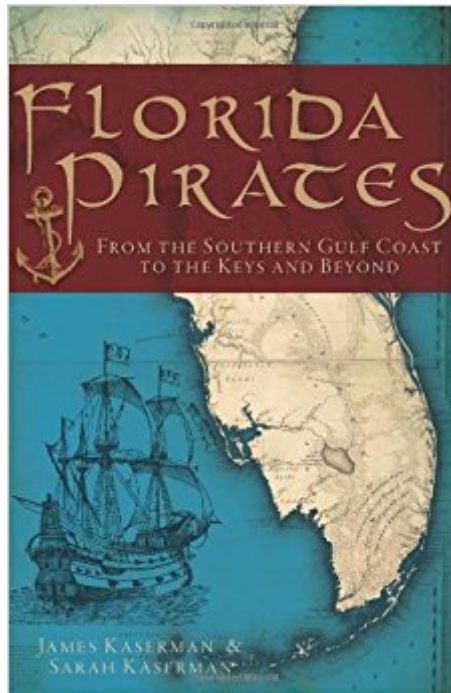




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# Florida Pirates: From The Southern Gulf Coast To The Keys And Beyond



## Synopsis

The coast of southwest Florida, with its shallow waters, inlets, and mangrove islands provides the setting and backdrop for a variety of pirates, privateers, and independents. The history of this region and Florida as a whole is influenced largely by the illegal activities of piracy. Piracy has a long and rich tradition in this area dating from before the formation of America through the infamous prohibition era. Educators, authors, and pirate enthusiasts James and Sarah Kaserman recount the stories, legends and myths that surround piracy in Florida. Telling the tales of Anne Bonny, Calico Jack Rackham, Civil War smugglers and prohibition rum runners, the authors provide a compelling narrative of the historically dangerous waters around Southwest Florida and beyond.

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James F. Kaserman first learned of pirates in 1956 and became interested in the truth about pirates when doing research studies of government and business organizations. He concluded that pirate organizations had many similarities to the businesses of today and even served as models for our modern-day democracy. Jim believes that, like all illegal enterprises that have survived thousands of years, piracy is an ongoing institution and will exist so long as there is potential for greater economic reward to those who participate. Following graduation from Washington High School in Massillon, Ohio, he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Kent State University and a master's degree in educational administration from the University of Dayton. He was honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant from the United States Army. Jim was a teacher, coach and administrator for thirty-six years and spent ten successful years as an elected official. Jim is a

former professional race car driver and still drives stock cars with the Daytona Antique Auto Racing Association.

Amazing and thorough history of pirates in the Florida and Caribbean area. Great read and very comprehensive in terms of a time line from the slavery trade to modern drug running from Cuba. A great, easy, brief read. I, and my book club loved it!!!

Great material, mediocre presentation. Worth the read if you love the history of SW Florida.

A little abbreviated in some of the pirate accounts. Mapping or relating locations to present day may be helpful to the reader.

From the 2nd page telling about Julius Ceasar , to George Washington's & Benjamin Franklins' dallying with privateering, to the stories of great sunken wealth, to the part pirates played in the Civil War & the history of FL., to the Pirates of Truth & Fiction, the Kasermans researched the material from A to Z. By doing so, this small book is a treasure chest in itself of INTERESTING tales & information. I highly recommend it!! Fast & fun reading...& learn a bit while you're doing it!!

I enjoyed the straightforward approach to the writing, and I learned an extraordinary amount of information from this novel. As someone who enjoys learning about pirates and Florida history, this novel was a joyous read. I grew up in Southwest Florida, and graduated from Cypress Lake High School. Ever since I have moved from the area, I'm still a proud native of Southwest Florida, and at any moment I can, I try to endorse my positive opinion of the area. With the knowledge I've obtained from your novel, I can also debate with the naysayers of Southwest Florida, who only know of what they see of the modern resorts and shopping centers, and enlighten them with how Southwest Florida came to be. I've recommended the novel to different people; some from Southwest Florida who just want to learn more about their area, and some who just find the subject of pirates fascinating.

Florida Pirates is a really great book about Pirates, legend, and lore in this part of the coastal U.S. My ungraduate degree was in History and English Lit, and this book is a breath of fresh air in comparison to some other history books that I have read over the years. The book is brief for a history book at just over 130 pages, but it leaves you wanting to learn more about some of the

people in the book. To me that is why this book is so good. It made want to go and find other books on the subject matter to learn even more.

Anyone who is interested in learning anything about pirates should own this amazing book. It not only gives you accurate information about some of the most famous pirates in history but also of Florida and the Florida Keys. It is well written and enjoyable to read. The authors have done a great job.

If you want to learn the history of pirates in SW Fl this book will do the trick! The Glossary is a great help for those who are not as familiar with the lingo of pirates and the sea. Loved some of the pictures and learned alot about my "homeland" for the last 26 years.

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