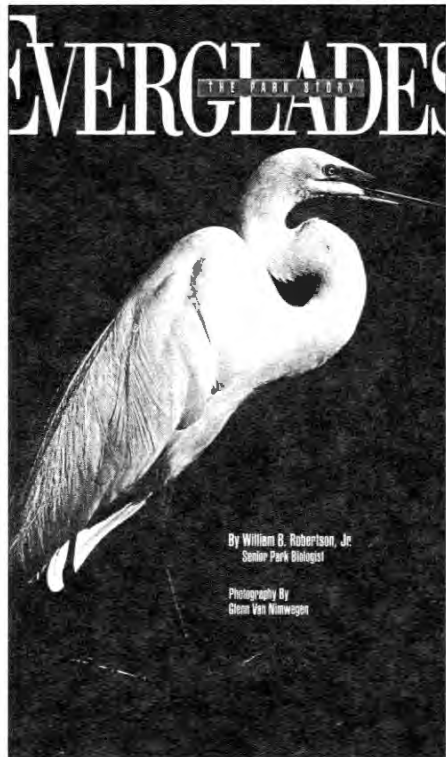


Everglades Classic Rewritten and Reissued

William B. Robertson, Jr., Senior Park Biologist at Everglades NP, has lovingly reworked the classic story of the Everglades and it has been beautifully published by the Florida National Parks and Monuments Association, Inc. Writes "Dr. Bill" in his Preface:



"As well as I can remember, I wrote the original draft of **Everglades – The Park Story** in two or three hectic weeks during the summer of 1958. Dan Beard said he wanted a park book and one didn't like to keep him waiting. After the customary editorial agonies, the book appeared a year or so later, suitably clothed in Dade Thornton's fine photographs. At that time it cost a mere buck and it stayed in print for nearly 20 years, while south Florida changed around it.

back from 1988, those days seem unimaginably remote. The park was still in its age of innocence: small staff, not much money, 20-hp outboards, few visitors. Specialization was a luxury we couldn't afford and serendipity lived."

The Preface goes on to describe the "archaic, unprogrammed zest" of the place then – days when "the glades flooded or they didn't flood, an act of God and that was that." And it winds up this way:

"Let us hope that the park continues relatively unscathed through the next several decades of testing confrontations and final adjustments. Then, when someone else sits down to write a better **Park Story** after a while, he can speak of wood storks and panthers and everything else that makes southern Florida wildlands such a glory to behold."

One doubts that a "a better story" will ever be written about the Everglades. Robertson's insights have provided the framework for 30 years of park research and resource management, and he is one of the few scientists whose writing skills match his scientific expertise.

This version of the book also is "suitably clothed" – with photographs by Glenn Van Nimwegen, whose work has appeared in **Smithsonian**, **Audubon**, **National Wildlife**, and other publications.

For information on the book, contact Florida National Parks and Monuments Assn., Inc., PO Box 279, Homestead, FL 33030.