



From Yellow Dog Democrats to Red State Republicans: Florida and Its Politics Since 1940 (Hardback)

By David R. Colburn

University Press of Florida, United States, 2007. Hardback. Condition: New. First. Language: English . Brand New Book. Likely to raise hackles among Democrats and Republicans alike, this dynamic history of modern Florida argues that the Sunshine State has become the political and demographic future of the nation. In the twenty-first century, David Colburn says, Florida is a dynamic, highly partisan, largely conservative state at the cultural, social, and economic intersection of the Western Hemisphere. But the transition hasn't been entirely felicitous. Allegations abound that the state is a banana republic favoring the wealthy, a piece of paradise that embraces immigrants, natives, seniors, rednecks, evangelicals, and yes, flim-flam artists and mobile home salesmen. All of whom came to the state looking for ways to improve their lot in life. Colburn depicts the state's colorful governors at the center of every postwar development from Cracker to Sun Belt politics, from segregation to integration, from boosterism and modernization to economic and environmental crises. As the story of one of the most influential states in the nation, the book redefines Florida politics.

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