

FGA GAW Booklist
November 2024
K-12 Reading Resources

[ELA B.E.S.T. STANDARDS: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS](#)

Theme: Florida

1) [Tamra B. Orr](#)

Scholastic Inc., Jul 19, 2022 - [Juvenile Nonfiction](#) - 48 pages

Florida is a popular vacation destination with plenty of beaches and other attractions.

A True Book: My United States series allows readers to experience what makes each of the fifty state distinctive and exceptional. Readers will get to know each states' history, geography, wildlife and future outlook. This series includes an age appropriate (grades 3-5) introduction to curriculum-relevant subjects and a robust resource section that encourages independent study.

[Florida \(A True Book: My United States\) - Tamra B. Orr - Google Books](#)

2) [Glennette Tilley Turner](#)

Abrams, Jul 19, 2022 - [Juvenile Nonfiction](#) - 48 pages

Glennette Tilley Turner presents the story of *Fort Mose* in the only picture book for children about the first free Black community in America.

In 1724, Francisco Menendez escaped from a plantation in the colony of South Carolina and, with a small group of men, headed south to Florida, at the time a Spanish colony, to the town of St. Augustine. There he was granted his freedom. He soon became a member of the Black militia and helped defend the area from English invaders. In 1738, Menendez helped found the first legally sanctioned free Black community in America. It was called Fort Mose, and it lay just north of St. Augustine.

There were 38 households of men, women, and children living together at Fort Mose, creating a frontier community that drew on a range of African backgrounds and blended them with the local Spanish, Native American, and English peoples and cultures.

[Fort Mose: And the Story of the Man Who Built the First Free Black ... - Glennette Tilley Turner - Google Books](#)