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Jackson Walker, oil on canvas, 2007.

SEPTEMBER 26

T. D. ALLMAN

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“Finding Florida: The True History
of the Sunshine State”

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Rarely, if ever, has a book
on Florida history generated
as much discussion and
controversy as T. D.
Allman's *F* *Fl* .

GENE SMITH

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“The Slave’s Gamble: Choosing Sides
in the War of 1812”

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Though largely forgotten,
the War of 1812 had
profound consequences for
the United States. The
conflict confirmed U.S.
independence and secured its

borders, all the while ushering in a significant,
if brief, period of national unity. The war also
dislodged Native Americans, triggering
American expansion to the Mississippi River.
Historian Gene Smith studies the war and its
aftermath from the perspective of enslaved
Africans, concluding that the conflict resulted
in “the greatest nineteenth-century diaspora
of blacks from the United States” ever. A
native of Alabama, Smith earned his Ph.D. in
history from Auburn University in 1991. He
is an expert on early national America and
naval history and the author of seven books
and many articles. Recently he was appointed
Class of 1957 Distinguished Lecturer in Naval
Heritage at the United States Naval Academy
during 2013–14. Smith lives in Fort Worth,

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“Marjorie Rawlings and the



