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**From Random House Inc : Bayou Farewell** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Bayou Farewell:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The Eloquent TrumpeterBy Carl GustafsonA trumpet tone can be a harsh, almost abrasive, blast that heralds the coming Cavalry or wakes up the recruits every morning in Boot Camp. Mike Tidwell's book is indeed a piercing and poignant warning that will awaken all but the most calloused soul, but his trumpeting comes to us on velvet phrasing and clarion tones more reminiscent of Louis Armstrong's elegant mastery of the Saint James Infirmary Blues. This shockingly powerful message of the rapid man-made destruction of America's primary wetlands is engaging, easy to read, and always beckoning the reader to turn the page for more. I grew up amidst the vast prairies and mountainscapes of Wyoming and have never been to the wetlands of Louisiana, but after reading Bayou Farewell I feel as though I somehow know the Cajun personalities, can hear their unique accent, smell the omnipresent cooking odor, and hear the vast variety of birds. On the bottom line this is a documentary done travelogue style that makes you think you're in a John Grisham novel. I have no idea what Mike Tidwell looks like, but he is Sir Galihad in my eyes, a renaissance man on a mission, willing to ride the rusty Shrimp boats, slap mosquitos, and sweat in the humid swamplands to insure that we understand this great American tragedy from the most intimate and accurate point of view, those who homes and cities are going under the relentless waves of the Gulf. I haven't stopped thinking about this plight for months after having read the book realizing that it will one day effect all Americans to some degree and every citizen of New Orleans, a cultural jewel already proven vulnerable by Katrina. We are causing it and only we can stop it, if it isn't already too late. I would enjoy reading this book if I had no interest whatsoever in its message because I feel the understated passion, see the images, and appreciate the

mastery of the written word. But the horn is blowing here and we'd best not plug our ears.--Carl Gustafson

A detail look at living in the bayous of Louisiana.