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THE BLUE EDGE

A UNIQUE JOURNEY INTO THE OCEAN WILDERNESS

"As important a book as Rachel Carson's The Sea Around Us."—Clive Cussler

In *The Blue Edge*, his most powerful book yet, Carlos Eyles shares his unique grasp of the ocean wilderness on a journey to the once prolific Sea of Cortez he explored as a free diver over thirty years ago. As he works down the Baja coast, Carlos documents the plight of the sea and its sad decline in the last three decades.

Searching for the bounty and majesty of a sea he once knew, he continues 250 miles south of Baja to the rugged and primordal volcanic San Benedicto Island in the Revillagigedos Archipelago. Here on the blue edge he takes the reader on breath-hold dives into an extremely dangerous yet magical realm of great fish and sharks by the thousands, soaring manta rays, and breaching whales.

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Carlos Eyles became deeply connected to the ocean world as a child growing up on the beaches of Hawaii, and in *The Blue Edge*—his eighth book—he describes his deep intimacy and almost mystical interaction with the sea's creatures. His life, first as a free-diving big game spearfisherman and now as an underwater photographer, has covered much of this planet's oceans and seas—a lifetime journey, which has also paralleled the decline of the ocean's great wealth.

Sixteen black and white photographs, some from the center of a school of hammerhead sharks on a breath-hold dive at 75 feet, others of circling 12-foot galapagos sharks, majestic mantas, and a breaching whale accompany the text.

The Blue Edge is available at book stores, dive centers, on the internet, or directly from the publisher: Aqua Quest Publications, PO Box 700, Locust Valley, NY 11560-0700; Tel: (800) 933-8989, (516) 759-0476; Fax: (516) 759-4519. Retail price is \$16.95 plus \$4.00 P & H.

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