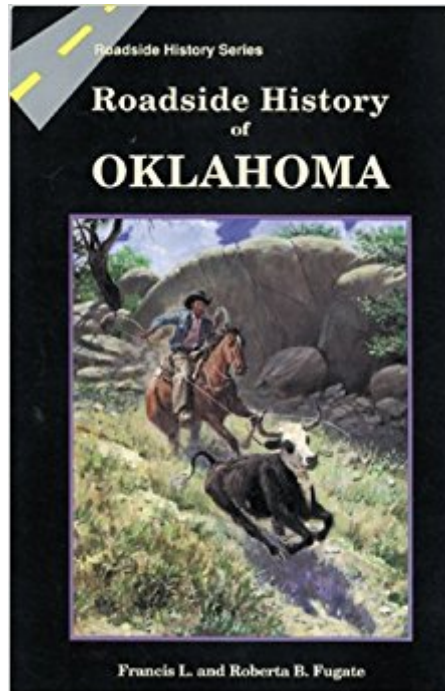




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"Whether you visit the sites in person or read about them from an easy chair, this roadside history is a must for folks wanting to know when, why, and how the twin territories joined to become the state of Oklahoma." --Arthur Shoemaker, True West

I bought this for my father who was born in Forgan Oklahoma and grew up in Muskogee and Lindsay and graduated from Oklahoma A&M (now Oklahoma State). He really enjoyed looking through it; it brought back many memories of his childhood. A must for all Okies.

I moved to OK. about 6 yrs ago and still haven't gotten used to all the towns and the history. This is a great book with LOTS of old pictures about all the towns past and present, with well written histories. High recommendation for treasure and coin hunters, also for anyone interested in travel.

Interesting read

Quick shipment. Satisfied with purchase and have read it twice already. Would purchase this item again. Great writing and concepts, believable, inspirational.

The corpse of an unidentified drifter is taxidermied and passed off as John Wilkes Booth to paying tourists. A con artist convinces an entire town to plan a big reception for a coming circus, makes off with hundreds of dollars in ticket sales, and the townsfolk after realizing the circus was a hoax, celebrate anyway and begin a tradition that continues to the present day. The sole survivor of a notorious outlaw gang moves to Hollywood and socializes with cowboy movie stars. This book is filled with such stories, hundreds of them. The age of rioting and looting Indians, ramshackle buggy rides through the wilderness, mobs of thousands bidding on ridiculously underpriced real estate which already belongs to others, public executions, Messiah scares, genocide, and the like is brought vividly and frustratingly to life. This book is like a cross between Tom Robbins' outrageous humor and Italo Calvino's novel, *Invisible Cities*. And all of it, every droll word, is true. 'Believe it or not,' as the man said. I would recommend this book not only to Oklahoma history buffs, but also to people who enjoy more fantastical fiction such as Gabriel Garcia Marquez, even to those with only marginal interest in Oklahoma at all.

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