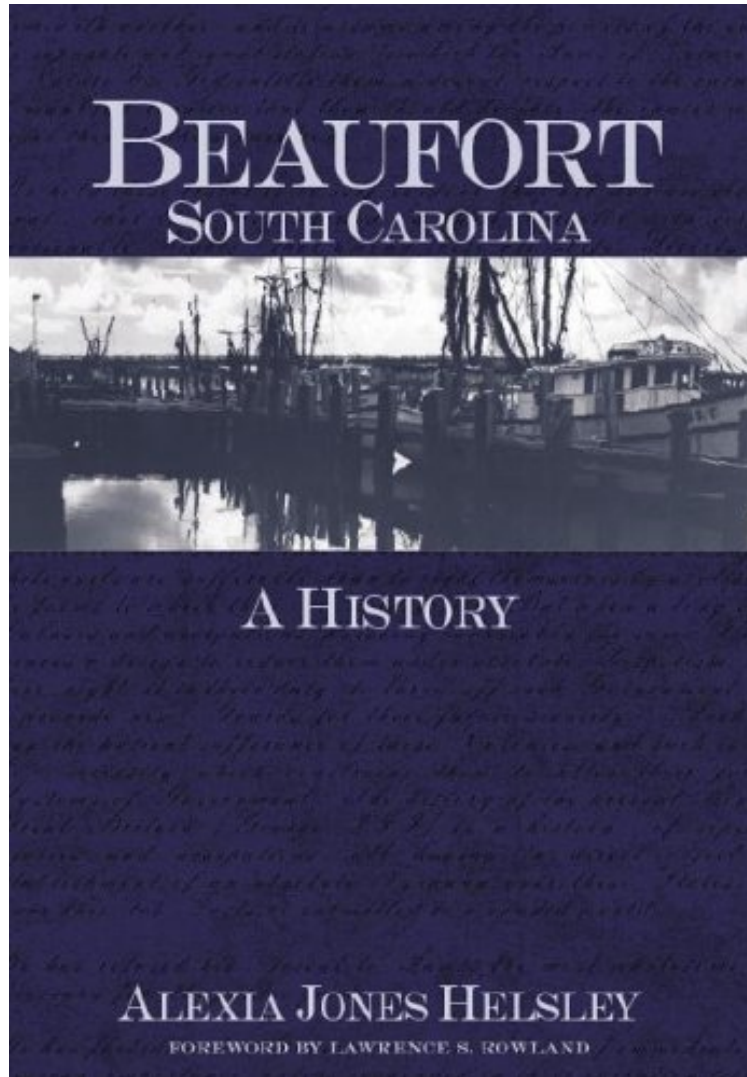


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Beaufortonians would have a certain pride about their county and town. I've been to Beaufort (and plan to go back many times) and it is a silent oasis in the Low Country. Perhaps one of the best-kept secrets on the East Coast. The little town has a charm all its own. What a wonderful place. I read Helsley's book mainly for the history up to 1899. I was not disappointed. There are a lot of details that have whetted my appetite to keep digging. I appreciate the quality of paper the book is printed on. The only real criticism I have is that the book could use some maps. Besides that, sit back and enjoy the wonderful stories going back to the 16th century and have fun looking through some very rare and interesting photographs liberally sprinkled throughout the text. For some decent maps the reader will have to pick up a copy of *Beaufort, South Carolina: Pages from the Past* (American Chronicles).

As one of the oldest settlements in North America, Beaufort, South Carolina, can trace its roots deep into the rich history of the New World. This charming city beneath moss-draped oaks has a heritage that is as diverse as it is sweeping. This comprehensive look into Beaufort's past reveals a wide-ranging set of influences that helped to shape the island city's development. From the landing of Spanish sailors in 1514 to the influx of present-day sun seekers, Beaufort has played host to a variety of inhabitants that have each added a distinct element to its captivating milieu. Author Alexia Jones Helsley calls upon a lifetime of experience as one of South Carolina's premier archivists and historians to illuminate all aspects of Beaufort's history. Herself a native of old Beaufort and an accomplished genealogist, Helsley uses elegant, thoughtful prose to convey the duality of this Lowcountry jewel, from sparkling tides and majestic homes to hurricanes and hidden slave quarters. It is through the prism of this intriguing dual nature, present in many forms throughout Beaufort's past, that Helsley shows readers the ways in which the city fits into the history of the region, the nation and the continent. This vital text is unmatched in its ability to bring to life the fascinating story of a city nearly five hundred years in the making.

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