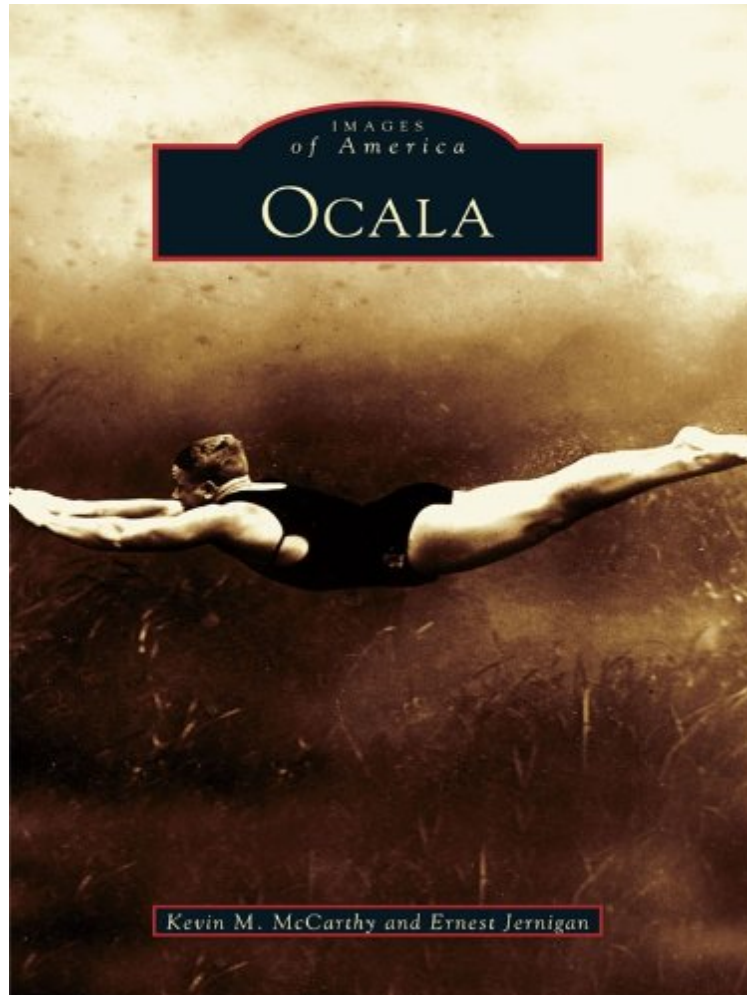


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Kevin M. McCarthy, Ernest Jernigan : Ocala (Images of America) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ocala (Images of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Contained a lot of nice old pictures of Ocala, FloridaBy CustomerThe book contained plenty of old photos from the Ocala, Florida area. However, it left much to be desired. The annotations attached to the photographs did not provide as much detail has I was hoping for. The book was divided into sections by decade, but there were inconsistencies throughout in addition to some factually incorrect information. The two authors showed their biases towards the educational institutions they worked at, which affected the historical nature of the book in a misleading way.

Nearly five centuries have passed since Ponce de Leon claimed for the king of Spain the area that now contains Ocala, the seat of Marion County in North Central Florida. Located midway between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of

Mexico, Ocala was incorporated in 1885, when it was home to just 803 inhabitants, and has grown steadily since that time. At the turn of the twentieth century, the city covered four square miles and had a population of 3,380, making Ocala the seventh largest town in Florida. From its Native American heritage, which includes important episodes in the life of Seminole leader Osceola, to its natural beauty featured in such places as the Ocala National Forest and the world-famous Silver Springs, Ocala has had a rich and fascinating past. Widely known today as champion thoroughbred horse country, Ocala and its environs also boast neighborhoods of well-preserved Victorian homes and other historic structures, a thriving business community, and a diverse populace that is dedicated to the constant improvement of this singular city. In 1995, Ocala was honored with the designation of All America City by the National Civic League. Paying tribute to this one-of-a-kind city, its residents both past and present and the story it has to tell, this volume of more than 200 vintage images showcases Ocala's rich historical legacy and the men and women who made it all possible.

About the Author Authors Kevin McCarthy and Ernest Jernigan have long been associated with the Ocala area. McCarthy has been a professor of English and Florida Studies at the University of Florida for 31 years and Jernigan a professor at Central Florida Community College for 32 years and an Ocala resident since 1958. In *Images of America: Ocala*, the authors have compiled a wonderful selection of archival photographs and other visual memorabilia to illustrate the people and places, landmarks and events that have shaped Ocala's unique history. Both residents and visitors alike are sure to enjoy this entertaining and educational retrospective.