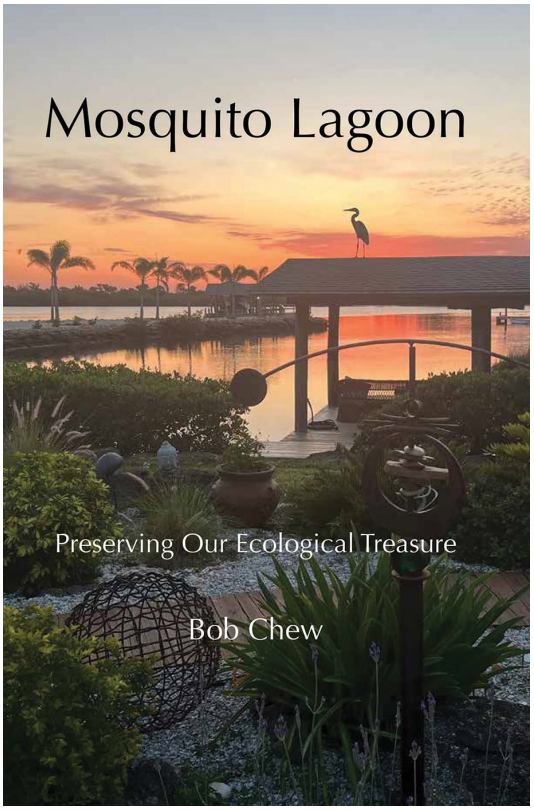
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- Reviews their present states and causes for decline
- Introduces organizations working hard to restore lagoon health
- Provides an action plan for all concerned citizens

Coastal areas worldwide are most at risk from the disastrous impacts of over-development and climate change, none more so than our eastern Florida lagoons. Although we generally accept that human activities stress our environment, many of us remain unaware of how severe these impacts are locally and the enormity of our potential losses. Most importantly, we tend to think there is little as individuals we can do to reverse course.

Written for the non-scientist, this book is a wake-up call on both themes. It looks first at important lagoon ecosystems, their interdependence, and their typically rapid and recent declines. It then moves on to more hopeful notes, introducing some of the many organizations dedicated to restoring a healthy lagoon environment, and new technologies being deployed to assist that effort. It concludes with a call to action, listing organizations to support and activities to engage in, allowing all concerned citizens to do their part in saving an amazing ecological treasure.

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