
Preface

Hurricanes are not good for much. This book was conceived in a 'hotel' room in Valladolid, Mexico, during October 2005 where my wife and I had taken shelter from Hurricane Wilma, a category 5 storm responsible for the lowest pressure ever recorded in the Caribbean. With little else to do for 3 days, I set about planning the book that Paul Harvey and Bob May, the series editors, had generously asked me to write. As the good citizens of Cancún, Cozumel, Playa del Carmen, and Tulum will testify, I escaped lightly.

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