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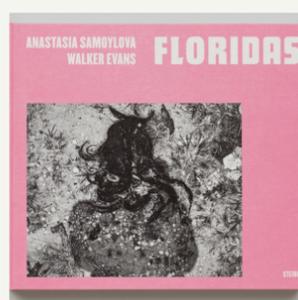
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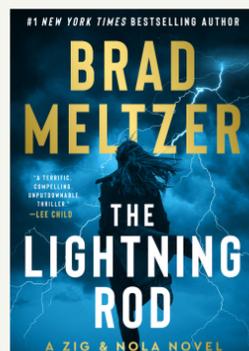
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**Anastasia Samoylova, Floridas** - A photo-dialogue on Florida past and present. Sunshine state. Swampland paradise. Tourist aspiration. Real-estate racket. Refuge of excess. Political swing-state. Sub-tropical fever dream. With forms of nature and culture found nowhere else, Florida is unique. Anastasia Samoylova (born 1984) has photographed Florida on intensive road trips. Walker Evans (1903–75) photographed it over four decades. Twisting the visual clichés, these two remarkably discerning observers convey Florida's dizzying combination of fantasy and reality. In *Floridas*, photographs by Samoylova and Evans are presented in parallel, weaving past and present, switching between black-and-white and color imagery, all complemented by an essay from editor David Company and a visionary short story by celebrated novelist and Florida resident Lauren Groff.



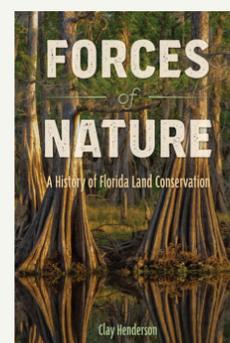
**Brad Meltzer, The Lightning Rod: A Zig & Nola Novel** - The highly anticipated follow-up to Brad Meltzer's #1 New York Times bestselling thriller. The Escape Artist featuring Nola and Zig. Archie Mint has led a charmed life—he's got a beautiful wife, two impressive kids, and a successful military career. When he's killed while trying to stop a robbery in his own home, his family is shattered—and then shocked when the other shoe drops. Mint's charmed life, so perfect on the surface, held criminal secrets none of them could have imagined.



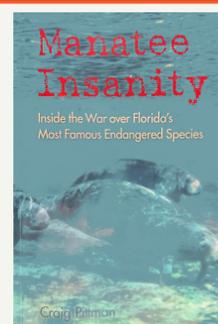
**Chantel Acevdo, The Curse on Spectacle Key** - A sweetly spooky ghost story about a Cuban American boy who befriends a pair of spirits and tries to break the curse on his island home . . . only to discover a seemingly lost piece of his family's history in the process.



**Clay Henderson, Forces of Nature: A History of Florida Land Conservation** Despite Florida's important place at the beginning of the American conservation movement and its notable successes in the fight against environmental damage, the full story of land conservation in the state has not yet been told. In this comprehensive history, Clay Henderson celebrates the individuals and organizations who made the Sunshine State a leader in state-funded conservation and land preservation. Drawing on historical sources, interviews, and his own long career in environmental law, Henderson recounts the many small victories over time that helped Florida create several units of the national park system, nearly thirty national wildlife refuges, and one of the best state park systems in the country.



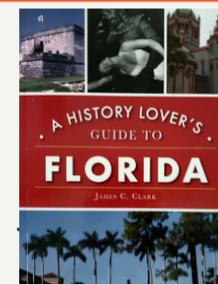
**Craig Pittman, Manatee Insanity: Inside the War Over Florida's Most Famous Endangered Species.** It is Florida's most famous endangered species, as well as its most controversial. Manatees appear on hundreds of license plates, attract hordes of tourists, and expose the uneasy relationships between science and the law and between freedom and responsibility like no other animal. *Manatee Insanity* provides the first in-depth history of the attempts to provide legal protection for the manatee. Pittman follows Florida's gentle giants through time and space, detailing interactions with a variety of human actors, from Jacques-Yves Cousteau to Jeb Bush to Jimmy Buffett, from a popular children's book author to a federal lawyer who dressed in a gorilla suit for the ultimate undercover assignment.



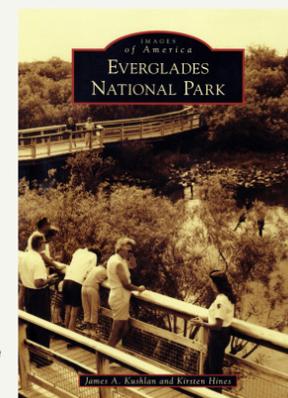
**Deb Rogers, Florida Woman: A Novel** - Jamie is a Florida Woman. She grew up on the beach, thrives in humidity, has weathered more hurricanes than she can count, and now, after going viral for an outrageous crime she never meant to commit in the first place, she has the requisite headline to her name. But when the chance comes for her to escape viral infamy and imminent jail time by taking a community service placement at Atlas, a shelter for rescued monkeys, it seems like just the fresh start Jamie needs to finally get her life back on track — until it's not. Something sinister stirs in the palmetto woods and secrets lurk among the three beguiling women who run the shelter and affectionately take Jamie under their wing for the summer. As Jamie ventures deeper into the offbeat world and rituals of Atlas, her summer is soon set to inspire an even stranger Florida headline than she ever could've imagined.



**James Clark, A History Lover's Guide to Florida** - Florida is a state of transplants. Even people who relocated here decades ago still claim their birthplace as their home. They might change their mind if they knew that the Sunshine State owns one of the richest histories in the nation, from Pensacola to the Florida Keys. Decades before the Pilgrims, the Spanish celebrated Thanksgiving in Florida. Centuries before the first St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York, the holiday was celebrated in St. Augustine, where urban renewal was underway when Jamestown settlers arrived.



**James A. Kushlan, Kirsten Hines Everglades National Park (Images of America)** Vast, mysterious, and inaccessible for centuries, the Everglades is famous worldwide. Much of this unique landscape is protected within Everglades National Park, as are exotically named places such as Flamingo, Ten Thousand Islands, Florida Bay, Anhinga Trail, Shark Valley, and Pahayokee. Visitors come to experience the Everglades and its alligators, crocodiles, Florida panthers, anhingas, roseate spoonbills, and egrets. The Everglades was home to archaic people for thousands of years and also holds the stories of the indigenous Tequesta, Spanish and British colonialists, Mikasuki-speaking Native Americans (and the soldiers who sought to expel them), pioneer settlers, activists who created the park, residents of south Florida, and generations of visitors who have experienced the tropical wilderness of Everglades National Park.



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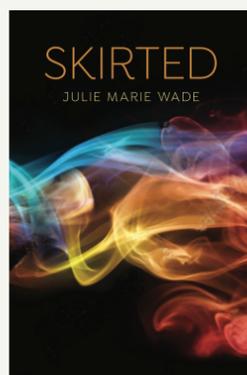
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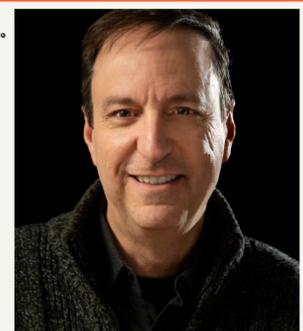
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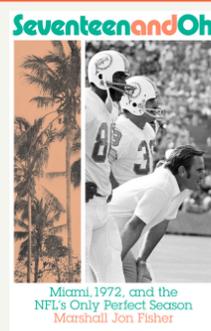
**Julie Marie Wade, Skirted** (Poetry) The reader is immediately aware of being carried and held in strong, capable hands --able to encompass the necessary roughness of this ride --elated along the way by sparkling, multi-sourced diction and wide ranges of reference, by love poems, sex poems, poems of struggle against intractable gender expectation, and poems of hard sorrow at final breaks, at being cast out, really, once and for all, 'You are not sure if you are missed.' On another softer shore: reeled in."  
-- Stephanie Strickland



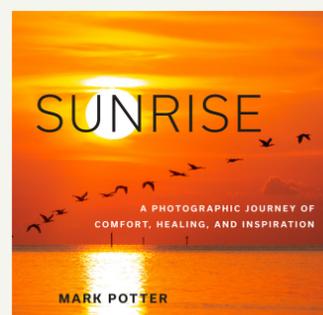
**Kathie Klarreich, Don't Shake the Spoon** is a literary journal published by Exchange for Change. Its title refers to the request incarcerated people often make to the kitchen - don't shake the spoon, so that those few extra crumbs can make it to the plate.



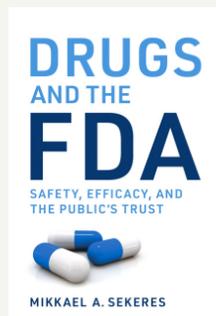
**Marshall Jon Fisher, Seventeen and Oh: Miami, 1972, and the NFL's Only Perfect Season** - Publishing on the 50th anniversary of that magic season, the definitive chronicle of the 1972 Miami Dolphins, the only undefeated team in NFL history—from the award-winning author of A Terrible Splendor



**Mark Potter, Sunrise: A Photographic Journey of Comfort, Healing, and Inspiration** - Bright and colorful sunrise photographs began from tragedy and grief, and were taken in memory of his wife who died from cancer. But as miracles sometimes have it, the images turned out to be the exact opposite of the way they began. They are upbeat and exciting, but also comforting and calming while capturing the natural world of Florida as it awakens to each new day with not only sunrises, but also seascapes, wildlife, marine life, flora, and fauna.



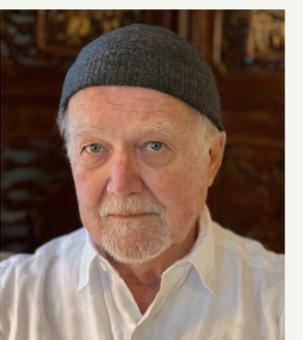
**Mikkael Sekeres, Drugs and the FDA: Safety, Efficacy, and the Public's Trust** How the FDA was shaped by a public health crises and patient advocacy, told against a background of the contentious hearings on the breast cancer drug Avastin. Food and Drug Administration approval for COVID-19 vaccines and the controversial Alzheimer's drug Aduhelm made headlines, but few of us know much about how the agency does its work. In *Drugs and the FDA*, Mikkael Sekeres of the University of Miami—a leading oncologist and former chair of the FDA's cancer drug advisory committee—tells the story of how the FDA became the most trusted regulatory agency in the world.



**Nicole Tallman, Something Kindred** - Something Kindred is a testament to the living, not the dying. To the lifting, the carrying, the unpacking, and the storing. This collection's pages are heavy, as is their burden. The kind of memories and experiences Nicole Tallman's grappling with here have mass and density. Real weight. But there is also hope and glory and deep breaths in these pages that give us the gift of clarity Tallman has earned." - JACK B. BEDELL, Poet Laureate, State of Louisiana, 2017-2019. Nicole Tallman pens an evocative and stirring account of grieving that echoes with ache in our hearts, but also soothes us with the understanding that love is immortal despite our losses." - RICHARD BLANCO, 2013 Presidential Inaugural Poet.



**Rochelle Weinstein, When We Let Go** - A moving novel of family and forgiveness and of hope and healing. When Avery Beckett is proposed to by Jude Masters, a widowed father and the man she loves, it should be a time of great joy. Instead, Avery is on edge. She's wary of the idea of family, doubtful of happy endings, and too afraid to take the leap. It's the kind of fear that comes from having secrets. Before Avery commits to a new life, she must reconcile with the one she left behind. An emotional tale of mothers and daughters, loss and acceptance, *When We Let Go* is about the lessons that come from heartbreak and the healing it takes to embrace the joy of a second chance.



**Russell Banks, The Magic Kingdom** - In 1971, a property speculator named Harley Mann begins recording his life story onto a reel-to-reel machine. Reflecting on his childhood, Harley recounts that after his father's sudden death, his family migrated down to Florida's swamplands—mere miles away from what would become Disney World—to join a community of Shakers. Led by Elder John, a generous man with a mysterious past, the colony devoted itself to labor, faith, and charity, rejecting all temptations that lay beyond the property. Though this way of life initially saved Harley and his family from complete ruin, when Harley began falling in love with Sadie Pratt, a consumptive patient living on the grounds, his loyalty to the Shakers and their conservative worldview grew strained and, ultimately, broke. As Harley dictates his story across more than half a century—meditating on youth, Florida's ever-changing landscape, and the search for an American utopia—the truth about Sadie, Elder John, and the Shakers comes to light, clarifying the past and present alike.



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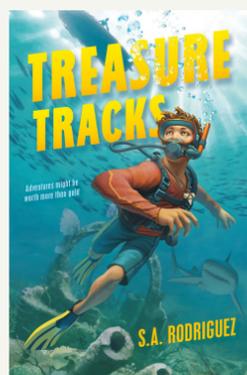
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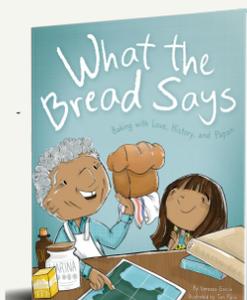
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**S. A. Rodriguez, *Treasure Tracks*** - A middle-grade debut adventure about a young teen who goes on a treasure hunt for undersea riches to help his ailing abuelo. Twelve-year-old Fernando "Fin" joins his grandfather on a secret quest to find a long-lost treasure swept to sea. But when their first mission takes a near-fatal turn, leaving his abuelo weak and unable to speak, Fin's left to navigate the hunt alone. *Treasure Tracks* is a fast-paced story filled with heart and humor about the bonds of family, the meaning of a legacy, and most of all, the discovery of true treasure.



**Vanessa Garcia, *What the Bread Says: Baking with Love, History, and Papan*** - Put on your apron and get ready to bake some delicious bread while you travel from Spain to France to Cuba and back again -- all before the kitchen timer dings. Let Papan be your guide!



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