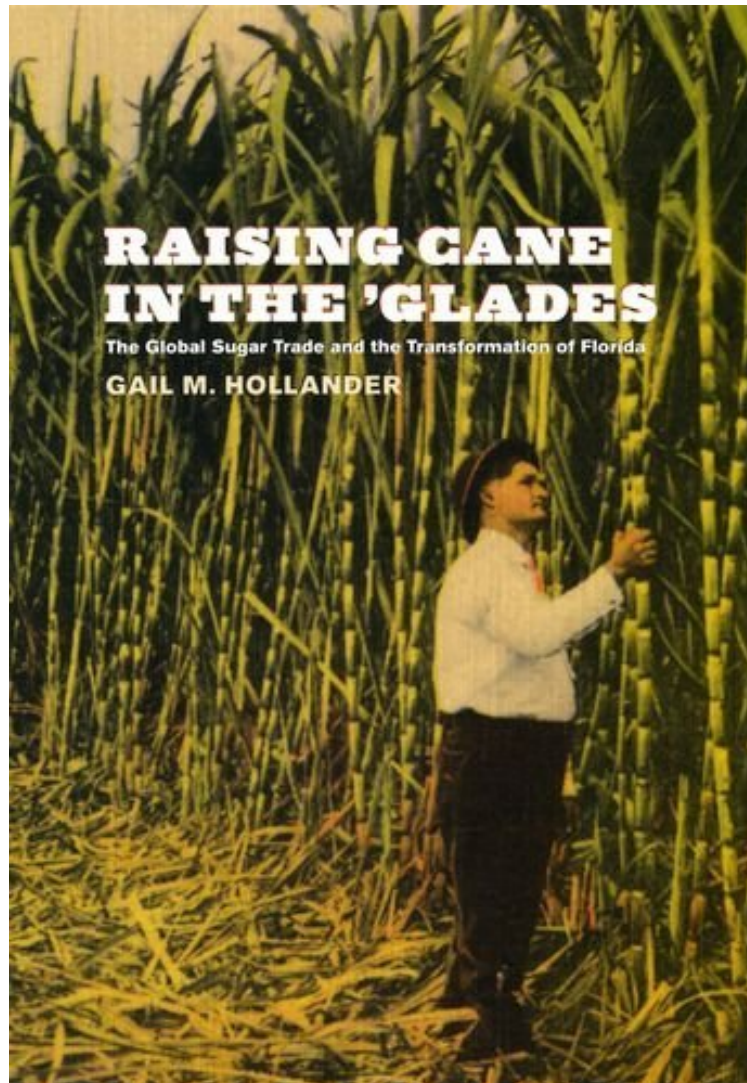


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the plunder of the Everglades environment and the politics, and players, behind the scenes. The Cuban Connection is clear... and we know that government here never made a bargain they couldn't find a way to break, such as every treaty signed with the Native American tribes - but few realize the major political intrigue behind the "farming of the Everglades", that went on for decades. That struggle continues today - perhaps with a different face, and pace - but if there's a "buck" to be made - there are always those who will find a way to repackage the same old scheme and get it to the market. "Sugar Frosted Flakes" may have changed their name to simply, "Frosted Flakes" - but the game is the same. Totally recommended reading, and a valuable study of the exploitation of the "River Of Grass" - which is unique in all the world. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Excellent Scholarly Effort! By John Dr. Gail Hollander is a brilliant scholar who masterfully mines history and weaves the multitude of factors into a readable account of Florida's sugar industry. I could not put this book down!

Over the last century, the Everglades underwent a metaphorical and ecological transition from impenetrable swamp to endangered wetland. At the heart of this transformation lies the Florida sugar industry, which by the 1990s was at the center of the political storm over the multi-billion dollar ecological "restoration" of the Everglades. Raising Cane in the Glades is the first study to situate the environmental transformation of the Everglades within the economic and historical geography of global sugar production and trade. Using, among other sources, interviews, government and corporate documents, and recently declassified U.S. State Department memoranda, Gail M. Hollander demonstrates that the development of Florida's sugar region was the outcome of pitched battles reaching the highest political offices in the U.S. and in countries around the world, especially Cuba; which emerges in her narrative as a model, a competitor, and the regional "other" to Florida's "self." Spanning the period from the age of empire to the era of globalization, the book shows how the "sugar question" - a label nineteenth-century economists coined for intense international debates on sugar production and trade - emerges repeatedly in new guises. Hollander uses the sugar question as a thread to stitch together past and present, local and global, in explaining Everglades transformation.

Raising Cane in the Glades is a sweeping tale of agrarian South Florida from the colonial era to the age of ethanol. It provides a relentless, sobering look at the partnership of "sweetness and power": how the Sugar Barons cajoled, conspired, and conquered their way to supremacy in the region and how they forced the total makeover of the one of the greatest wetland systems on earth, from which the wild Everglades will likely never recover. Surely, this will be the definitive history of sugar and the Everglades for a long time to come.