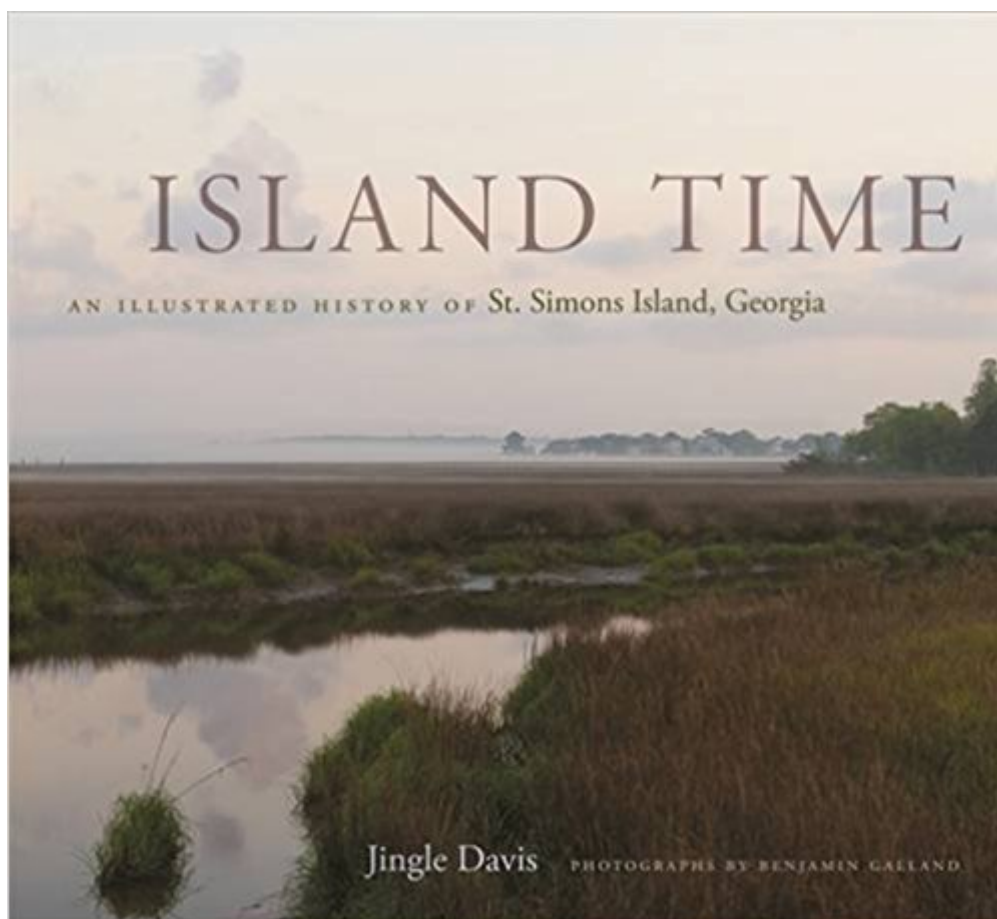


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Island Time: An Illustrated History Of St. Simons Island, Georgia



Synopsis

Eighty miles south of Savannah lies St. Simons Island, one of the most beloved seaside destinations in Georgia and home to some twenty thousand year-round residents. In *Island Time*, Jingle Davis and Benjamin Galland offer a fascinating history and stunning visual celebration of this coastal community. Prehistoric people established some of North America's first permanent settlements on St. Simons, leaving three giant shell rings as evidence of their occupation. People from other diverse cultures also left their mark: Mocama and Guale Indians, Spanish friars, pirates and privateers, British soldiers and settlers, German religious refugees, and aristocratic antebellum planters. Enslaved Africans and their descendants forged the unique Gullah Geechee culture that survives today. Davis provides a comprehensive history of St. Simons, connecting its stories to broader historical moments. Timbers for Old Ironsides were hewn from St. Simons's live oaks during the Revolutionary War. Aaron Burr fled to St. Simons after killing Alexander Hamilton. Susie Baker King Taylor became the first black person to teach openly in a freedmen's school during her stay on the island. Rachel Carson spent time on St. Simons, which she wrote about in *The Edge of the Sea*. The island became a popular tourist destination in the 1800s, with visitors arriving on ferries until a causeway opened in 1924. Davis describes the challenges faced by the community with modern growth and explains how St. Simons has retained the unique charm and strong sense of community that it is known for today. Featuring more than two hundred contemporary photographs, historical images, and maps, *Island Time* is an essential book for people interested in the Georgia coast. A Friends Fund Publication.

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Customer Reviews

I enjoyed reading this well-researched, wonderfully written book. This will be the book on St. Simons Island history for a long time. (Jerald T. Milanich author of *Laboring in the Fields of the Lord: Spanish Missions and Southeastern Indians*) Jingle knows and loves her island. In the nearly three decades that I've known her, she's like her writing—has been honest, insightful, and true. Read this volume and see her unique vision of her home—the Georgia Sea Islands. Taste the briny air. Feel the history. Be blessed. Jingle Davis is a blessing. (Tina McElroy Ansa *Down South Press*)

Island Time by third-generation St. Simons resident Jingle Davis is as fascinating and well written as it is useful. The author parts the Spanish-moss curtain and enlightens us with St. Simons's long, bloody, and ultimately transformative history. A must-read for anyone who has ever enjoyed the evocative beauty of St. Simons Island. (Mary Kay Andrews *New York Times* bestselling author of *Spring Fever*, *Summer Rental*, and *Savannah Breeze*) Many Georgians have long suspected that St. Simons Island packs more interesting history and colorful characters per square, sandy inch than almost any other place in the Deep South. Now there's written proof of it. *Island Time* is a deeply researched, lushly photographed new book that tells the beginnings-to-present-day story of the small island south of Savannah that was first occupied by Paleo-Indians nearly 5,000 years ago. (Jill Vejnaska *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*) [I]t's no wonder the book seems to sing in celebration as it lays out St. Simon's for everyone to enjoy, from its earliest beginnings to the present-day clash of development and preservation. Though photographs are ample, the book isn't your standard coffee table tome, because the narrative is just as elegant as the photos. It all works well. (Rebecca McCarthy *Athens Patch*)

This book is a credit to the staff at the University of Georgia Press. . . . This book is a serious narrative of St. Simons, which is a state treasure trove. Ms. Davis thoroughly researched the rich effluvia of human endeavor built up over time on St. Simons, and she is very much the clear-eyed reporter in telling us what she has found, beginning with the native coastal tribes through the pirates and the Spanish on to the British and General Oglethorpe. . . . If you don't know St. Simons, this book is like a visit needing no sunscreen or mosquito repellent. Every period in the island's history is fascinating, all the way up to modern times, and Ben Galland's camera catches it all: the ruins, the marshes, the beach and, yes, the sunsets, which we have all tried to photograph. (Pete McCommons *Flagpole*)

Island Time is well researched, engagingly written, and beautifully presented. It's an essential book for anyone interested in the story of St. Simons Island conveyed by two people who know it well and love it deeply. (*Elegant Island Living*)

JINGLE DAVIS is a retired journalist who worked for the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*, often covering

south Georgia and the coast. BENJAMIN GALLAND is a photographer and partner with h2o Creative Group in Brunswick. Davis and Galland are both St. Simons natives.

Of the numerous books that have been written about the Golden Isles and St Simons Island in particular, Ms Davis' seems nearly perfect in the accuracy of her historic information be it personal, geological, military, economic, or otherwise. It was a joy to read and to see a lot of the erroneous information in other, older works either clarified or debunked. My father-in-law came to SSI in the early 1930s and spent most of his life there. He always railed against much of the earlier histories that were available. He would have wholeheartedly enjoyed this work were he now alive. We bought a copy for ourselves and now bought one as a gift. Outstanding work.

Well since I was raised on SSI I think I'm qualified to say it's an excellent history both in words and pictures.

If you grew up in Georgia and visited St. Simons Island every summer, as I did, you will love this book! It combines a solid history of the Island with a lot of local color, such as the Oasis Night Club and The Deck. Jingle Davis has hit the JACKPOT with this book!

Amazing book! I bought this for my husband because we spend every free vacation on St Simons. This book is well written and includes beautiful photographs of the island. Any one who loves the beach, the east coast or St Simons, would love to have a copy of this book!

Great pictures and the History is what everyone needs to know if you appreciate our heritage. A gift for anyone that spends time in St Simons, Sea Island, or Coastal Georgia. Highly recommended. FISHGAFISH

Great book. I'm learning a great deal about my favorite vacation spot. The pictures are also very good and bring back many great memories of many great summer vacations there.

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I was privileged to get to hear Jingle Davis in person and to get the book autographed. It's a wonderful book.

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