



The Story Of Barron Collier

A History for Younger Readers

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- Memphis boy who conquered New York
- Creator of his own county in Southwest Florida
- Builder of the Tamiami Trail, owner of popular hotels
- Streetcar advertising mogul during the Roaring Twenties
- NYC Deputy Police Commissioner who moved in high society

Local author Marya Repko digs into the life of this amazing man who created a successful advertising business and then invested in Florida. He became the largest landowner there, bought hotels, operated telephone systems, published newspapers, and undertook a road-building project across the swamps of the Everglades. At the same time, he was keeping up his New York interests as a civic leader, generous with his creativity and wealth.

This is the third in a series of *History for Younger Readers* and is based on the author's research for the adult version *Everglades Entrepreneur*. It is profusely illustrated with historic pictures.

REVIEWS

Excellent! Reads so smoothly, is so uplifting and is very informational without being heavy!
Truly a great job.

Lila Zuck, local historian

Your book is great; learning lots of info I didn't know about, especially all his hotel interests.
Great research and lots of work!

Patricia A. Huff, President, Friends of the Museum of the Everglades

Marya Repko grew up in Hadlyme, CT, but lived most of her adult life in Europe as a software engineer. After retirement, she moved to Everglades City, FL, where her first book *A Brief History of the Everglades City Area* has sold thousands of copies. Other brief histories of Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, and Sanibel have been well-received, as have the children's versions of the Everglades and Sanibel books. Her most recent book *Women in the Everglades* describes the hardships of pioneer life and the achievements of early environmentalists. She is President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation.

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