



Bad Guys on Bulldozers: The Environmental Voice in Florida-Based Crime Fiction

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Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.For more than half a century a handful of Florida mystery novelists have raised within their works a clear and consistent environmental voice that tells the continuing saga of a once pristine land nearly loved to death. For them, the Sunshine State itself is just as much the victim as the corpse floating in the bay or a tourist fed to the alligators. In a very real sense, all of their villains are Bad Guys on Bulldozers. The first of these Florida-based authors to have his hard-boiled hero voice concerns about the natural environment was John D. MacDonald, one of this country's most prolific and popular writers and widely recognized as the dean of American crime fiction. Those who followed in his footsteps--most notably Carl Hiaasen, a Broward County native and Miami Herald columnist; Randy Wayne White, a former Sanibel Island fishing guide and columnist for Outside Magazine; and James W. Hall, an English professor at Florida International University have created a substantial body of work in a genre called environmental noir or eco-mysteries. By raising the...



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