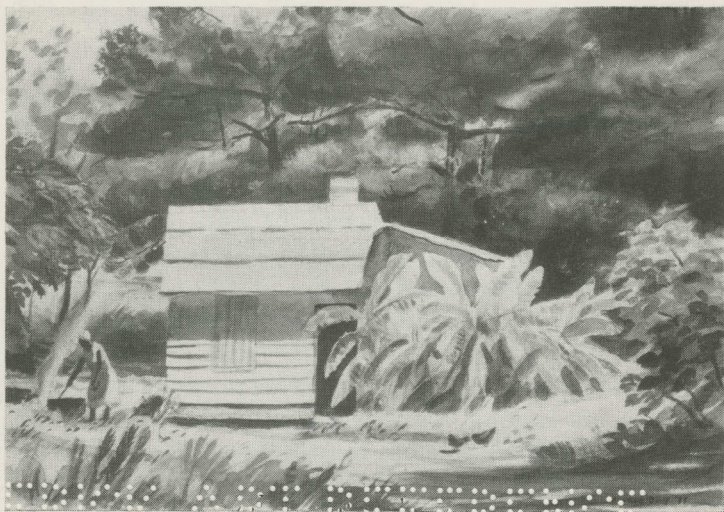


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SEA ISLAND COUNTRY

WATER COLORS

BY

HORACE DAY

MACBETH GALLERY

11 E. 57th St., New York City

November 29th through December 19th, 1938

Sea Island Country

Once summer capitol of the Sea Island Country Beaufort, South Carolina, still basks in the sunlight of that enchanted land. Creative artists have been drawn to it for many years; but only a few have captured its very special quality, the majority have like most tourists only seen the surface charm and missed the sympathetic integration of man with nature.

Quite different is Mr. Day's approach, due perhaps to his having spent the first eighteen years of his life in another ageless land—China. The pillared mansions of Beaufort he found good, but while aware of their charm he sought the soul of the Sea Island Country. And along the shell roads of the islands he found the spirit of that land inherent in the wistfulness of the scene: the Gothic-like soaring of great live-oaks shrouded with Spanish moss, the silvery shacks of the Negro peasantry diminutive beneath them, the Gullahs themselves as basically a part of the land as the salt smell of the marsh. He comprehended what he saw, and in his water colors recorded, with neither sentimentality nor bravura, the poetry and beauty of the scene. Here is the abstract contemplation of an artist who has kept himself and his method in the background while revealing the essence of the place, — its sense of remoteness, of timelessness, of a stillness so piercing that it is like some hitherto unknown quality of sound. Long known, long loved by me, that land through these paintings tells a story uniquely its own.

Jacob H. Lowrey.

Augusta, Ga.
Nov. 15, 1938.

Water Colors

1. Sea Island Country
2. The Unreconstructed South
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5. County Fair
6. Honey Boy Cafe
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7. Rain
8. Ox Cart
9. Wilkinson's Folly
10. St. Phillips, Charleston
11. Plantation Church
12. Spanish Moss
13. A Tall Story
14. Praise House, Port Royal Island
15. The Art of Advertising
16. Ruins of Sheldon Church
17. Wash Day
18. Carnival
19. Whiteside
20. Tomato Pickers
21. Beaufort
22. The Charleston Way
23. Sunset, James Island
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