



Born in England, Patrick Alexander studied philosophy at Sussex University before joining Price Waterhouse & Co. as a chartered accountant in the City of London. He moved to France where he married and raised his children. After more than a decade as an international tax consultant based in Europe, Patrick and his family moved to America where he worked as international business director for two different software corporations and finally was hired as Director of Professional Advancement at the University of Miami.

WINE:

Patrick moved to S.W. France in his early 20s and raised his family in the Bordeaux wine country of Perigord, followed by the Piedmont wine country on the Swiss/ Italian border, and then the wine country of northern California, before finally moving to South Florida - where there are no vineyards!

As Director at the University of Miami he developed a popular wine appreciation program which was offered exclusively in the Faculty Lounge. For almost twenty years, Patrick has offered the very popular six-week wine class at Books & Books and the Coral Gables Museum, and in 2017 he released his book *The Booklovers' Guide to Wine*.

Following the 2020 Covid pandemic, Patrick switched his in-person classes to Zoom – some of which can be seen on YouTube. *Wine In a Time of Cholera*.

WORDS:

HISTORY: Patrick's survey of the past eighty years on both sides of the Atlantic, *Boomer*, tells the history of the Baby Boomer generation, while a previous book, *'Building Paradise'* tells the history of Miami and South Florida. His most recent book, *Coral Gables: The First Hundred Years*, has just been released in time for the Centennial celebrations of Patrick's adopted hometown in April 2025.

Patrick is currently working on a history of colonialism and immigration around the world and hopes to have it completed in time for Christmas 2025

FICTION: Patrick's fictional works include *'The Nigerian Letter'* and also the *Greenhaven Trilogy* – three novels set in South Florida - "*Death by Water*", "*Death on the Eighth*", and "*Dead Naked*".

LITERATURE: *'Marcel Proust's Search for Lost Time'* was published by Vintage Books in 2008 and was based on a yearlong course that Patrick had taught at the University of Miami. His more recent book, *'A Dance to Lost Time'* is a study comparing the 7-volume novel of Marcel Proust with the 12-volume novel of Anthony Powell both of which he was able to re-read during the Covid lockdown. The book was released in 2022, the centenary of Proust's death.

In addition to writing books on history, Patrick also offers historic tours of Coral Gables for the Coral Gables Museum and tours of the historic Biltmore Hotel for Dade Heritage Trust.

When not at home in Coral Gables with their dog Dylan, Patrick and his wife Jude visit their children and grandchildren in France and in South Carolina.