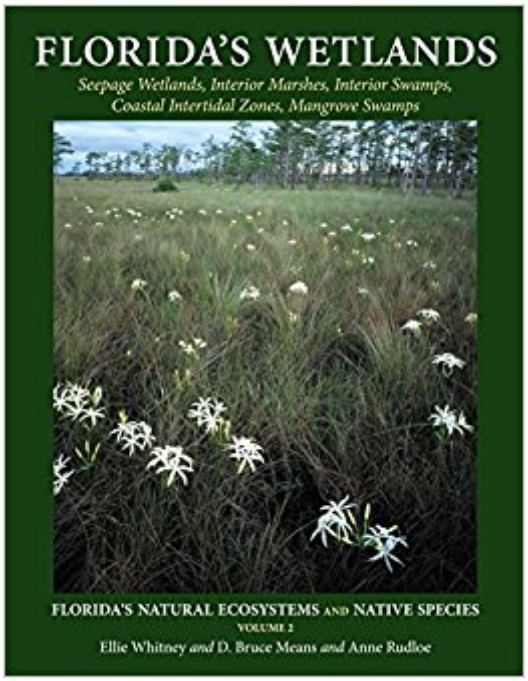
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Synopsis

Taken from the earlier book Priceless Florida (and modified for a stand-alone book), this volume discusses Florida's Wetlands, including interior wetlands, seepage wetlands, marshes, flowing-water swamps, beaches and marine marshes, and mangrove swamps. Introduces readers to the trees and plants, insects, mammals, reptiles, and other species that live in Florida's unique wetlands ecosystem, including the Virginia iris, American white waterlily, cypress, treefrogs, warblers, and the Florida black bear.

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Customer Reviews

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Well written by a clearly passionate scientist. But pretty crazy too, since the underlying message is that people are not part of the natural environment, and therefore should be minimized to protect the environment. That's just fantasy. Florida would still be wetlands today if this woman were in charge, thankfully we had courageous and inventive developers that made Florida habits more agreeable for the 20 million people who enjoy living here now. Nice to understand the importance of wetlands,

but too many well meaning people have really damaged Florida with their beliefs, and squandered billions of dollars. Just a couple decades ago we could navigate the beautifully clear waters of the Kissimmee River from Lake Tohopakalega to Lake Okechobee, managed by the ACE. But environmentalists persevered. Now the lakes are ruined with hydrilla due to lack of water flow, they overflow into coastlines around Stuart with poisonous algae blooms because agricultural runoff cannot be managed well. The environmentalists have just made a terrible mess with their "good deeds".

A handy and well-illustrated guide. The text is supported by helpful lists in addition to be beautiful photographs. Written in easy-to-follow language for the layman with references for the experts.

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