



... AWEsome owl heroes!!!

The sweet little owl whooo stars in this story was lucky to be rescued, thanks to the **AWE**some work of Marco Island Owl Watch and **A**udubon **W**estern **E**verglades!

The awesome <u>Marco Island Owl Watch</u> network consists of caring professionals and trained volunteers who look out for our owls and their burrows and respond to reports of owls in distress. Brittany Piersma, AWE's wonderful biologist, quickly worked with Sharon Epple, a Marco Island Owl Watch volunteer, to bring this endangered owl to safety after hours on a Friday night. Many thanks to Brittany, Sharon, and their team for the great work they do for our owls every day.

<u>Audubon Western Everglades (AWE)</u> is an awesome not-forprofit organization that protects Southwest Florida's natural resources, including our adorable burrowing owls, from the troubles they face here in paradise, like accidental poisoning, environmental displacement, and other hazardous conditions.

A portion of the proceeds of **An Authentic Adventure** is being donated to AWE's Owl Watch Program to continue their research and support on Marco Island. When you buy a book, you help save an owl!