



# ***The Story of Sanibel Island*** **A History for Younger Readers**

by MARYA REPKO

***Sanibel is a very special place ...***

The Spanish explored Florida 500 years ago.

The Lighthouse has been flashing since 1884.

The Bailey family came here over 100 years ago.

The first Shell Show was at the Island Inn in 1916.

The Wildlife Refuge was started by “Ding” Darling.

The Causeway and the City changed the way we live.

***This book was written for young residents and visitors. It is a condensed and simplified version of my publication “A Brief History of Sanibel Island”. I have left out some of the details but included many old photos. I hope you enjoy learning about our history!***

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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