There are many guide books that are written about Florida and also about getting around Florida by road or by rail. Some cover the whole State and others concentrate on specific regions such as Orlando, South Florida including Miami and the Keys or about the theme parks such as the Walt Disney World Resort, Universal Orlando® Resort or SeaWorld. On this page you will find. Florida a few times (and lucky enough to be going back in two months) I thought it was time to find out more about the social, economic and political history of Florida. Can anyone recommend a book(s) that cover this well?

Some find the beginning of River of Grass a bit off-putting, but the bulk of the book is a historical review. Here are some other books you may want to consider:

- History of Florida -- Charlton W. W. Tebeau.
- The New History of Florida -- Michael Gannon (Editor).
- Last Train to Paradise -- Les Standiford.
- The history of Florida can be traced to when the first Native Americans began to inhabit the peninsula as early as 14,000 years ago. They left behind artifacts and archeological evidence. Florida's written history begins with the arrival of Europeans; the Spanish explorer Juan Ponce de LeÂ’n in 1513 made the first textual records. The state received its name from that conquistador, who called the peninsula La Pascua Florida in recognition of the verdant landscape and because it was the Easter season.

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