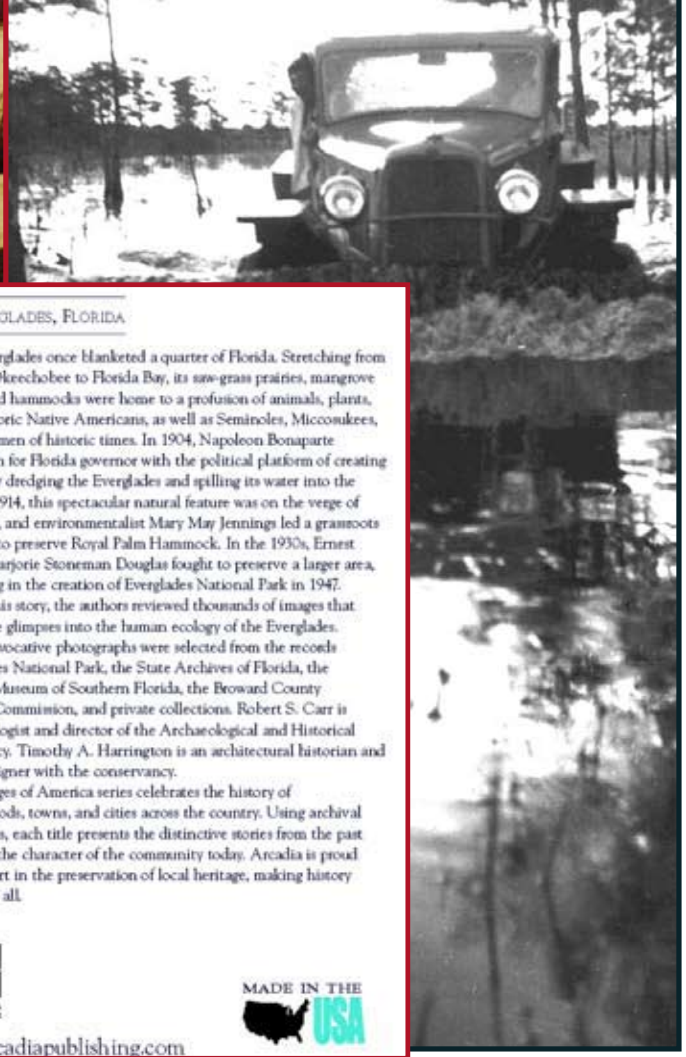
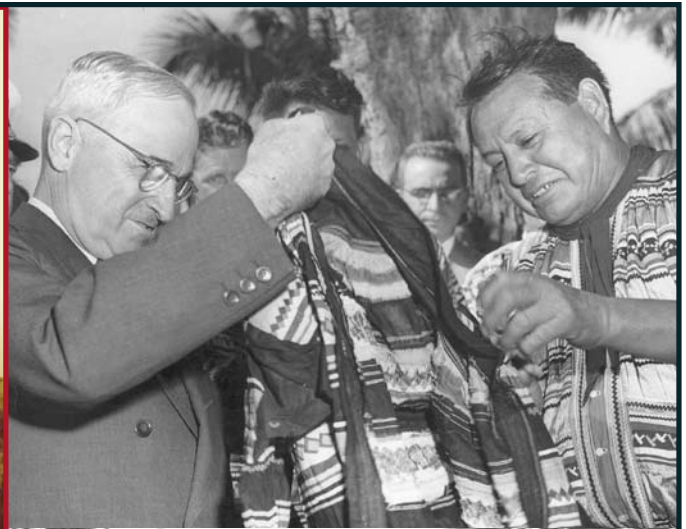


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To tell this story, the authors reviewed thousands of images that provide rare glimpses into the human ecology of the Everglades. The most evocative photographs were selected from the records of Everglades National Park, the State Archives of Florida, the Historical Museum of Southern Florida, the Broward County Historical Commission, and private collections. Robert S. Carr is an archaeologist and director of the Archaeological and Historical Conservancy. Timothy A. Harrington is an architectural historian and graphic designer with the conservancy.

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