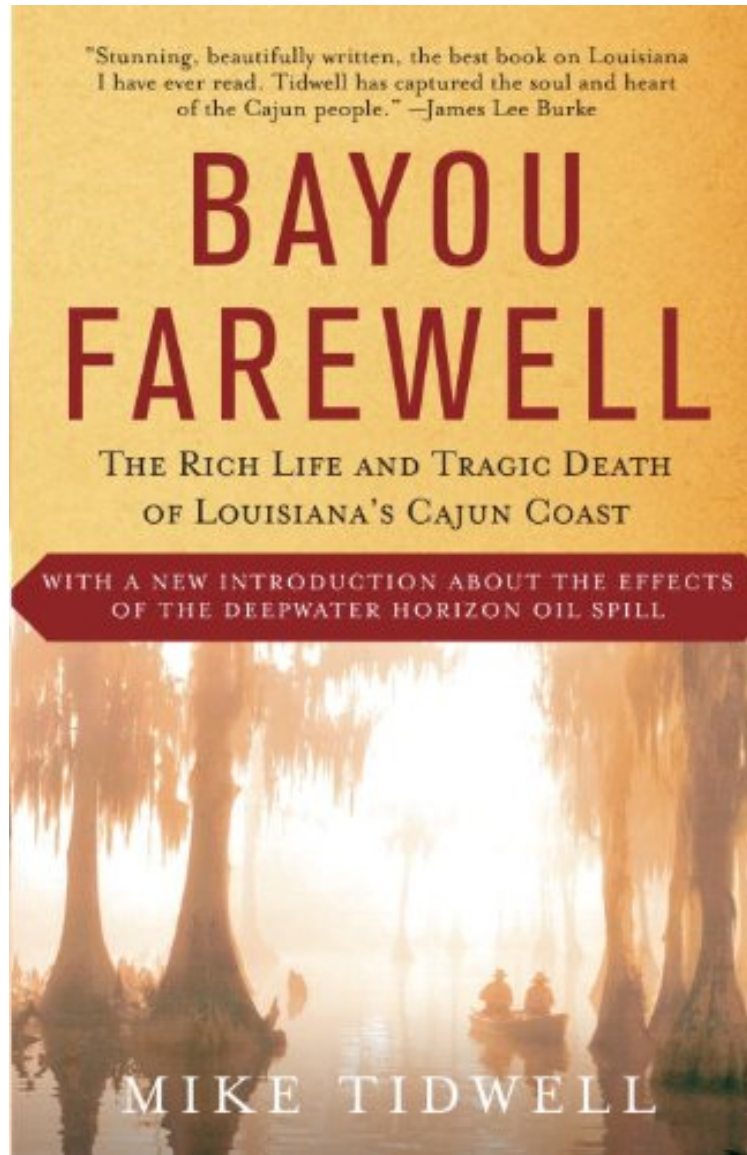


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Mike Tidwell : Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bayou Farewell: The Rich Life and Tragic Death of Louisiana's Cajun Coast:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Tidwell exposes in great detail the exploitation (both past and present) by corporations ...By WMJThe author so immerses himself into the culture and lives of residents of the bayou culture that his writing becomes a flowing tribute to Cajun and Creole people and their inherent determination to preserve their way of life. Tidwell, an award-winning journalist, "enters" the bayou world through participating in the daily lives (working with, eating with, listening to) of individuals and families. Tidwell exposes in great detail the exploitation (both past and present) by corporations and groups of this magical landscape that is named the Atchafalaya Basin-that holds the largest river swamp in North America. He also reveals the ineptness of the federal government in attempting to deal with flooding issues that plague this region.WJ0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Encapsulation of Man's Attempts to Control Nature and How It Destroys Vibrant Culture, History and Natural ResourcesBy Jeffreyd00Though this was written pre-BP Oil Spill much is still the same and the message resonates. Little to no progress has been made on the Coastal Land Loss Issues in Louisiana.The book itself is a combination of well worded romantic notions on making a living off the land and the loss of rich history and culture. It is both captivating and education and a very easy read. It can be handily read in a day or two.I've met the author a couple times as he has made his way to Louisiana. I do wish he would return and do a follow-up, though like I said in the beginning of my review, not all that much has changed, other than a rapidly increased and continued loss of land and culture. In fact I would imagine he could not write this book now if he tried, just that much has changed for the worse.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Warm and Poignant Telling of Wetlands Awareness, Conservation and Its CultureBy Joel K. LucksAs a Photojournalist I've traveled to the Louisiana wetlands every year now for five years. This year I visited the wetlands three times and most recently with The Restore the Earth Foundation, an organization very intimately committed to and dedicated to hands-on wetlands restoration projects.This past November 2012 40-plus volunteers from around the country planted nearly 14,000 plants across four species in Pass A Loutre Wildlife Management Area. It was an amazing orchestration of effort and resources to include the Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife Fisheries and over 20 partner corporations. It was an amazing experience that has motivated me to consider a photo-essay on wetlands restoration.But Mike Tidwell's, Bayou Farewell, is a must read for conservationists, environmentalists and general outdoor enthusiasts who wish to truly understand the challenges of conserving and restoring those wetlands. Bayou Farewell is a personal accounting; a book of impressions and memories, and an introduction to cultures and a way of life that very few people have a chance to experience. And it's a reminder to just how vulnerable it is. It is a National treasure we cannot lose.If you take anything away from this book, it is most important to realize that the challenges of wetlands restoration are not merely regional in nature, they are national. The stakes are high, too. Not only would the permanent loss of wetlands be a loss of Americana, but losing it and its flourishing fisheries of shrimp, crab, oyster, clam and fish would be devastating to an already ailing economy of the United States. Read it, but then do something to help.Joel Lucks

The Cajun coast of Louisiana is home to a way of life as unique, complex, and beautiful as the terrain itself. As award-winning travel writer Mike Tidwell journeys through the bayou, he introduces us to the food and the language, the shrimp fisherman, the Houma Indians, and the rich cultural history that makes it unlike any other place in the world. But seeing the skeletons of oak trees killed by the salinity of the groundwater, and whole cemeteries sinking into swampland and out of sight, Tidwell also explains why each introduction may be a farewell as the storied Louisiana coast steadily erodes into the Gulf of Mexico.Part travelogue, part environmental exposé, Bayou Farewell is the richly evocative chronicle of the author's travels through a world that is vanishing before our eyes.