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When researching a move to Florida, most of the information you'll find will present a 100% positive picture of life in Florida. Lots of people are hard at work everyday to sell the Florida dream. It's their job, they get paid to sell it and there's nothing wrong with that. But most of them are paid to represent the best interest of someone other than you. So you can understand why they may not want to discuss the negatives of living in Florida. *The Florida Move Guide* is very different. It wasn't written to sell you on moving to Florida. There are a lot people who sell in Florida that would prefer you didn't read the *Florida Move Guide*.

- Protect yourself and your family and learn if living in Florida is really right for you.
- Learn how to avoid making costly common Florida move mistakes.
- Take the stress and uncertainty out of your life altering move with the #1 book on moving to Florida.

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The author of this book has sold hundreds of homes for people that wanted to move out of the state. He noticed that most sellers had very similar complaints about living there and the reasons why they had to get out. Despite visiting Florida many times before they moved there, most of the negatives of living in the state did not reveal themselves until after they spent a fortune to move there. They also explained how disruptive and expensive moving there and moving out was, but they disliked Florida so much they just had to do it.

Of course this doesn't happen to everyone. There are many that love it and stay long term. That is covered in the book too because many of them have the same things in common that you should also know about.

The *Florida Move Guide* **explains both the positives and negatives** of becoming a Florida Resident. It also offers many practical tips and explains the different Florida Lifestyle options. Should you move to a home or condo? Pool or not? Learn helpful information on buying a home or condo in Florida and how to avoid making expensive but common new resident mistakes.

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Editorial Review

From the Author

MOST WHO RELOCATE TO FLORIDA WILL MOVE OUT (PROOF BELOW)

This is true even for those who intended the move to be permanent. It happens to young people looking to improve their life by the move as well as seniors looking to retire someplace warm. This is what usually happens.

- 1. People visit Florida and have a wonderful time, often many times over many years.
- 2. Based on those memories and sometimes with help from well developed industries that will cash in when you move there (and many again when you move out like real estate agents, movers, etc.) that produce slick brochures and postcards where everyone is always smiling (but never sweating), you move there.
- 3. After the move everything is great, in the beginning. Then the things that most people never considered before moving to Florida start to affect your quality of life.
- 4. The longer you're there, the more these things bother you. At some point this combination of factors makes you so miserable, you decide you can't live there anymore and move out no matter how much money you'll lose or how much disruption another long distance move will be to your life.

WHY DOES THIS HAPPEN?

It happens because for most people, living in Florida is far different that how they pictured it would be. You can't blame them because some of the reasons that force people out of Florida are unique to the state and you don't learn about them until you live there. For nearly 15 years, I sold homes to people who moved in, and again when they moved out. At first, I took a special interest in the reasons why people wanted to move out because I was still thrilled with my move to the state and couldn't understand why all these people wanted to leave. I helped hundreds of people sell in Florida and know the reasons why a move to paradise turned into a nightmare.

WHY DID YOU WRITE THE BOOK?

I saw seniors who fulfilled a long time dream by retiring in Florida only to discover it was a huge mistake, then go through the hassle of another home sale, long distance move and purchase right where they moved from, all at a time when they should be relaxing and enjoying their well deserved retirement. I've seen people move to Florida and pay \$200,000 for a home that was only worth half that, a couple of years later when they needed to move back home. I've seen kids pulled out of school in the middle of the year to move back home because the parents couldn't stay in Florida any longer.

I wrote this book so people can learn what living in Florida is really like, before they move there. I want people to know the truth about life in Florida and the reasons why Florida is such a transient state. I want people to know the reasons why million of others, just like them, have moved to Florida only to move out. When reading the book, some may realize that one or more of the reasons that made the move a mistake for others, will likely happen to them also. The purpose of the book is help prevent the people who would move to Florida only to discover it was a big costly mistake, from making the mistake in the first place and save them the huge financial cost and disruption to the enjoyment of their life.

The other purpose of this book is to help those who will be moving to Florida after reading the book, to increase their chances of a successful long term move. The book has tips from a long term full-time resident and licensed Florida real estate broker on how to minimize the problems that plagued others that moved to

the state. Why did a permanent move work out for some? I will share those reasons with you as well. You'll learn what homes to live in and what to avoid. You'll also learn some little known benefits of being a Florida resident. Did you know that Florida's constitution offers its citizens the best asset protection of any US state?

A STUDY ON FLORIDA MIGRATION PUBLISHED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA

In March of 2010, the University of Florida published an excellent report on Florida in/out migration titled "An Analysis of Annual Migration Flows in Florida, 1980 - 2008". The study was an important one because it only counted people who moved to or from Florida, from another US state that could be verified through US Census and IRS records. The study listed year by year how many people moved TO Florida from another US state, and how many moved FROM Florida to another US state. When all those numbers are added up, it shows that 13,164,695 moved there, and 9,540,260 moved out. The chances of an intended permanent move working out are pretty low. If you pay your taxes on time and are moving to Florida from another US state, you are exactly like the people in the study.

There is a massive amount of money spent everyday to convince people that living in Florida is always picture perfect like on the postcards or in the glossy brochures. There was nothing out there that tells people what living in Florida is really like, and that so many move out and the reasons why, until this book came out. No Florida move research would be complete without learning what's in this book. Protect yourself and your family from possibly making a very costly mistake.

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Ron Stack lived and traveled throughout Florida for 14 years as a full-time resident and Licensed Florida Real Estate Broker.

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