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### The History of Florida

A witty history of the state that's always in the news, for everything from alligator attacks to zany crimes. There's an old clip of Bugs Bunny sawing the entire state of Florida off the continent—and every single time a news story springs up about some shenanigans in Florida, someone on the internet posts it in response. Why are we so ready to wave goodbye to the Sunshine State? In *A Florida State of Mind: An Unnatural History of Our Weirdest State*, James D. Wright makes the case that there are plenty of reasons to be scandalized by the land and its sometimes-kooky, sometimes-terrifying denizens, but there's also plenty of room for hilarity. Florida didn't just become weird; it's built that way. Uncharted swampland doesn't easily give way to sprawling suburbia. It took violent colonization, land scams to trick non-Floridians into buying undeveloped property, and the development of railroads to benefit one man's hotel empire. Even the most natural parts of Florida are unnatural. Florida citrus? Not from here, but from China. Gators? Oh, they're from Florida all right, but that doesn't make having 1 per every 20 humans normal. Animals in the form of roadkill? Only Florida allows you to keep anything you kill on the road (and anything you find). Yet everyone loves Florida: tourists come in droves, and people relocate to Florida constantly (only 36% of residents were born there). Crammed with unforgettable stories and facts, Florida will show readers exactly why.

### Great Houses of Florida

The Sunshine State has an exceptionally stormy past. Vulnerable to storms that arise in the Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico, Florida has been hit by far more hurricanes than any other state. In many ways, hurricanes have helped shape Florida's history. Early efforts by the French, Spanish, and English to claim the territory as their own were often thwarted by hurricanes. More recently, storms have affected such massive projects as Henry Flagler's Overseas Railroad and efforts to manage water in South Florida. In this book, Jay Barnes offers a fascinating and informative look at Florida's hurricane history. Drawing on meteorological research, news reports, first-person accounts, maps, and historical photographs, he traces all of the notable hurricanes that have affected the state over the last four-and-a-half centuries, from the great storms of the early colonial period to the devastating hurricanes of 2004 and 2005--Charley, Frances, Ivan, Jeanne, Dennis, Katrina, and Wilma. In addition to providing a comprehensive chronology of more than one hundred individual storms, Florida's Hurricane

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History includes information on the basics of hurricane dynamics, formation, naming, and forecasting. It explores the origins of the U.S. Weather Bureau and government efforts to study and track hurricanes in Florida, home of the National Hurricane Center. But the book does more than examine how hurricanes have shaped Florida's past; it also looks toward the future, discussing the serious threat that hurricanes continue to pose to both lives and property in the state. Filled with more than 200 photographs and maps, the book also features a foreword by Steve Lyons, tropical weather expert for the Weather Channel. It will serve as both an essential reference on hurricanes in Florida and a remarkable source of the stories--of tragedy and destruction, rescue and survival--that foster our fascination with these powerful storms.

### Florida Fun Facts

From theme parks to ballparks, the quirky to the educational, Miami to Tallahassee -- every city and county in Florida are covered in this newly expanded edition: What's responsible for more than 2,800 holes in Palm Beach County? Which came first, St. Augustine or Plymouth Rock? What's Osceola County's biggest city that technically isn't a city at all? Where in Florida can you participate in the King Mango Strut? What Oscar-winning actress hails from the small town of Bascom, Florida? What's bigger, Walt Disney World or New York's Manhattan Island? It's everything you need to know about Florida -- and more!

### Great Coaches in Florida Gators Football

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

### Alas, Babylon

Tours some of Florida state's most structurally and architecturally relevant houses, from the Ringlings' Venetian Palazzo Ca d'Zan and James Deering's Italianate Villa Vizcaya to the Audubon and Hemingway houses and the villa of Prince Murat.

### Florida Man

Michael Gannon recounts the longest history on record of any state in the nation in twenty-nine brisk, fully illustrated chapters. He proves that the story of the state is as rich and distinctive as the story of America. Starting with the lush green wilderness of the ancient earth, he fills the landscape with Indians, colonialists, pioneers, entrepreneurs, politicians, and the 16 million citizens who make up the panorama of Florida today. This revised edition concludes with a look into the twenty-first century, including "in-migration," conservation efforts, education, the work force, and the infamous 2000 presidential election.

### The Wisdom of Crowds

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Florida is in many ways both the oldest and newest of the megastates. Once an insect-ridden swamp, it is now a top destination for tourism, business, agriculture and innovation. The ideas and actions of a colorful cast of characters--from beloved cultural icons to political heroes and even a socialist dictator--transformed the peninsula. A Barbados native rescued Florida's orange industry after the catastrophic 1835 freeze. Known as the "Grande Dame of the Everglades," Marjory Stoneman Douglas worked tirelessly to save the state's vast, incomparable wetlands from annihilation in the early twentieth century. In the mid-1800s, a Florida doctor developed a precursor to modern air conditioning. Join former U.S. senator George LeMieux and journalist Laura Mize as they profile and rank, according to impact, the twenty-five trailblazers who have changed the state forever.

### Great Moments in Florida Gators Football

When you hike the Florida Trail, our 1,400 mile National Scenic Trail along the length of the state, you'll discover places of unusual natural features and unique botanical beauty. No matter whether you're a day hiker, a backpacker, a birder, or a photographer, these are special places in Florida that you won't want to miss. Florida Trail Hikes leads you to our favorites while also providing information about trail communities you can use as "base camps" while visiting an area. This book is designed to provide options for hikers of all abilities and interests. There are both short and long hikes, overnight trips, and even a few accessible sections that can also be biked. This book includes rich descriptive details, color maps, and color photos to inspire you. Grab this guide and go take a hike! Contains 48 detailed hikes plus 9 overviews of popular section hikes as well as dozens of optional routes.

### Fishes in the Freshwaters of Florida

An explanation of the geological processes that formed Florida.

### Florida Trail Hikes

Black college football began during the nadir of African American life after the Civil War. The first game occurred in 1892, a little less than four years before the Supreme Court ruled segregation legal in Plessy v. Ferguson. In spite of Jim Crow segregation, Black colleges produced some of the best football programs in the country. They mentored young men who became teachers, preachers, lawyers, and doctors--not to mention many other professions--and transformed Black communities. But when higher education was integrated, the programs faced existential challenges as predominately white institutions steadily set about recruiting their student athletes and hiring their coaches. Blood, Sweat, and Tears explores the legacy of Black college football, with Florida A&M's Jake Gaither as its central character, one of the most successful coaches in its history. A paradoxical figure, Gaither led one of the most respected Black college football programs, yet many questioned his loyalties during the height of the civil rights movement. Among the first broad-based histories of Black college athletics, Derrick E. White's sweeping story complicates the heroic narrative of integration and grapples with the complexities and contradictions of one of the most important sources of Black pride in the twentieth century.

### Weird Florida

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Winner of the 2005 Klinger Book Award Presented by The Society for Economic Botany. Florida Ethnobotany provides a cross-cultural examination of how the states native plants have been used by its various peoples. This compilation includes common names of plants in their historical sequence, weaving together what was formerly esoteri

### A Florida State of Mind

The book is written for those of us who love the Gator Nation and Florida Gators football. You'll like the story about the University of Florida's founding in 1853 over 160 year ago and you will like it even more when we start talking about football. UF's first official football game was in 1906 but the "lads" had been fooling around on campus with weird shaped oval balls well before then as football was becoming a mature sport in America. It took until 1906 for an official UF team to emerge with its first coach Jack Forsythe and his Minnesota Shift Offense. From here, the book moves you through the Charley Pell era and to the Steve Spurrier days as both a Heisman level player and then a great coach. It finishes by looking through the seasons of Urban Meyer, Ron Zook, Will Muschamp of course on to the current season with Coach James McElwain. The history of Gator football as told here is just fascinating. This book captures the many great moments in Gator Football. We look at every game in every season and we take the reader through great chapters about Florida's 25 coaches to great stories about 110 seasons worth of great games (1169 games). The book often stops in time and talks about a particular great player. such as Steve Spurrier, Jack Youngblood, Emmitt Smith, Danny Wuerffel, Tim Tebow, Percy Harvin and others; or a great coach who won a national championship or two. The stories are riveting. This book is the closest thing to an all-encompassing, full-blown encyclopedia of Gator football-a blow by blow history-with tales of the great moments. We capture all the action and all the memorable moments in the 110 great years of Florida Gator football. We even cover 1943, when the Gators had no team because of WWII. This book is your finest source for a great read on your favorite college football team as well as a great reference for when you want to see how a particular game in any year happened to turn out. If you are a Gators fan, YOU will not want to put this book down.

### Naked Came the Florida Man

Think you're a smuggler? With that box of Cuban cigars or those unclaimed duty-free souvenirs from last summer's trip to Paris? Untaxed and untraced commerce-call it contraband-is a trillion-dollar-per-year global business. New technologies to discover and curb smuggling are met by equally well-equipped perpetrators, determined to stay below the radar. With its long coastline, hundreds of remote landing strips and airports clogged with sun-seeking tourists, Florida is a superhighway of smuggling. It is easy to move illegal goods like weapons, drugs, slaves, exotic birds and flowers; all while avoiding the best efforts of U.S. and international customs authorities. Who does this smuggling? Well one Florida governor and the wife of another, for starters. Hardscrabble commercial fishermen, Spanish explorers, Mafia mobsters, crew chiefs for fruit pickers, respected attorneys, just about everybody in Florida is a smuggler. Smuggling touches every major episode in Florida's history; it's discovery and settlement, the Seminole Wars, and the Civil War were shaped by smugglers. The state's repeated land booms-including today's-are heavily influenced by smuggler profits. Today's business economy is warped by the manipulation of smugglers laundering their profits. Stan Zimmerman means neither to vilify nor glorify these entrepreneurs. Nor does he intend to leave any stoned unturned or suitcase unopened. With stories of drug runners and prostitute pushers along side the exploits and follies of Florida's elite, we are able to see why throughout its long history, Florida has always been a true "smuggler's paradise."

## Black Cloud

Offers a comprehensive look at the history of the state of Florida, from its discovery, exploration, and settlement through its becoming a state, to notable events in the early twenty-first century.

## The Great Reset

Chartlets and details on anchorages for pleasure boaters along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway from Hampton Roads/Norfolk, Virginia to Key West Florida.

## Stephen Florida

We never know what will happen next in Florida. We know only that, any minute now, something will. Every few months, Dave Barry gets a call from some media person wanting to know, "What the hell is wrong with Florida?" Somehow, the state has acquired an image as a subtropical festival of stupid, and as a loyal Floridian, Dave begs to differ. Sure, there was the 2000 election. And people seem to take their pants off for no good reason. And it has flying insects the size of LeBron James. But it is a great state, and Dave is going to tell you why. Join him as he celebrates Florida from Key West at the bottom to whatever it is that's at the top, from the Sunshine State's earliest history to the fun-fair of weirdness that it is today.

## Geologic History of Florida

A Florida native delves into the state's history to reconstruct a 1928 hurricane that devastated the region right before the Great Depression, finding evidence of communities hard hit by the killer storm.

## Florida

This book is an identification guide to fishes in Florida's fresh waters with outstanding color photographs and dot distribution maps for each species.

## What's Great about Florida?

What's so great about Florida? Find out the top ten sites to see or things to do in the Sunshine State! Explore Florida's endless beaches, thrilling theme parks, and stirring history. The Florida by Map feature shows where you'll find all the places covered in the book. A special section provides quick state facts such as the state motto, capital, population, animals, foods, and more. Take a fun-filled tour of all there is to discover in Florida!

## Ditch of Dreams

The New History of Florida, the first comprehensive history of the state to be written in a quarter of a century, is the culmination of the most recent and significant work from a galaxy of specialists. Each of the 22 chapters, which weave together in one continuous narrative, was written especially for this volume. Their authors present here not only political, economic, military, and religious information but also social history and personal experiences. Endnotes and a bibliography are appended to each chapter. Florida's first inhabitants entered the peninsula and panhandle about 10,000 years ago. The Spaniard Juan Ponce de Le ó n stumbled ashore near Melbourne Beach in 1513. He called the place La Florida, the first permanent geographic name of European origin to be etched upon the maps of the American continent. Over three centuries of Spanish and English colonial history followed before the United States acquired Florida in 1821. The first state flag was raised over a new capitol in Tallahassee on May 26, 1845. Written to observe the sesquicentennial of statehood, this work will document the rich history of the Sunshine State for general readers, students, and scholars well into the twenty-first century. Contents Introduction, by Michael Gannon Original Inhabitants, by Jerald T. Milanich First European Contacts, by Michael Gannon Settlement and Survival, by Eugene Lyon Republic of Spaniards, Republic of Indians, by Amy Turner Bushnell The Missions of Spanish Florida, by John H. Hann Raids, Sieges, and International Wars, by Charles W. Arnade Pensacola, 1686-1763, by William S. Coker British Rule in the Floridas, by Robin F. A. Fabel The Second Spanish Period in the Two Floridas, by William S. Coker and Susan R. Parker Free and Slave, by Jane Landers Florida's Seminole and Miccosukee Peoples, by John K. Mahon and Brent R. Weisman U.S. Territory and State, by Daniel L. Schafer The Civil War, 1861-1865, by Canter Brown, Jr. Reconstruction and Renewal, 1865-1877, by Jerrell H. Shofner Prelude to the New Florida, 1877-1919, by Samuel Proctor Fortune and Misfortune: The Paradoxical Twenties, by William W. Rogers The Great Depression, by William W. Rogers World War II, by Gary R. Mormino Florida Politics in the Twentieth Century, by David R. Colburn The African American Experience in Twentieth-Century Florida, by Maxine D. Jones From Migration to Multiculturalism: A History of Florida Immigration, by Raymond A. Mohl and George E. Pozzetta The Big Change in the Sunshine State: A Social History of Modern Florida, by Raymond A. Mohl and Gary R. Mormino Michael Gannon, volume editor, is Distinguished Service Professor of History and director of the Institute for Early Contact Period Studies at the University of Florida. He is the author of Rebel Bishop (1964), The Cross in the Sand: The Early Catholic Church in Florida, 1513-1870 (UPF, 1965, 1983), Operation Drumbeat (1990), and the novel Secret Missions (1994); as well as the bestselling Florida: A Short History (UPF, 1993), which won a Certificate of Commendation from the American Association for State and Local History.

## Backroads of Florida

With antics becoming more bizarre by the year, Florida Man has become one of social media's most self-deprecating and notorious caricatures of the Sunshine State. Whether calling 911 to report an empty bottle of vodka, stealing a Capri Sun to rehydrate during a police chase, or assaulting his boss with frozen hamburger patties, his reputation seems well deserved. Florida Man's outlandish behavior and knack for unintelligible decision making have knocked down the boundaries of criminality and typical human decency. For the first time, 100 of the most outrageous Florida Man news stories are available in a single collection. Take a journey with us into the darkest realms of delinquency; laugh out loud with friends as you browse the bizarre antics of America's most notorious citizen, Florida Man. Includes all the classics "Florida Man Pocket-Dials 911 While Operating Meth Lab in Backyard Shed" "Florida Woman Shoots Self While Using Snapchat" "Wanted Florida Man Uses His Own Wanted Poster as Facebook Profile Picture" "Florida Man Sought in Theft of \$300 Jenna Jameson Sex Doll" "Florida Man Shoots Self, Realizes it Three Days Later" "Florida Man Arrested for Dialing 911 When He Wanted Vodka" "Florida Man Throws Alligator Into Wendy's Drive-

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Thru Window" "Crack-Smoking Florida Man Drinks Capri Sun to Rehydrate During Police Chase" And many more!

### Best. State. Ever

Christopher Knowlton, author of *Cattle Kingdom* and former *Fortune* writer, takes an in-depth look at the spectacular Florida land boom of the 1920s and shows how it led directly to the Great Depression. The 1920s in Florida was a time of incredible excess, immense wealth, and precipitous collapse. The decade there produced the largest human migration in American history, far exceeding the settlement of the West, as millions flocked to the grand hotels and the new cities that rose rapidly from the teeming wetlands. The boom spawned a new subdivision civilization—and the most egregious large-scale assault on the environment in the name of “ progress. ” Nowhere was the glitz and froth of the Roaring Twenties more excessive than in Florida. Here was Vegas before there was a Vegas: gambling was condoned and so was drinking, since prohibition was not enforced. Tycoons, crooks, and celebrities arrived en masse to promote or exploit this new and dazzling American frontier in the sunshine. Yet, the import and deep impact of these historical events have never been explored thoroughly until now. In *Bubble in the Sun* Christopher Knowlton examines the grand artistic and entrepreneurial visions behind Coral Gables, Boca Raton, Miami Beach, and other storied sites, as well as the darker side of the frenzy. For while giant fortunes were being made and lost and the nightlife raged more raucously than anywhere else, the pure beauty of the Everglades suffered wanton ruination and the workers, mostly black, who built and maintained the boom, endured grievous abuses. Knowlton breathes dynamic life into the forces that made and wrecked Florida during the decade: the real estate moguls Carl Fisher, George Merrick, and Addison Mizner, and the once-in-a-century hurricane whose aftermath triggered the stock market crash. This essential account is a revelatory—and riveting—history of an era that still affects our country today.

### Turtle in Paradise

A wickedly smart, funny, and irresistibly off-kilter account of an improbable thousand-mile journey on foot into the heart of modern Florida, the state that Russell calls "America Concentrate." In the summer of 2016, Kent Russell--broke, at loose ends, hungry for adventure--set off to walk across Florida. Mythic, superficial, soaked in contradictions, maligned by cultural elites, segregated from the South, and literally vanishing into the sea, Florida (or, as he calls it: "America Concentrate") seemed to Russell to embody America's divided soul. The journey, with two friends intent on filming the ensuing mayhem, quickly reduces the trio to filthy drifters pushing a shopping cart of camera equipment. They get waylaid by a concerned citizen bearing a rifle; buy cocaine from an ex-wrestler; visit a spiritual medium; attend a cuckold party. The narrative overflows with historical detail about how modern Florida came into being after World War II, and how it came to be a petri dish for life in a suddenly, increasingly diverse new land of minority-majority cities and of unrivaled ethnic and religious variety. Russell has taken it all in with his incomparably focused lens and delivered a book that is both an inspired travelogue and a profound rumination on the nation's soul--and his own. It is a book that is wildly vivid, encyclopedic, erudite, and ferociously irreverent--a deeply ambivalent love letter to his sprawling, brazenly varied home state.

### Hidden History of Florida

The definitive history of Florida from prehistory to the twenty-first century. Revised and updated with 15 revised chapters and three completely new ones.

## Blood, Sweat, and Tears

The Record Keeper is a visceral and thrilling near-future dystopia examining past and present race relations. After World War III, Earth is in ruins, and the final armies have come to a reluctant truce. Everyone must obey the law--in every way--or risk shattering the fragile peace and endangering the entire human race. Arika Cobane is on the threshold of taking her place of privilege as a member of the Kongo elite after ten grueling years of training. But everything changes when a new student arrives speaking dangerous words of treason: What does peace matter if innocent lives are lost to maintain it? As Arika is exposed to new beliefs, she realizes that the laws she has dedicated herself to uphold are the root of her people's misery. If Arika is to liberate her people, she must unearth her fierce heart and discover the true meaning of freedom: finding the courage to live--or die--without fear.

## The Great Book of Anchorages

This Weird take on the Sunshine State offers authentic history as well as wild rumors, myths and wacky legends ("South Florida Sun Sentinel").

## A History of Smuggling in Florida

A Florida historian uncovers strange but true tales of The Sunshine State from the 16th century arrival of Spanish ships to the antics of modern politics. From Key West to the Redneck Riviera, Florida has a history as colorful as its landscape and as diverse as its residents. But beneath the famous legends of Florida's storied past are intriguing tales that don't appear in the popular guides or history books. In Hidden History of Florida, author James Clark shines a light on some of the most fascinating untold stories of this unique Southern State. Here you will learn about then heartbroken senator who entered a mental institution over unrequited love for an heiress; the thousands of British pilots who trained in flight schools across the state; and the dark, true story of Pocahontas—and how it is linked with America's "first barbecue."

## Oh, Florida!

' Powerful and magnetic ' Guardian ' Mind blowing ' Roxane Gay ' Explosive ' Hanya Yanagihara ' Funny and disturbing ' Lauren Groff

## Bubble in the Sun

This book is written for those of us who love Florida Gators Football. Those of us who enjoy the teams coming out every week in the fall know that it was because twenty-five great UF coaches worked with hundreds of great players over 110 years. These coaches masterminded the all the victories while the UF players provided the excitement. We know how the coaches did it. It was through hard work--discipline, conditioning and a commitment to the honor of winning. From day one, The Gators have been a winning team. Look at the record. The Florida Gators from way back learned to win UF fans need this book on their bookshelves to tget the story from a coach's perspective on how they pulled it off. As we rapidly move through the UF football ages, we meet the great immortal University of

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Florida coaches from the first, "Pee Wee" Forsythe to the current coach, James McElwain. You've heard of them all over the years -- George E. Pyle, Bob Woodruff, Ray Graves, Doug Dickey, Charley Pell, Galen Hall, Gary Darnell, Steve Spurrier, Ron Zook, Charlie Strong, Urban Meyer, and Will Muschamp. Florida continues its journey of excellence each year with another great coach, not yet an immortal. Coach James McElwain. This fine coach seems to be on the right path for the future. In this book, I tell lots of great stories about lots of great teams and great Saturdays and special days in Florida Football. It takes the reader through stories about the Gators teams through the 25 coaches over the years. There are 110 seasons worth of great games (1169 games) played by the best football players in the nation for the University of Florida. The book stops frequently in time and tells great stories about a special coach and/or a special player to pique your interest. Gators fans will not be able to put this book down.

### Moon Florida

From Pensacola and the Panhandle, to Miami beaches and mingling with Mickey, Moon Florida reveals the best of the Sunshine State. Inside you'll find: Flexible, strategic itineraries, from the two-week best of Florida to a quick Gulf Coast getaway, designed for history buffs, outdoor adventurers, beach bums, and more Highlights and unique experiences: Relax on miles of white-sand beaches and watch the sunrise over the sparkling Atlantic, or indulge in hours of roller-coaster fun at Orlando's famous theme parks. Make your way through "Alligator Alley," or go canoeing through the lush Everglades. Snorkel in freshwater springs or take a surfing lesson from a pro wave-catcher. Live it up in Miami's stylish South Beach, wander the free-wheeling and colorful Key West, or go dancing in Little Havana Local insight from born-and-raised Floridian Jason Ferguson on when to go, where to stay, and how to get around Full-color photos and detailed maps throughout Focused coverage of Miami, South Florida, the Florida Keys, the South Gulf Coast, the Tampa Bay Area, Disney World and Orlando, Central Florida, the North Atlantic Coast, and Northern Florida and the Panhandle Practical information including background on Florida's landscape, climate, wildlife, and culture With Moon Florida's local insight and expert advice on the best things to do and see, you can plan your trip your way. Exploring more of the South? Check out Moon Georgia, Moon Coastal Carolinas, or Moon Tennessee.

### The New History of Florida

The classic apocalyptic novel that stunned the world.

### Finding Florida

FINALIST FOR THE 2018 NATIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNER OF THE 2019 STORY PRIZE ONE OF NPR'S BEST BOOKS OF 2018 The universally acclaimed return of the New York Times bestselling author of Fates and Furies. "Haunting and arresting." (New York Times Book Review) "Outstanding." (The Boston Globe) "Marvelous." (The Economist) "Gorgeously weird and limber." (The New Yorker) "Easily the year's best story collection." (Vogue) "Groff's gifts as a writer just keep soaring higher and higher. " (NPR 's Fresh Air) Florida is a "superlative" book (Boston Globe), "frequently funny" (San Francisco Chronicle), "brooding, inventive and often moving" (NPR Fresh Air) --as Groff is recognized as "Florida's unofficial poet laureate, as Joan Didion was for California." (Washington Post) In her thrilling new book, Lauren Groff brings the reader into a physical world that is at once domestic and wild—a place where the hazards of

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the natural world lie waiting to pounce, yet the greatest threats and mysteries are still of an emotional, psychological nature. A family retreat can be derailed by a prowling panther, or by a sexual secret. Among those navigating this place are a resourceful pair of abandoned sisters; a lonely boy, grown up; a restless, childless couple, a searching, homeless woman; and an unforgettable, recurring character—a steely and conflicted wife and mother. The stories in this collection span characters, towns, decades, even centuries, but Florida—its landscape, climate, history, and state of mind—becomes its gravitational center: an energy, a mood, as much as a place of residence. Groff transports the reader, then jolts us alert with a crackle of wit, a wave of sadness, a flash of cruelty, as she writes about loneliness, rage, family, and the passage of time. With shocking accuracy and effect, she pinpoints the moments and decisions and connections behind human pleasure and pain, hope and despair, love and fury—the moments that make us alive. Startling, precise, and affecting, Florida is a magnificent achievement.

### Florida

We tend to view prolonged economic downturns, such as the Great Depression of the 1930s and the Long Depression of the late nineteenth century, in terms of the crisis and pain they cause. But history teaches us that these great crises also represent opportunities to remake our economy and society and to generate whole new eras of economic growth and prosperity. In terms of innovation, invention, and energetic risk taking, these periods of "creative destruction" have been some of the most fertile in history, and the changes they put into motion can set the stage for full-scale recovery. In *The Great Reset*, bestselling author and economic development expert Richard Florida provides an engaging and sweeping examination of these previous economic epochs, or "resets." He distills the deep forces that have altered physical and social landscapes and eventually reshaped economies and societies. Looking toward the future, Florida identifies the patterns that will drive the next Great Reset and transform virtually every aspect of our lives — from how and where we live, to how we work, to how we invest in individuals and infrastructure, to how we shape our cities and regions. Florida shows how these forces, when combined, will spur a fresh era of growth and prosperity, define a new geography of progress, and create surprising opportunities for all of us. Among these forces will be \* new patterns of consumption, and new attitudes toward ownership that are less centered on houses and cars \* the transformation of millions of service jobs into middle class careers that engage workers as a source of innovation \* new forms of infrastructure that speed the movement of people, goods, and ideas \* a radically altered and much denser economic landscape organized around "megaregions" that will drive the development of new industries, new jobs, and a whole new way of life We've weathered tough times before. They are a necessary part of economic cycles, giving us a chance to clearly see what's working and what's not. Societies can be reborn in such crises, emerging fresh, strong, and refocused. Now is our opportunity to anticipate what that brighter future will look like and to take the steps that will get us there faster. With his trademark blend of wit, irreverence, and rigorous research and analysis, Florida presents an optimistic and counterintuitive vision of our future, calling into question long-held beliefs about the nature of economic progress and forcing us to reassess our very way of life. He argues convincingly that it's time to turn our efforts — as individuals, as governments, and as a society — to putting the necessary pieces in place for a vibrant, prosperous future. From the Hardcover edition.

### The Great Book of Florida

A New York Times Bestseller Oh, Florida! That name. That combination of sounds. Three simple syllables, and yet packing so many mixed messages. To some people, it ' s a paradise. To others, it ' s a punch line. As *Oh, Florida!* shows, it ' s both of these and, more important, it ' s a Petri dish, producing trends that end up influencing the rest of the country. Without Florida there would be no NASCAR, no Bettie Page pinups, no Glenn Beck radio rants, no USA Today, no

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“ Stand Your Ground, ” . . . you get the idea. To outsiders, Florida seems baffling. It ’ s a state where the voters went for Barack Obama twice, yet elected a Tea Party candidate as governor. Florida is touted as a carefree paradise, yet it ’ s also known for its perils—alligators, sinkholes, pythons, hurricanes, and sharks, to name a few. It attracts 90 million visitors a year, some drawn by its impressive natural beauty, others bewitched by its manmade fantasies. Oh, Florida! explores those contradictions and shows how they fit together to make this the most interesting state. It is the first book to explore the reasons why Florida is so wild and weird—and why that ’ s okay. Florida couldn ’ t be Florida without that sense of the unpredictable, unexpected, and unusual lurking behind every palm tree. But there is far more to Florida than its sideshow freakiness. Oh, Florida! explains how Florida secretly, subtly influences all the other states in the Union, both for good and for ill.

### The Record Keeper

In this fascinating book, New Yorker business columnist James Surowiecki explores a deceptively simple idea: Large groups of people are smarter than an elite few, no matter how brilliant—better at solving problems, fostering innovation, coming to wise decisions, even predicting the future. With boundless erudition and in delightfully clear prose, Surowiecki ranges across fields as diverse as popular culture, psychology, ant biology, behavioral economics, artificial intelligence, military history, and politics to show how this simple idea offers important lessons for how we live our lives, select our leaders, run our companies, and think about our world.

### Florida's Hurricane History

"Traces the long standing effort to build a canal across Florida. The book reveals much about competing visions of progress, economic growth, and environmental preservation in the fragile ecosystem of Florida, as well as the 'ins and outs, ' of politics, influence, and power in the Sunshine State. The history of the canal is not just a story of Florida's past, but a compelling lesson for its future."--

### Florida Made

"A riotous journey into the heart of insanity also known as the State of Florida. Bravo!"--Gary Shteyngart, author of Lake Success Florida, circa 1980. Reed Crowe, the eponymous Florida Man, is a middle-aged beach bum, beleaguered and disenfranchised, living on ill-gotten gains deep in the jungly heart of Florida. When sinkholes start opening on Emerald Island, not only are Reed Crowe's seedy businesses--a moribund motel and a shabby amusement park--endangered, but so are his secrets. Crowe, amateur spelunker, begins uncovering artifacts that change his understanding of the island's history, as well as his understanding of his family's birthright as pioneering homesteaders. Meanwhile, there are other Florida men with whom Crowe must contend. Hector "Catface" Morales, a Cuban refugee, trained assassin, and crack-addicted Marielito, is seeking revenge on Reed for stealing his stash of drugs and leaving him for dead (unbeknownst to Reed) in the wreckage of a plane crash in the Everglades decades ago. Loner and misanthrope Henry Yahchilane, a Seminole native, has something to hide on the island. So does irascible and pervy Wayne Wade, Reed Crowe's childhood friend turned bad penny. Then there are the Florida women, including Heidi Karavas, Reed Crowe's ex-wife, now a globe-trekking art curator, and Nina Arango, a Cuban refugee and fiercely protective woman with whom Reed Crowe falls in love. There

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are curses. There are sea monsters. There are biblical storms. There's something called the Jupiter Effect. Ultimately, Florida Man is a generation-spanning story about how a man decides to live his life, and how despite staying landlocked and stubbornly in one place, the world nevertheless comes to him.

### Florida Ethnobotany

A brilliantly illustrated guide to the secret splendors, quieter haunts, and wilder side of Florida, from spectacular shores and otherworldly swamplands to historic sites and cultural gems.

### In the Land of Good Living

The Great Book of Florida is an entertaining, instructive and interesting Trivia & Facts book about the amazing Florida. You'll learn more about Florida's history, pop culture, folklore, sports, and so much more!

### Florida Man

The “ compulsively irreverent and shockingly funny ” (Boston Globe) Tim Dorsey returns with an insanely entertaining tale in which the inimitable Serge A. Storms sees dead people and investigates a creepy urban myth that may be all too real. Though another devastating hurricane is raking Florida, its awesome power can ’ t stop the Sunshine State ’ s most loyal son, Serge A. Storms, from his latest scenic road trip: a cemetery tour. With his best bro Colman riding shotgun, Serge hits the highway in his ’ 69 gold Plymouth Satellite, putting pedal to the metal on a grand tour of the past. Beginning in Key West, the sunshine boys ’ odyssey includes a forgotten mass grave in Palm Beach county holding the remains of African Americans killed by the Great Hurricane of 1928, and the resting place of one world-famous television dolphin (RIP Flipper) from the 1960s. But one deadland—a haunted old sugar field—holds more than just the bones of those who ’ ve passed. For years, local children have whispered about a boogeyman hiding among the stalks. Could it be the same maniac known as Naked Florida man who ’ s been raising hell all over the place? There are few things Serge loves more than solving a good mystery and bestowing justice on miscreants who sully his beloved home ’ s good name. With his partner bong boy, Florida ’ s psycho superhero will find the truth in this hilariously violent delight—packed with history, lore, and plenty of motel antics—from the insanely ingenious Tim Dorsey.

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