So You Think You Know the Great Lakes State?

A Story of Michigan Told In 100 Buildings

If those walls could talk...this is what they would say. A story of Michigan.

Where did the professional hockey in the United States begin? (Page 71) Michigan has more lighthouses than any other state - which was the first? (Page 9) What building was the first ever constructed to manufacture American tanks? (Page 91) Where is the biggest log cabin in the world? (page 64)

Pre-historic mounds... octagon houses... horeseless carriages... iron horses... Utopian communities... fire towers... windmills... plank roads... copper... furniture... the Great Migration... the CCC... Art Deco stunners... kit houses...the golden age of motoring... canals... ice hockey... cereal... ski jumping... land grant colleges... wonder drugs... World War II POWs... Frank Lloyd Wright... drive-in movies... Motown... Carnegie libraries... the Big House... cherries... horse racing... rural cemeteries... mimetic architecture... the Toldeo War. This book will have you telling stories like a native in no time.

The photos and stories collected here are a fast and fun way to learn the explanations behind the quirks, the traditions and the secrets that make Michigan uniquely Michigan. Where is one of the few Negro League baseball stadiums in the country? Solved. Where was the first roadway rest stop built? A mystery no more. Where is America's largest walled prison? Identified. What is the oldest land office building in the one-time Northwest Territory? Revealed.