

## Book Review:

The Forgotten History of America:  
Little Known Conflicts of Lasting  
Importance From the Earliest Colonists  
to the Eve of the Revolution

— By Cormac O'Brien  
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The Forgotten History of America  
is a great supplement to  
the U.S. public school curriculum,  
which I found informative,  
wonderfully illustrated, and  
exciting to read.

There are exciting accounts of  
the first European colonists  
from Spain who landed in  
Florida, where they ran across  
hostile Native tribes, and  
their hated religious heretic  
rivals — the Protestant French  
Huguenots — who they  
narrowly defeated and then,  
upon their conditional surrender  
after a promised amnesty,

summarily executed in a treacherous massacre!

I learned that Estaban the Black, a Spanish Moor and slave, was the first African to set foot in North America (Turtle Island). He made the hard fought journey through the hostile Native tribal territories from Florida across the Gulf Coast woodlands to Mexico.

Also, I was excited to read about Ann Hutchinson, who went against the Puritan religious leaders, and the patriarchy that governed the Plymouth Colony. She dared to organize her own private Bible studies at home, and claimed to communicate with God (similarly to Joan of Arc). She was put on trial and banished from the Plymouth Colony — whereafter she moved with her family/supporters to

join other religious minorities/political  
dissidents in Rhode Island.

i recommend this book to U.S.  
history students, and college/  
university professors on the  
earliest white settlers and first  
American Colonists! #FreeTheLand.  
#FreeTheIsland. #NoPrisonNoPipelines.  
#FreehandsFreePeoples #Decolonize  
#LoveandDefendMotherEarth.

