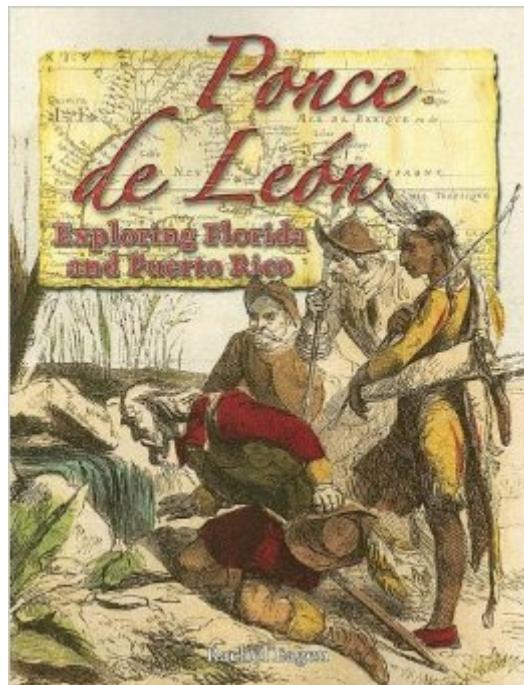


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# Ponce De Leon: Exploring Florida And Puerto Rico (In The Footsteps Of Explorers)



## **Synopsis**

This book is suitable for ages 8-14. Famous for his search for the legendary Fountain of Youth, Spanish conquistador Ponce de Leon is credited with the discovery of Florida in 1513, as well as making Puerto Rico and the Gulf Stream known to the Spanish world. This sensitively written new book describes his encounters with the Calusa, the native inhabitants of Florida, and the Taino, natives of Puerto Rico. Young readers will enjoy reading about life at sea and the hardships faced by his crew. A recipe from the period is also included. The topics include: Ponce de Leon's life, from a page, to a squire, to Governor of a plantation; his military successes; his motivation for seeking to settle the New World; his discoveries of Florida and of The Tortugas; his plantation Cassava, and its role in future trade routes; the relationships he had with Native Americans: aid from the Taino Indians in farming, and the repulsion by the Calusa Natives from the Florida coast; life at sea for Ponce de Leon and his crew; a recipe for Cassava bread.

## **Book Information**

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## **Customer Reviews**

This is a great reference source about the Spanish explorer and first governor of Puerto Rico. The vocabulary is appropriate for 4th to 6th graders. Text features are usually important for this kind of book. Its large font, accompanied by an abundance of illustrations, real photos, background charts,

and sidebars with important facts and dates, makes this a reader-friendly text. The colorful presentation and the font sizes certainly aim at arousing readers' interest in the subject matter. The handling of text features in this book was simply effective, economical, and provoking. Content-wise, this text also merits 5 stars. Not only do we find out about Pone de Leon's life; readers also learn about: the historical background of the discovery and conquest; the origins of Florida's name; the names of the different types of embarkations used in those days; the lives of the natives, such as the Tainos and the Calusa Indians; the lifestyle of sailors; and new vocabulary. Readers not only get to learn new key words, often boldfaced and whose definitions appear in the glossary, but they also encounter other words in context, such as caravels (the name of a ship) and harquebuses (the name of a weapon). This is the first of this collection I have read and it is certainly a treat. For teachers covering the subject of exploration, this is a five-star complementary text that deserves its place in the classroom.

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