



A Brief History of Sanibel Island

- Why is Sanibel a City?
- When was the lighthouse built?
- What did they do before the Causeway?
- Is Bailey's Store really over 100 years old?
- Who was "Ding" Darling and why is the Refuge named for him?

Here's a little book that answers your questions – a concise history of the island with some background to put events into context. This new publication is easy to read and includes interesting old photographs, but there is also a large list of references plus a handy time-line.

She's done it again! The author has encapsulated a great amount of information into a small readable book. Her list of sources is impressive and she has dug up little-known facts, pictures, and snippets about local people & places.

"Very interesting. It will be a welcome addition to my library." Charles LeBuff, author *Sanybel Light*

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"A wonderful insight into not only Sanibel Island's history but also the environmental efforts to preserve it, Great job!" Craig R. Woodward, President of the Marco Island Historical Society, Inc.

Author Marya Repko grew up in Hadlyme, CT, but lived most of her 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, the Fakahatchee, and Sanibel have been well-received, as have the children's version of the Everglades and Sanibel books. Marya is Secretary of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation.

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