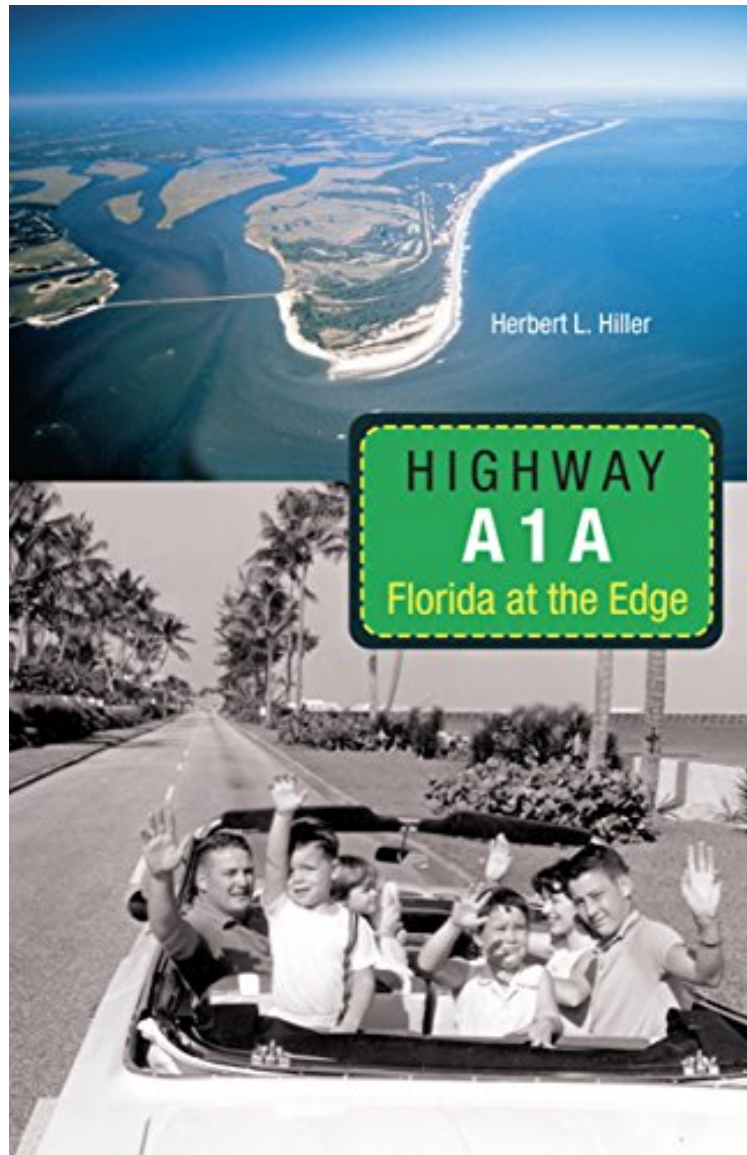


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. difficult readBy Jane TrucksisI must agree with the reviewer who

said this wasn't an easy read. I found Proust's "Remembrance of Things Past" easier going! It isn't so much that the focus is constantly shifting, from history to eco concerns to over-development. The problem is the lack of clarity. Hiller's sentence structure is so convoluted, I would have reread paragraphs over and over to figure out what he was trying to say. It was also jarring to go from a rant about a greedy developer to a poetic description of the flora and fauna. I did find a few cogent sections with interesting facts about the various towns along A1A, but I kept wishing for a book that would flow and keep me wanting to read. I slogged through to the end, but it was rough!

9 of 9 people found the following review helpful. Development of Florida's east coast, for better or worse  
By Shelby Duncan  
Hiller goes county-by-county, describing the development of Florida's east coast from the days of Henry Flagler to the present. Politicians, business people, developers, conservationists, and community activists have had varying effects on each community. Although I wouldn't call it an easy read, those with a real interest in the future of Florida would do well to read this title. I'm lopping off a star because of the addition of hotel and restaurant listings in the back of the book, which doesn't seem to really go along with the intent of the main body of text. It's as if the publisher wants tourists to think this is a tour guide and this is an attempt to make one book serve two very different purposes.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great book for discovering Florida  
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There is a lot of history in this book - things you would have never known. You have to take your time and drive down A1A and enjoy the history and what Florida used to be and what it has become.

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"Highway A1A" is history as a cautionary tale, a travel book with an attitude about tourism. -- Miami Today, Dec. 29, 2005...a great primer for all who are concerned about Florida's sprawling growth and erosion of quality of life. -- Logger Head - Newsletter of Turtle Coast Sierra Club  
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A passionate and up-to-date biography of the highway and its adjacent communities. -- Orlando Sentinel, 9/18/2005  
Detailed...an opinionated look at the history of Florida's populous east coast. -- St. Petersburg Times (online), 9/18/2005  
Hiller has written a book about Florida, that like many really good reads, defies classification. -- Miami Today, Dec. 29, 2005  
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