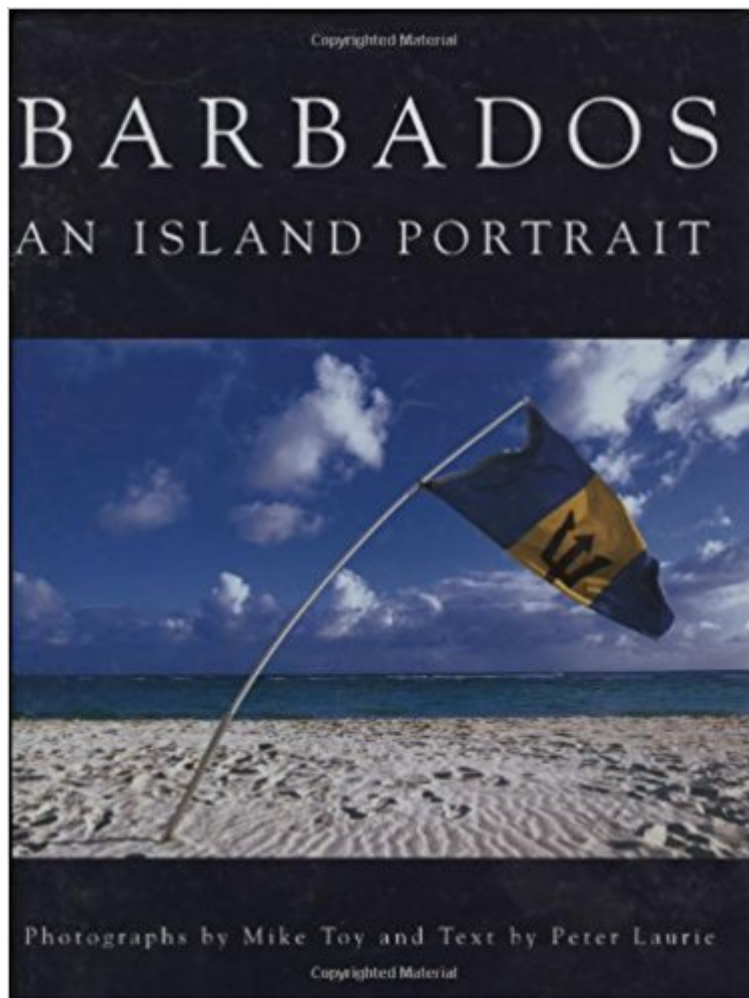




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# **Barbados An Island Portrait**



## Synopsis

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"If you have visited Barbados, this book will be a vivid reminder of an island unique in the Caribbean. And if you haven't been there yet, it will provide all the incentive you need to hop on a plane." Caribbean Compass"

Coauthor of Apache: The Definitive Guide, 3rd Edition

I enjoyed this book thoroughly. I learned from it things that I did not previously know, and I am from the beautiful island of Barbados. It is very well written and the photography is outstanding. The combination made me home sick so I am planning a trip back to "the rock". Barbados an Island Portrait [HC,2005]

Let me say first of that this is a biased review I am first and foremost after all a Bajan. Most coffee books on Barbados often lack the necessary homegrown viewpoint and often present a postcard view which while stunning does not do enough to differentiate 'Bim' from the other lovely Caribbean islands that are collectively known as the British West Indies. On the other side many often present a glowing, albeit anachronistic view of a 'Little England' Barbados glossing over the impact of

American culture and globalization as a whole. This book does not fall prey to these traps, it accurately and its totality presents Barbados as is while praising our distinctiveness without becoming insular admitting our faults and still stands on its own and a stunning testament on travel art. This is a breathtaking book showing me pictures of places of my youth long gone and still present, on the technical side each photo is flawlessly executed and are excellent works of photographic art standing on their own and the writing of Peter Laurie explains our idiosyncracies with brevity, honesty and humor without it being demeaning or condescending. A great gift whether as a coffee book or a semi-informative guide for anyone at anytime. Pride and Industry!!

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