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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Excellent book won't stay in the bookcase. You'll keep pulling it out to look at again and again.By E. OliverI am glad I bought this book, and will refer to it often.This book does more than simply show pictures of artifacts that the author, Hal McGirt, recovered. He uses those artifacts to weave an illustrated explanation of early life in and around the Carolina Rice Plantations. The full-color pictures are of good size, and show crisp detail. Each artifact is identified to the extent possible. I was able to identify some of my 'what are they' items using this book. And there are LOTS of artifacts shown. Though just over 100 pages in length, there are a great number (did I mention that, already?) of different types of artifacts, ranging from utilitarian household items to coins, to guns, to exquisite gold jewelry. There is a good mix of military and civilian items, reflecting the varied history of the area. There is a short explanation of the recovery process, and a Bibliography of references for further artifact information.I didn't want to put this at the top where it might be misconstrued, but this book is NOT just a bunch of pages of unfocused pictures of "Here's stuff I found! Don't know what it is. Won't tell you where it came from."Mr. McGirt has done an excellent job preparing this book, and I hope that he sees fit to follow it up in the future. Anyone with an interest in artifacts from America's past that are used to tell an interesting tale would do well to have this book

on their bookshelf. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Article from The Sun News online By Customer From The Sun News online article Edit January 29, 2011 Digging into history On the theme of preservation, Hal McGirt of Columbia was among the exhibitors at the festival two years ago in Winyah Gym. He had a display of artifacts he had found through metal detections at area plantations. A few months afterward, one of the land owners where McGirt had searched, suggested he write a book about his historic finds, supplemented with background to their use and users. McGirt said sales of his new book, "Carolina Rice Plantations: History Uncovered," will help forward the cause shared by the Georgetown County Historical Society. The 8 1/2-by- 11-inch hardcover showcases 530 photographs on 108 pages and will be available at the festival. He will have an exhibit in Winyah Gym. McGirt said nearly all the relics shown in the book, such as muskets, coins, buttons, slave-made and worn jewelry, and tags borne by slaves, were unearthed in Georgetown County, dating back as far as the 17th century, with preservation aided by proximity to the Atlantic coast. "The soil is relatively neutral," he said, "so you don't get the metallic corrosion you have in other parts of the state." McGirt said he borrows only land for his searches in the past 20 years, and photographs, then relays any goods he finds to the respective property owners. "Georgetown County is just absolutely chock full of history," McGirt said, "and it's been a big thrill to be able to document some of it." McGirt said a one-way commute for him to any plantation in the county spans at least 150 miles, but he treasures such buried treasures, and he hopes that no one else, upon stumbling any such item, tosses it "in the junk bin." Contact STEVE PALISIN at 444-1764.