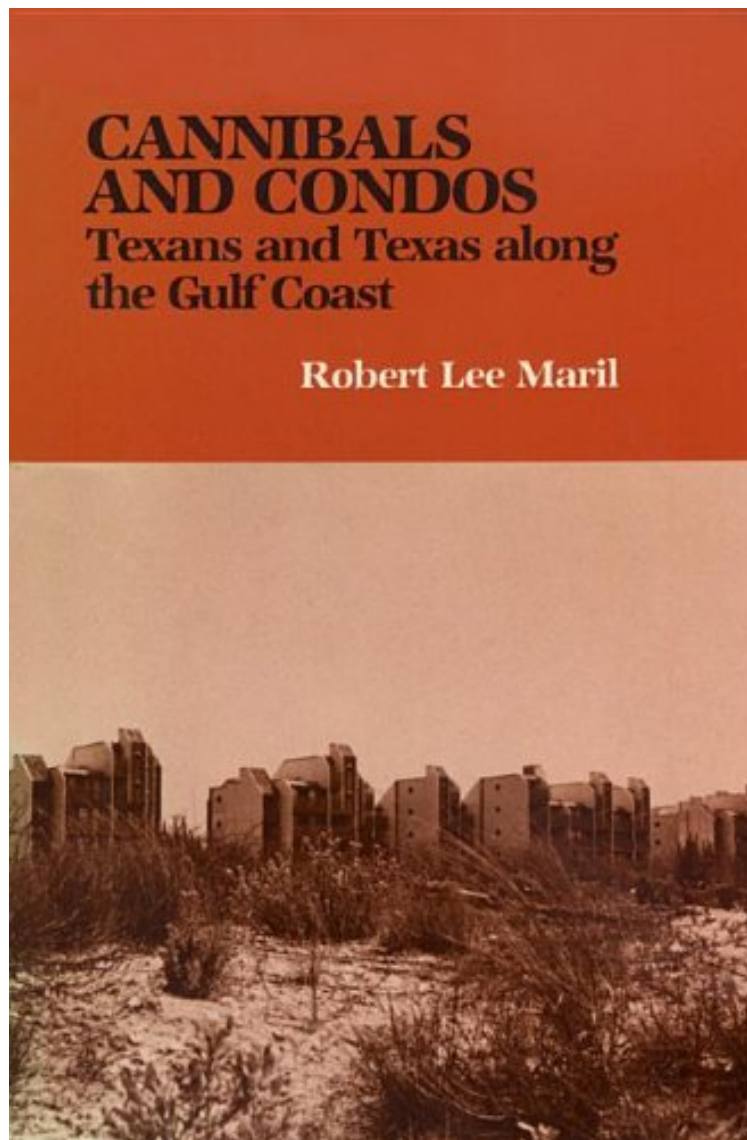


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About the Author Maril is also the author of *Texas Shrimpers: Community, Capitalism, and the Sea* which was published in 1983.