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Editorial Review

Review

Having spent five years managing the tiny island of Highborne Cay, Exuma in the Bahamas, the author paints a vivid, heartfelt and surprising picture of Caribbean life. To say that there's never a dull moment on Highborne Cay--where Albury and her husband have left their comfortable big-city life in Nassau to work 12 to 14 hour days in a place reachable only by seaplane or boat--in a vast understatement. In the first 50 pages, armed robbers terrorize this naïve Bahamian couple, a guest nearly chops off his fingers in a fish-cleaning accident and a woman docks at the marina with her husband's dead body aboard her boat. If not for its highly specific details, this exotic memoir easily could be mistaken for fiction. The author moves us swifly through her unusual world, scattering photos of the island and its inhabitants throughout the book, lending a personal touch. What's not shown in pictures is deftly illustrated in words. Albury introduces wonderfully drawn characters...adding lift to the narrative. Some passages border on the poetic... To her credit she doesn't flinch from the uncomfortable truth of the Caribbean's inequality and desperate poverty. From watching a Sperm whale being devoured by tiger sharks to staying on the alert for drug runners, Albury reveals that island life is less a breeze than a whirlwind. Just another fascinating day in paradise. --Kirkus Discoveries, February 2009

"...Albury's fascinating account about a historical island in the Central Bahamas is a treasured and most interesting read..." --Sir Geoffrey A. D. Johnstone, KCMG, former Member of The Bahamas House of Assembly and Deputy to the Governor General

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About the Author

K. Alison Albury is a born Bahamian who has lived and worked in Nassau most of her life. She was educated in the United States where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business. Upon returning to Nassau, she worked with several prestigious corporations during her career. She brings her organization and precision to the pages of her true book about life on a small island in the Central Bahamas where, accompanied by her husband, Peter, she spent a sabbatical of five years from the corporate world. The author would like to invite you to view her website by using your search engine for KA Albury.

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