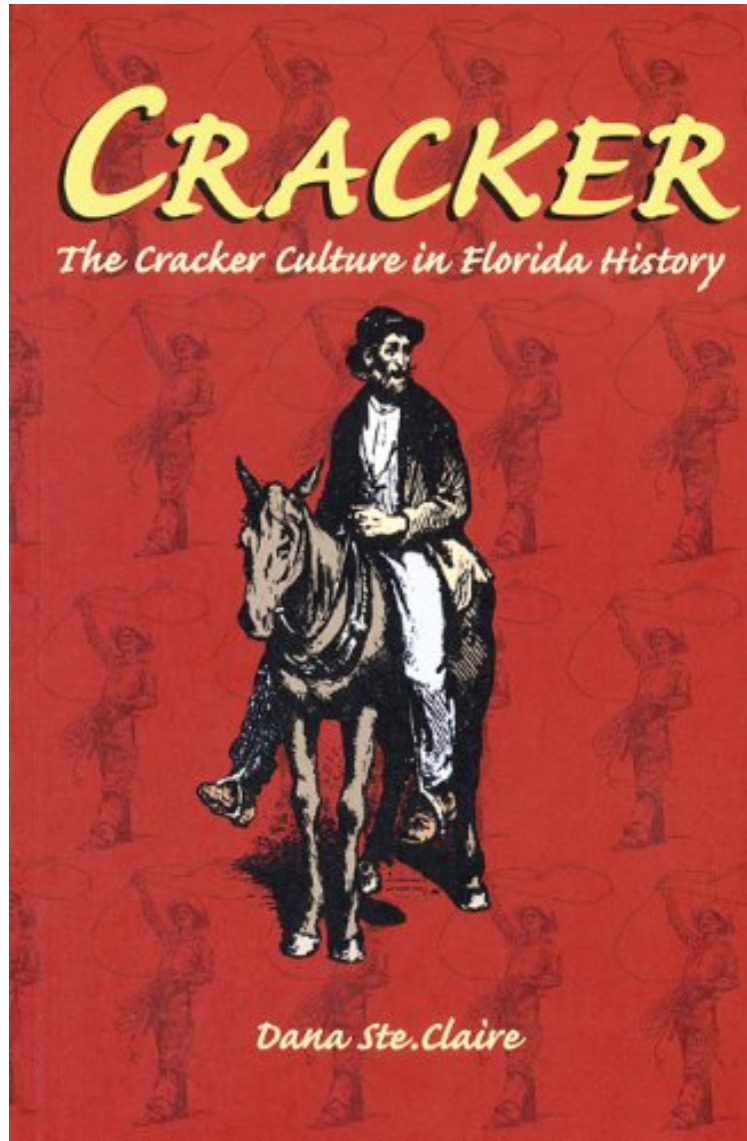


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Florida Cracker CultureBy John R. Sproat Jr.Ste. Claire is personally involved in Cracker history and he has presented a great, documented description of Cracker Culture--both past and present. Unfortunately the vast majority of current transplants to Florida know nothing of, or have any interest in, the history of the rugged folks who came into Florida, survived the weather, the wild predator animals, and the occasional

Indian uprisings. They lived off the land and were independent stock. Ste. Claire includes a map and detailed description of the various Cracker historical sites remaining around our state, and I hope to visit as many as possible in the coming months. 8 of 8 people found the following review helpful. Good educational source
By Gayle Schmidt
I give tours for the public at Conservation 20/20 preserves in Lee County, Florida. I talk about habitat, the plants and animals that live there, and I've recently added information about how the pioneers lived off the land - how they utilized the plants for food and medicine. I've learned from this book that the dead fronds that dropped off palm trees were used as "flashlights". The Crackers (pioneers) would touch a flame to them, walk a ways, then light another frond to carry further. How cool is that!! This book also gives an excellent sense about what these folks were like. The author is an academic who has written a very engaging and informative read.
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Excellent Cracker Source
By JackyBabyT
This book is one of the best books on Crackers there is. Arguably this is less of a book and more of a extended literature review. This book provides a basic overview of most pieces of Cracker culture and history in Florida and through the South to a lesser extent. By drawing on various scholars work and including suggested reading this is a great place to start for anyone interested in Crackers.

What exactly is a Cracker? An entertaining, informative look at a slice of old Florida culture.

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