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Written by the two foremost authorities on the Florida Apalachee, this full-color volume offers general readers a compelling combination of archaeology and history.

John H. Hann is a research historian at the San Luis Archaeological and Historic Site and a leading scholar on the missions of Spanish Florida. He is the author of *Apalachee: The Land Between the Rivers* (UPF, 1988), *Missions to the Calusa* (UPF, 1991), and *History of the Timucua Indians and Missions* (UPF, 1996). Bonnie G. McEwan, director of archaeology at the San Luis site in Tallahassee, has conducted research in the Southeast, California, Spain, and the Caribbean. She is the editor of *The Spanish Missions of La Florida* (UPF, 1993).

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