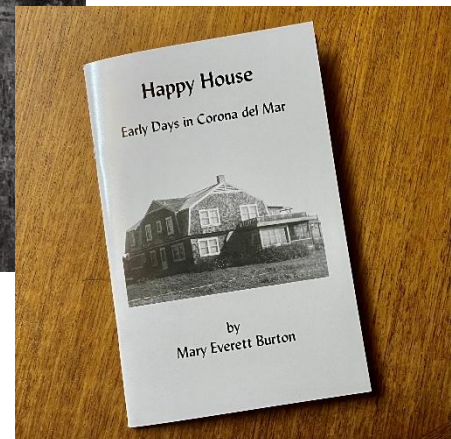


Mary Everett Burton's "Happy House"

By Jan Billings, Member of CdMRA's Board and its Historical Resources Committee



T rue to its mission of preserving and sharing Corona del Mar's past, the History Resources Committee of CdMRA has re-printed a delightful recounting of one of the village's first residents.

"Happy House" by Mary Everett Burton had been reprinted in a short booklet form by the Committee to enlighten residents and others about her Pasadena family and her mother's bold move to build a home here in 1909. Bold, because at that time, CdM was basically inaccessible except by boat and a hike up what was the original Bayside Drive.

The early beach town of CdM was isolated and vacant except for the Hotel Del Mar. But the views were great and it was an ideal place to escape the summer heat of Pasadena.

This delightful retelling of what it was like to live on Ocean Blvd. over 100 years ago is not for sale but can be checked out at the Newport Beach Central Library, the OASIS Senior Center or by contacting the Sherman Library.