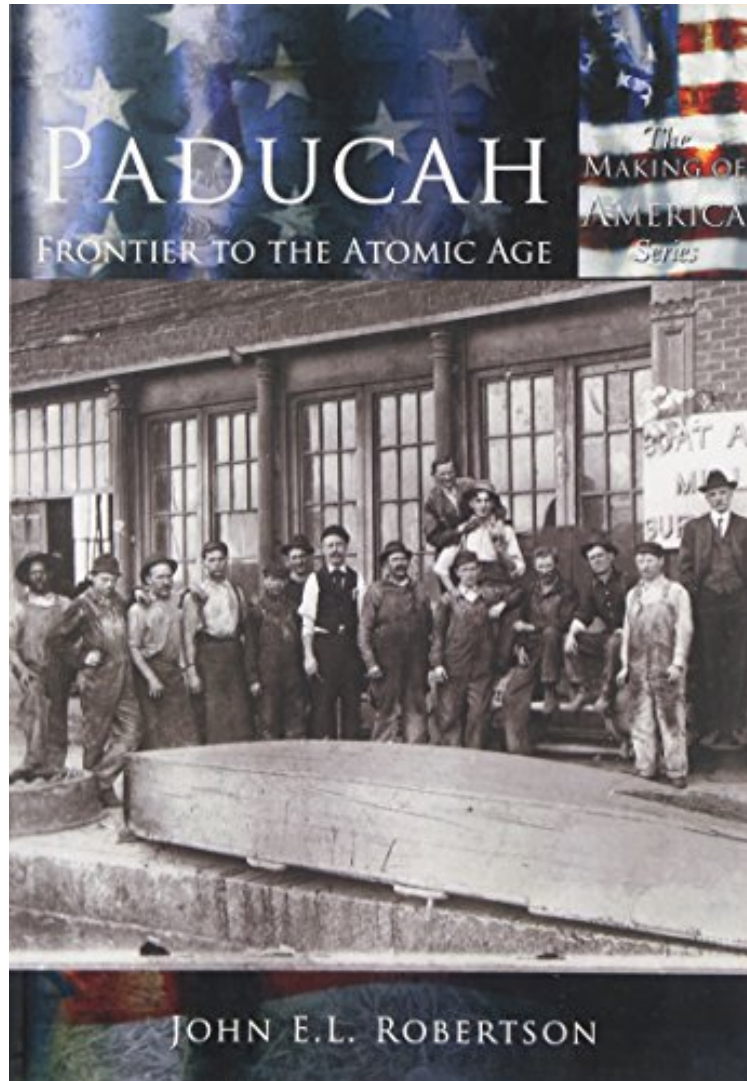


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**John E. L. Robertson : Paducah: Frontier To The Atomic Age (KY) (Making of America)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Paducah: Frontier To The Atomic Age (KY) (Making of America):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's a coffee table book designed to make Paducah residents feel good about them themselvesBy Brent L. StaulcupIt becomes evident early in the reading, that the author is a typical native, who thinks the sun rises and sets on Paducah. A reader without local knowledge, is painted a picture of Paducah as being a somewhat sizable urban center, when in truth it's never had a population above 35,000. "Suburbs" is mentioned on several occasions. There are no suburbs attached to Paducah. The only area one could make an

argument for is Lone Oak, but it was annexed into the Paducah city limits in the early 2000's. The rest of the "suburbs" are small towns 10 to 30 miles outside the Paducah city limits, with no continuity of population in between. If I want a history of the Civil War, I'll watch a Ken Burns documentary. The pages devoted to the Civil War seem to attempt to place Paducah in the same sentence as Gettysburg and Vicksburg. Paducah's part in the Civil War is incidental, and never mentioned in history books. Everyone knows about the 1937 flood. And those that don't know, don't care. It's not the San Francisco earthquake or the Chicago Fire. This is not a book of objective historical research. It's a coffee table book designed to make Paducah residents feel good about themselves. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Just OK. By Bill A. Belt. Having been raised in Paducah I guess I was expecting too much. The book has several pictures scattered throughout. The book contains short reviews about different segments of Paducah's history. Don't expect to find a lot of detail about any of those segments. It's a book you can go through in a very short period of time. The writer dwells far too much on certain personalities many of whom he apparently knew. The references about Paducah being torn apart from the start between the Chickasaws and American claims may or may not be factual. From several other readings there certainly is doubt concerning the Chickasaws. As for Dr. Matheson "revolutionizing two-year colleges" and the "ever busy waterfront" perhaps the writer should visit Paducah to see how "dead" that waterfront really is. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Very Informative. By Susan M. Cooke. What a great book - it really covers a great span of Paducah history!

One of the last frontier towns east of the Mississippi, Paducah took center stage in the drama of an expanding United States despite a late start and a penchant for independence and self reliance. The Kentucky river city played no small part in the rise of river commerce and its successor, the railroads. From river packets to enriched uranium, its history is marked by victory over disastrous floods and a headlong rush toward a future embracing new technology. Paducah: Frontier to the Atomic Age tells the story of a community torn apart from the start between Chickasaw and American claims, then Confederate and Union invasions. Exploring the expanding city streets and the ever-busy waterfront, readers will meet natives Quintus Quincy Quigley, chronicler of events on the eve of the Civil War; the "Dean," Dr. Robert Gordon Matheson, who revolutionized two-year colleges; and Mrs. Houston "Dolly" McNutt, among the first female mayors in Kentucky. This unique volume also recounts the story of the city's central role in nineteenth-century history, thanks to its strategic location at the mouth of the Tennessee River on the Ohio. At that time, the Civil War struggle for control of border states tested Paducah's loyalty even while the rest of Kentucky fought to remain neutral, and Reconstruction brought new challenges in race relations to a region deeply divided by the ghosts of slavery. In the twentieth century, the city developed tremendously with the advent of new industry and was the adopted home of President Truman's pioneering Vice President Alben Barkley, among the most effective and groundbreaking statesmen to fill that office.

About the Author Local historian John E.L. Robertson, author of four books chronicling Paducah's past, brings the city's story to life with more than 100 illustrations highlighting a vivid narrative of "Quilt City, U.S.A." that weaves through the centuries. It is a story of many voices, sometimes controversial, always engaging, and often direct from those who themselves helped steer the city's course. Paducah: Frontier to the Atomic Age is Robertson's monument to his community, as vibrant and varied as the city it reflects.