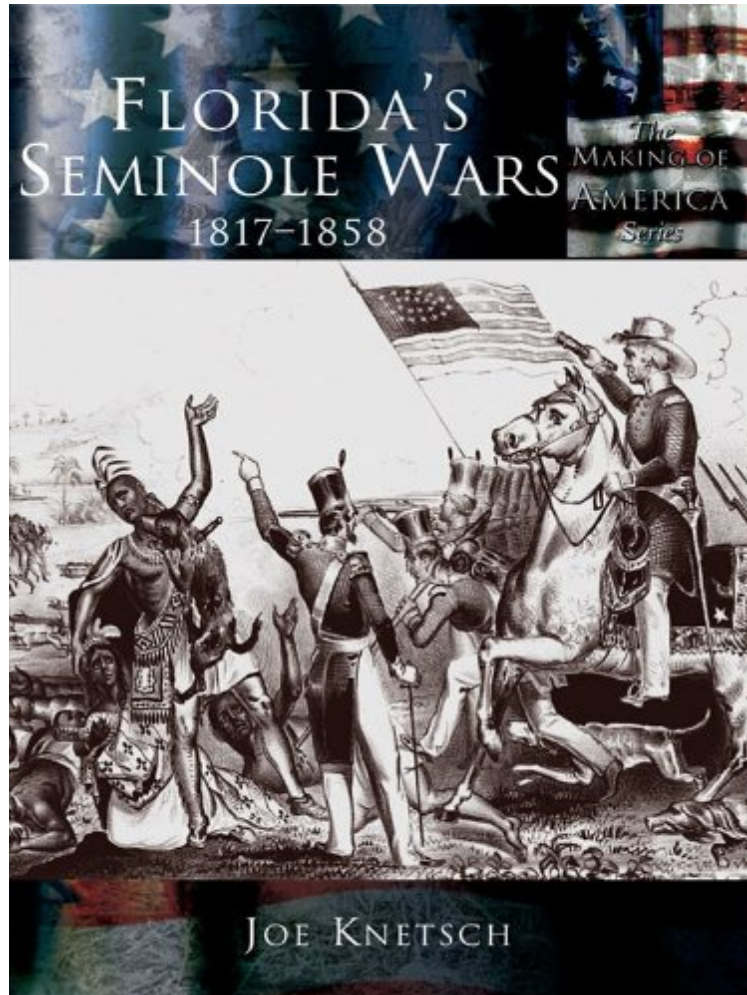


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About the Author Author and historian Joe Knetsch is a member of the American Historical Association, the Florida Historical Society, the Society of Florida Archivists, and many other organizations. Culled from the National Archives and the Florida Archives, images include contemporary maps, sketches, paintings, and battle plans. In this new history, Dr. Knetsch pairs historic images with a comprehensive narrative to provide readers with an evocative tale of this dark and tumultuous period in Florida's past.