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By Frank Marotti

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English . Brand New Book. Heaven's Soldiers chronicles the

history of a community of free people of African descent who lived and thrived, while resisting the constraints of legal

bondage, in East Florida in the four decades leading up to the Civil War. Historians have long attributed the relatively flexible

system of race relations in pre Civil War East Florida to the

area's Spanish heritage. While acknowledging the importance

of that heritage, this book gives more than the usual emphasis

to the role of African American agency in exploiting the limited

opportunities that such a heritage permitted. Spanish rule

presented institutions and customs that talented, ambitious,

and fortunate individuals might, and did, exploit. Although

racial prejudice was never absent, persons of color aspired to

lives of dignity, security, and prosperity. Frank Marotti's

subjects are the free people of African descent in the broad

sense of the term free, that is, not just those who were legally

free, but all those who resisted the constraints of legal bondage

and otherwise asserted varying degrees of control over

themselves and their circumstances. Collectively, this

population...



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