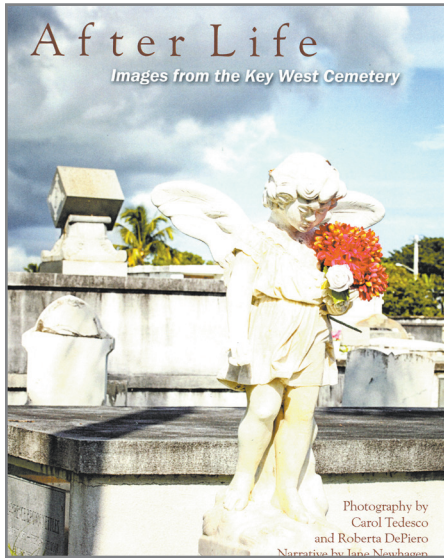


Book Review

After Life - Images from the Key West Cemetery

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The book launch and signing event for *After Life - Images from the Key West Cemetery* will be at Salute! on Higgs Beach in Key West on Saturday, April 12th from 4-6pm. Come out and meet the authors, get a signed copy of the book and maybe even treat yourself to dinner on the beach.

After Life - Images from the Key West Cemetery, published by the New Atlantian Library is a beautiful look at the final resting places of many of the local citizens who helped make Key West into the city it is today.

Key West's history, is very much alive in the city's cemetery. Each headstone represents not only a person, but an entire life and unique story. There is much to be learned about life and death in a cemetery. This book contrasts the new and the old, rich and the poor, the famous and the obscure. It is an interesting look at how our lives are intertwined - both the past and present, woven together into one beautiful tapestry. You'll see different races and religions side by side, ancient gravestones with new plastic flowers at the base - a sign that the person they memorialize continues to live on in the heart of someone who is still with us today. New life springs up in the form of flowers and creatures scurrying around and gives us hope. There is a certain silence and grace found in this cemetery and it is portrayed vividly

by the keen and observant eyes of the photographers.

The book, like the cemetery, lends itself to mystery. It's silence and beautiful images leave room for the imagination, and thinking about the mystery of life and death. It gives us a chance to breathe and appreciate the beauty of what is.

A labor of love, this book was beautifully created by three Florida Keys women. Photographed by Carol Tedesco (kismet-keywest.com), an acclaimed photographer and historic shipwreck expert who writes, speaks and consults on shipwreck artifacts and coins including the Atocha; and Roberta DePiero, a local photographer, findagrave.com photographer volunteer and genealogy researcher. The narrative for this book was written by Jane Newhagen (janene-whagen.com) who is the archivist for the Key West Cemetery as well as an historic novelist and four-time winner of the Key West Writers Guild's Short Story Contest.

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