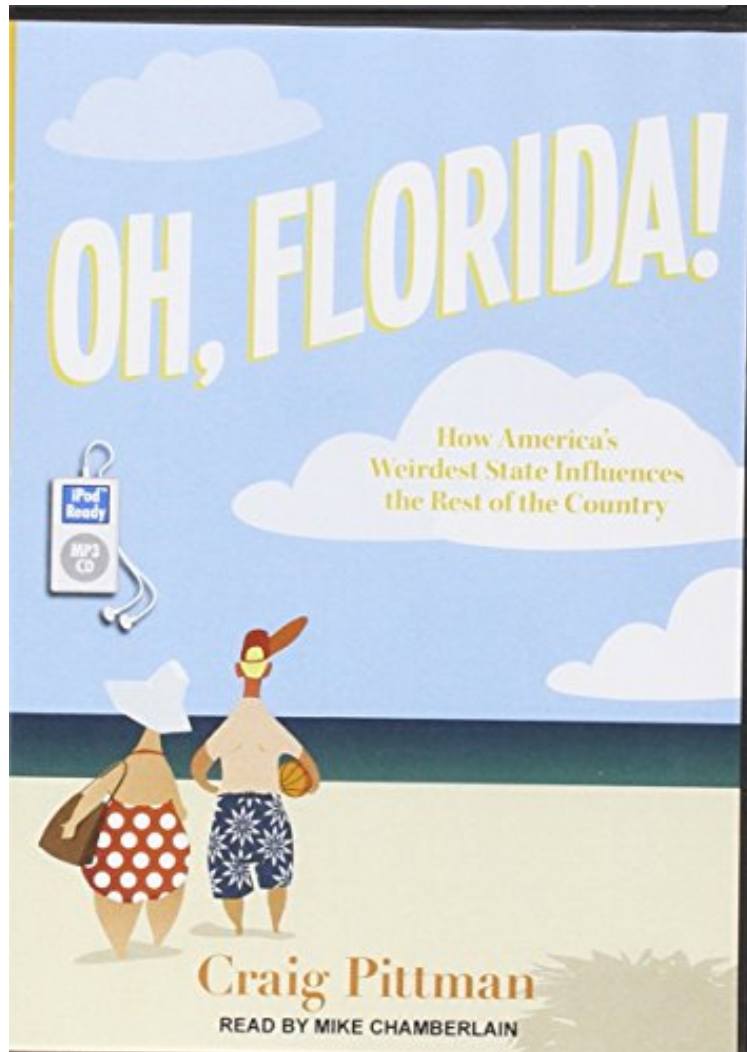


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Florida Like You'e Probably Never Experienced ItBy SeanI've lived in Florida for almost 40 years and I've always known we were weird and yet wonderful at the same time. Reading Oh Florida reminded me of how much I love my home state. Craig is an excellent writer and storyteller and I found that I couldn't put the book down. If you live in Florida, are thinking of moving to Florida, or simply plan to visit us

sometime soon, I highly recommend you read this book. It's part history, part tabloid, part travelogue, part memoir, part sociological study, and part comedy. You'll laugh out loud, you'll be shocked, you'll do several Google searches to check facts (they're all true by the way!) and ultimately, if you've never been here, you'll want to hop on the next plane to MCO and spend some time in our great state. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Must Read for Floridians

By Customer Florida is indeed a weird state, filled with idiosyncratic places and personalities. Oh, Florida presents the often confounding, perplexing, and sometimes shocking details of the adventure and misadventures of Florida Man and Florida Woman in a vivid and entertaining manner. Pittman helped me understand that the explosive population growth constitutes the basis for many of our problems. As a Maryland resident for much of my adult life, I now can see the differences between Maryland's "Smart Growth" approach and Florida's "Leave No Developer Behind" mantra. The Sunshine State has had "dumb growth" for decades and its consequences are beginning to become obvious to even the most insensate conservatives. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Should be required reading to live here.

By James M. Lanahan I am a second generation Floridian with degrees from two of our state universities. I finished the book while on vacation in Islamorada. I still travel the state and am continually amazed at how diverse we are in background and experiences. Pittman touches on a wide variety of Florida fun and not so fun facts. A great historical reference book chock full of tidbits about Florida. I lived next door to one of the featured characters (he taught me how to sail) and roomed with the grandson of another character in the book while in college. The book is a must read for natives and wannabe natives to appreciate our special state.

Oh, Florida! 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 "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.

"This entertaining book will amuse and astonish Floridians and anybody interested in the absurdity of the Sunshine State or human nature in general." ---Library Journal

About the Author Craig Pittman is the New York Times bestselling author of Oh, Florida! and three other books as well as an award-winning journalist. In 2013, he wrote a popular blog for Slate called "Oh, Florida!" which became the genesis for this book, and led to media appearances discussing why Florida is so odd and entertaining. Mike Chamberlain is an actor and voice-over performer, as well as an AudioFile Earphones Award-winning audiobook narrator. Along with animation and video game characters, Mike performs narration and voices promos for television. He lives with his wife and daughter in Southern California.