Authors



A Philadelphia native now living in the Carolinas, Marnie's life has been driven by sports. Her grandfather, Leonard Tose, was a longtime member of the "club" as the owner of the Philadelphia Eagles. He was also the founder of the Ronald McDonald House and helped build NFL Films. From him, Marnie learned the importance of family, sports, and charity. Her series, *Football Freddie* and *Fumble the Dog* is her

way of giving back to the many great football communities across the nation.

Goldie Grace is the third generation in a long line of football women. Goldie is a teenager who loves watching football games with her two brothers and everything the Carolinas have to offer. Her grandmother, Susan T. Spencer, was the first woman in pro football to be the vice president, legal counsel, and acting general manager of the Philadelphia Eagles. She's the author of *Briefcase Essentials*, a guide for women who wish to survive and thrive in traditionally male-dominated businesses as she has done throughout her entire career. Susan also runs a very successful nonprofit called A Level Playing Field, which helps kids play sports safely.



Leonard Tose and the young author.

North Carolina and South Carolina Facts:

State bird

North Carolina: Cardinal
South Carolina: Carolina Wren

Flag

North Carolina: **South Carolina:**



Year of establishment

North Carolina: 1789
South Carolina: 1788

Nickname

North Carolina: The Tar Heel State, The Old North State
South Carolina: The Palmetto State

State song

North Carolina: "The Old North State"
South Carolina: "Carolina"

