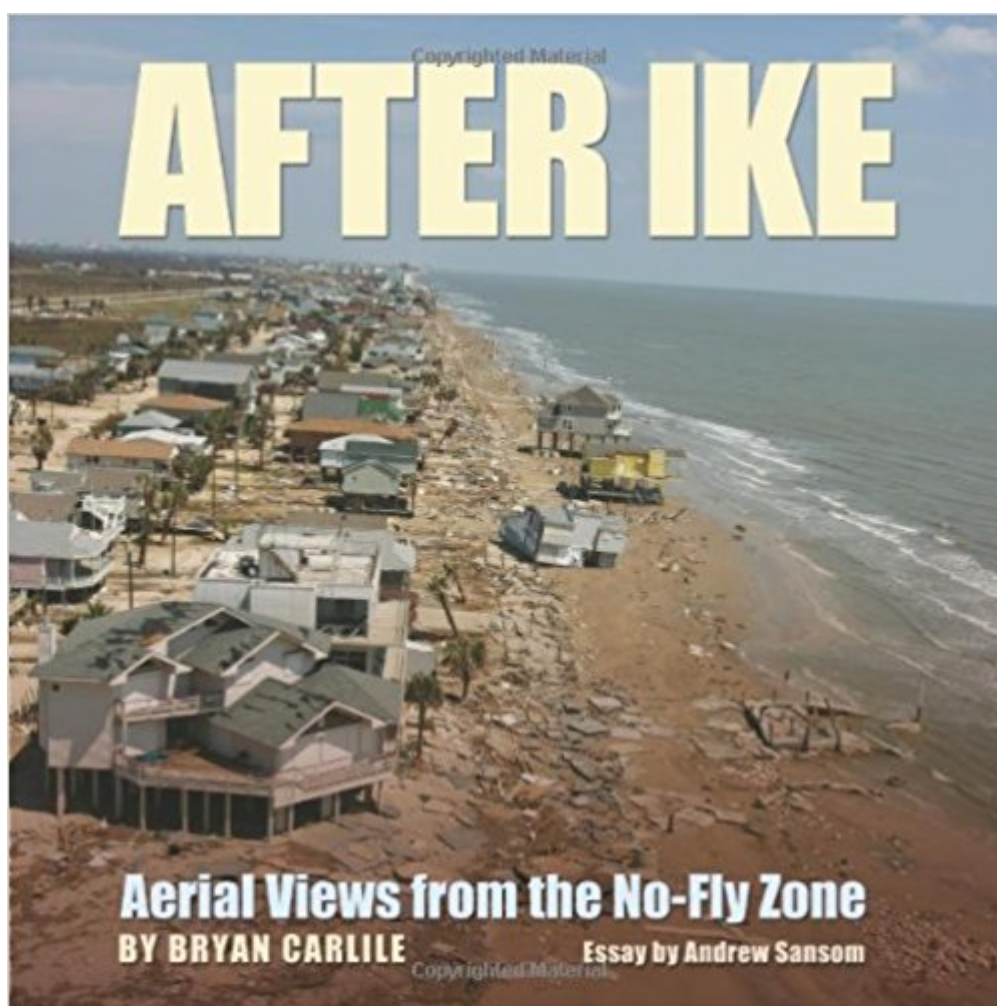


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After Ike: Aerial Views From The No-Fly Zone (Gulf Coast Books, Sponsored By Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi)



Synopsis

The day after Hurricane Ike made U.S. landfall at Galveston, Texas, photographer Bryan Carlile was in a helicopter, working a service contract as a first responder. He took with him a native Texan's good memories of the Gulf Coast but brought back images that tell the sobering story of this massive and historic storm. After Ike includes more than one hundred aerial photographs Carlile took of the hurricane's grim aftermath accompanied by Carlile's eyewitness captions. In some places, Carlile is able to show images from "before Ike" that bring home the magnitude of the changes wrought to both natural and human habitats. In a thoughtful, personal essay, Andrew Sansom, who was raised on the Texas coast, reflects on the realities of living in "Hurricane Alley."

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"In 'After Ike', Carlile transforms the wrath of Ike that I witnessed from reporting on the ground for KHOU-TV, into a historically significant treasure for all by capturing the depth and breadth of Ike's destructive forces from the air. Far more than a book of simple photos, Carlile's sharp eye and acclaimed skills as an aerial photographer serve as a tour guide, through the eye of an artist, to one of the most destructive hurricanes to ever make landfall."-Mark Greenblatt, investigative reporter, KHOU-TV (Mark Greenblatt KHOU 2009-05-20)

Dividing his time between Houston, Texas, and the Hill Country, BRYAN CARLILE is an aerial photographer and owner of Beck Geodetix, an environmental GIS/GPS mapping consultant firm. Andrew Sansom, executive director of the River Systems Institute at Texas State University and former executive director of Texas Parks and Wildlife, grew up in Lake Jackson, Texas.Ã Â Ã Â

This is an excellent coffee table book that covers the destruction from Hurricane Ike, in particular around the Galveston vicinity. The book is quite large, has excellent quality print, and the photos are amazing. I do feel a bit guilty looking at the destruction of the lives of good people, but I would rather think I am honoring and acknowledging the power of nature (somehow I doubt this book will be found on the coffee table at the Galveston Realtor's Office or Galveston Chamber of Commerce!).Anyway, great job on the book; most people that are interested in nature's fury will love the book.

Would have liked more pictures of Galveston proper.

It was a good book full of information.

Wonderful book! Great pictures and personal touch.

I experienced Ike first hand and your books depicts exactly what it looked like. Very impressive pictorial book. I am pleased.

Galveston after Ike is a good book, especially if you are from Texas. I have been to Galveston many, many times over the years. It was very distressing to see some of the areas that suffered damage.

We spent a couple of weeks in Galveston last summer and this book was in the beach house we were staying in. It was surreal to feel so relaxed in a place where the carnage so poignantly showcased in this book had occurred. It made me feel proud to be a Texan and see how we can persevere even in the face of something like this; but the imagery also made every one of us in that house feel that much more grateful and humble for what we have. (That picture of Winnie the Pooh may be one of the most haunting images I've seen.) Now we're just waiting for the photographer to do a follow up on all these locations and show just how far we've come.

Enjoyed the book for its photos of the damage from Hurricane Ike. I do wish there were a few more written details in some places and some better before and after photos would have helped too. The book is worth the read though as there are not any other books out there to really compare it with. Some of the photos seem repetitive but in general it clearly shows how bad the damage was from Ike and how amazing the people of Galveston are to have already rebuilt from it!

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