



## Preface

I know you. Even if we've never met, the fact that you've picked up this book tells me we have a lot in common. Like me, you find yourself in this amazing jewel of a city – a place of rare images. You have an innate desire to capture what you see. As you look around, the camera practically burns in your hand. I truly understand. It's the classic photographer's dilemma: so many wonderful pictures, so little time.

As an established photographer living in Charleston for more than three decades, I've spent thousands upon thousands of hours photographing this city. I have walked around, biked around, driven around – exploring Charleston's every photographic nuance and angle. I have returned to these carefully chosen sites again and again to shoot and re-shoot each image. I've photographed at all hours of the day and night, in every season of the year. From this experience, I wanted to share with fellow photographers ways to help make memorable pictures of Charleston.

So, whoever you are with a camera...  
a visitor  
or a local resident,  
a tourist  
or conventioneer,  
a photographic amateur  
or a professional shooter,  
a user of film  
or the latest digital camera...

... here is a field guide custom designed to enhance your adventure photographing the panoply of shapes, images, patterns, colors, textures and stories that make up Charleston, South Carolina.

You'll get the what, where, when and how to capture historic Charleston and its environs. I've selected some of my own favorite photographs from over the years; included some information on the historical significance of a location; and punctuated the book with quotes from famous photographers who have helped me along the way. To give you a point of reference in a city where time and history are very tangible, the dates of construction are listed in brackets next to named historic buildings.

This book will stimulate your eye and help you see Charleston with energy and creativity. In other words, it will help focus the artist's eye in you.

So here's an easy-to-understand field guide for adding that professional touch to your personal collection of Charleston images and to help you express creatively not just Charleston, but your view of Charleston.



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