SUFFOLK FROM THE AIR

Mike Page and Pauline Young

Those fortunate enough to live in Suffolk will be aware of the many delightful villages and hidden nooks and corners that characterise its ancient landscape. For the visitor driving through the county, the appearance of an exquisite row of thatched cottages, a magnificent church or grand country house seems to come with every mile travelled. Yet in this book Mike Page proves once again that there is no better way to discover the delights of the county's heritage than from the air.

Here we are taken on an aerial journey across the county following an A-Z trail of towns and villages, buildings ancient and modern, with views that we simply cannot appreciate in any other way except from above. As in his previous books Mike's superb photographs are described by Pauline Young who adds her own details to each scene, bringing each to life through her expert captions.

As Mike's followers will know, the principal attraction of his aerial photographs is that they allow us to look down on the landscape from a perspective that we never normally see. Such pictures reveal to us things that are normally hidden from view and surprise us when we find that what we had imagined the layout of the land to be is in reality quite different. Along with the changes that have taken place, we are also reminded of things that have remained unchanged.

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Mike Page, Gorleston-born, began his working life as a boat builder but in 1973, in partnership with his wife Gillian, began a garage business at Strumpshaw, east of Norwich. He's now semi-retired and his son Martin runs the garage, which gives him more time to pursue his flying and photographic interests. He has a considerable library of aerial and wildlife prints which he makes readily available. In addition he supplies newspapers with newsworthy pictures and recently has produced aerial photographs for the Eastern Daily Press in a series of supplements that have been very well received. His first major project was a number of videos and DVDs of the East Anglian Coast. His first book A Broads-Eye View, also produced in partnership with Pauline Young, was a huge success, followed by their book Norfolk Coast from the Air.

Pauline Young has lived in East Anglia for many years. She writes regularly for magazines and is a published children's author. She first teamed up with Mike Page, whom she has known in a flying context for a long time, when he began providing aerial pictures for her articles about the Norfolk Broads.

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