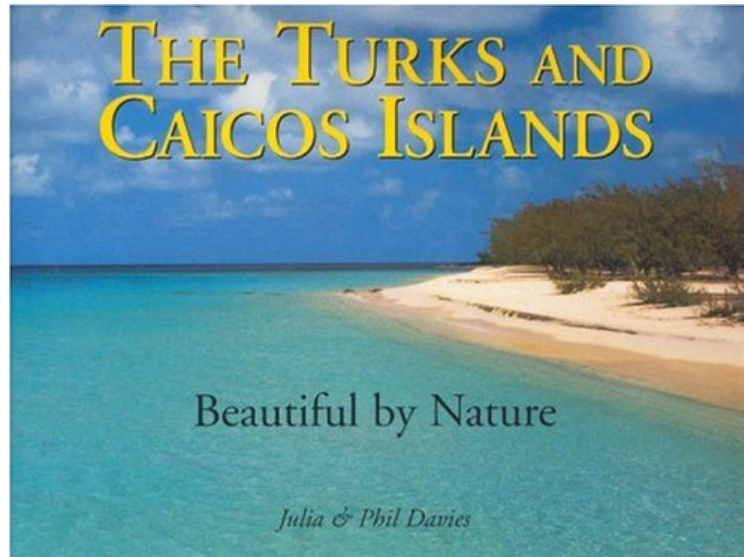


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saltrakers from the north, and British Loyalists from North America. Chapter Four covers the Turks Caicos Islands as we know them today. There is a section on the Salt Islands of Grand Turk, Salt Cay and South Caicos with their colonial charm and laid-back feel. The modern development of Providenciales is highlighted in another. And the final chapter is an outline of the country's plans for the future and a plea that the ever- quickening pace of modern development doesn't catch the Islands off-guard. Buy this book. Buy it for the stunning photographs and Julia's charming illustrations. It's well worth it. But please, read it, too. The Davies' love for the Turks Caicos Islands is obvious. And their ability to share it with us in beautiful pictures and well-chosen words is a gift.

Stunning photography and beautiful illustrations truly capturing the magic of the Turks Caicos Islands in this new book. Over the last decade the Turks and Caicos Islands, situated just south of the Bahamas, have won international acclaim as a premier scuba diving destination and luxury retreat. While the unrivaled marine life and wondrous beaches serve as the main magnet, these islands have much more to offer the discerning tourist. The Turks and Caicos Islands takes the reader on a colorful journey throughout this small archipelago, exploring its natural delights and amazing history, from Taino Indian occupation to future island developments. The brilliant turquoise of the waters that are home to the famous coral reefs and the many species of marine life have been captured on film using sophisticated underwater camera techniques. And, the flora and fauna of the islands are not only described in detail but are also accompanied by fine illustrations. This book truly is a tribute to a beautiful unspoiled part of the world.

About the Author Phil Davies trained as a tropical marine biologist, and his career has taken him around the globe with two years spent in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Julia Davies was initially torn between pursuing a career in the natural sciences or art. She has been able to combine both these loves through illustrating and co-authoring this book. Having also trained as a marine biologist, she has been involved with various conservation projects and marine education.