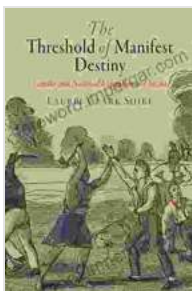


Gender and National Expansion in Florida: Uncover the Hidden Stories of Women and Colonialism

Unveiling the Untold Narratives

Florida's history is often overshadowed by its colonial past, with a focus on military battles and political power struggles. Yet, behind these dominant narratives lie the untold stories of women, whose lives and experiences were intricately woven into the fabric of Florida's colonial society.

In *Gender and National Expansion in Florida*, historian Sarah Emily Duff uncovers these hidden histories, shedding light on the remarkable contributions of women to the shaping of Florida's colonial landscape. Through meticulous research and vivid storytelling, Duff explores how women navigated the challenges and opportunities presented by Florida's tumultuous colonial era.



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by Laurel Clark Shire

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Women's Diverse Roles in Colonial Florida

Contrary to traditional assumptions, women in colonial Florida were far from passive observers. They played active roles as settlers, planters, soldiers, traders, and healers. Duff's research reveals the economic, social, and political agency of women, highlighting their capacity to shape their own destinies.

The book delves into the lives of extraordinary women like Eliza Kingsley, a free woman of color who became a plantation owner and a leading figure in the Second Seminole War. Another compelling narrative is that of Ann Maxcy, a white woman who led her husband's plantation after his death, becoming a successful businesswoman and community leader.



The Impact of the Seminole Wars

Florida's colonial expansion was marked by violent conflicts with the Seminole people, who fiercely resisted the encroachment of settlers and the imposition of American sovereignty. Duff examines how the Seminole Wars had a profound impact on women's experiences in Florida.

Women were often caught in the crossfire between the U.S. military and the Seminoles, enduring violence, displacement, and loss. Yet, they also displayed resilience and resourcefulness, finding ways to survive and even

thrive in the midst of war. Duff's account provides a nuanced understanding of the Seminole Wars from a gendered perspective.



Pensacola: A Microcosm of Gender and Expansion

The book focuses on Pensacola, Florida, as a microcosm of gender and national expansion. Pensacola's strategic location on the Gulf Coast made it a hub of colonial activity and a melting pot of cultures. Duff explores how women shaped and were shaped by the city's complex social and economic dynamics.

Pensacola's garrison town atmosphere led to a unique gender balance, with a large number of women relative to men. This gender imbalance created opportunities for women to engage in a wide range of occupations, from tavern keepers to shopkeepers, and to exercise economic independence.



A Revisionist View of Florida's Colonial History

Gender and National Expansion in Florida challenges traditional interpretations of Florida's colonial history by centering the experiences of women. Duff's research reveals the diversity and dynamism of women's roles, shedding light on their essential contributions to the settlement, expansion, and defense of Florida.

This groundbreaking work offers a much-needed revisionist account of Florida's past, highlighting the agency and influence of women in shaping the course of history. It is a must-read for scholars of early American history, gender studies, and the history of Florida.

Praise for *Gender and National Expansion in Florida*



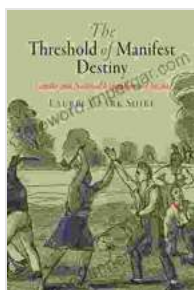
“Sarah Emily Duff's meticulous research and evocative storytelling bring to life the forgotten histories of women in Florida's colonial past. This transformative work will resonate with anyone interested in the intersection of gender, race, and empire.” - Karen Kupperman, William H. Willis Professor of History, New York University



“A groundbreaking study that redefines our understanding of Florida's colonial era. Duff's focus on women's experiences offers a fresh and compelling perspective, illuminating the complexity and diversity of their lives.” - Kirsten Fischer, Associate Professor of History, University of North Florida

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