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### **Book Debunks Myths and Confirms Legends of LSU's Live Tiger**

*Veterinarians Share New Details about Mike's Spacious Natural Enclosure, Arrival of Mike VI*

**Baton Rouge**—Mike the Tiger has symbolized the spirit and resolve of Louisiana State University for over seventy-five years. Fiercely confident, keenly competitive, marvelously clever, and the only live tiger to reside on a college campus, Mike reigns nobly from his home just outside of Tiger Stadium in Baton Rouge.

In a completely updated and visually stunning new edition of *Mike the Tiger*, David G. Baker and W. Sheldon Bivin tell the story of this famed mascot from the Civil War origins of LSU's fighting tiger tradition to the present age of social media. They share priceless behind-the-scenes anecdotes as they chronicle the reign of each of the six Mikes. The second edition offers 70 additional photos, for a total of 200 images. Additionally, the authors provide a "More about Mike" section, in which they field the most commonly asked questions about Mike's care and lifestyle.

*Mike the Tiger* provides a treat for all who ever said, "Meet me at the tiger cage," for all who still marvel at his regal appearance, and for all who will forever bleed purple and gold.

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