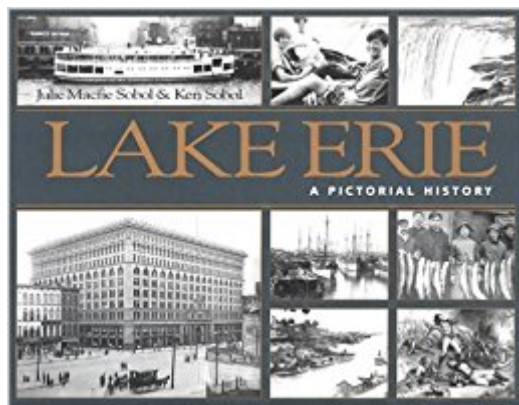


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# Lake Erie: A Pictorial History



## Synopsis

To create this unprecedented collection of photographs and essays, the authors spent years visiting museums and archives. They interviewed Lake Erie experts, from professional historians to long-time residents. The result is a remarkable portrait of daily life, industry and commerce on this dynamic Great Lake. The opening of the Erie Canal in 1825 connected the Hudson River to the Great Lakes and unleashed the financial potential of the American interior. The industrialists who located factories with ready access to raw materials soon became legends: Rockefeller, Sherwin and Williams, B.F. Goodrich, Carnegie, Frick, Mellon and many others. The book is divided into chapters covering: The lake's prehistory Early settlement Role in the American Revolution Economic boom from 1815 to 1880 High Industrial period from 1880 to 1945 History of dramatic storms, shipwrecks Role in the Underground Railroad and Prohibition Wealth of flora and fauna. With more than 300 archival photographs and informative captions, the book offers a fascinating portrait of Lake Erie's history, culture and unexpected charms.

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Ken and Julie Sobol have lived on both the American and Canadian sides of Lake Erie and share a fondness for its unique geographical and social history. To create this unprecedented collection of photographs and essays, they spent years visiting museums and archives and interviewed all manner of Erie Lakers, from professional historians to long-time residents. The result is a remarkable portrait of daily life, industry and commerce on this historic Great Lake. Lake Erie played a significant role in the post-Revolutionary War era and a crucial one in the War of 1812. A few years later the building of the Erie and Welland Canals opened up the entire Great Lakes basin for settlement, and shortly after that the discovery of oil, coal, iron ore and other natural resources soon unleashed the phenomenal industrial potential of the region. Rockefeller, Edison, Firestone, Goodrich, Carnegie, Westinghouse, Wells and Fargo, and many other legendary industrialists all first made their marks on or near the southern shore of Lake Erie. The other side boasted fewer magnates but many equally interesting characters -- Tecumseh, Sir Isaac Brock, Laura Secord, Abigail Becker, Hiram Walker, and Guy Lombardo, among others. This detailed and richly illustrated book looks at the lake's prehistory, its early settlement, its role in wartime, its economic

boom from 1815-1880, the High Industrial Period from 1880 to 1945, its history of dramatic storms, shipwrecks, and fire and ice catastrophes, its recreational history and its wealth of flora and fauna.

LOOKS LIKE A GREAT BOOK. SHIPPED VERY QUICKLY. Have not had time to read the book, but looks very interesting. Would buy again, would recommend this seller.

Another book that I bought for my husband, the sailor. Living on Lake Erie, this is a valuable resource and well worth buying,

I grew up near Lake Erie in Lake County, OH. In doing familyhistory research I have discovered many links to this lake. Thebook has great pictures to help us understand how they lived many yearsago!

This is an essential book for any library in the Great Lakes region and any collection that aspires to cover the geography of the United States and Canada. One would have to cover many miles and search out innumerable obscure museums and photo collections in both the United States and Canada to see the photos brought together here for an afternoon's reading. Here are pictures of giant sturgeon, the canals, the storms, a 100,000 fans at a 1914 baseball game, rum runners, the tycoons who made Lake Erie boom. Coverage of such places as Long Point and its wealthy club members and other points of interest on the Canadian side of Lake Erie is good. This coverage of the Canadian shore is especially useful for the American reader or at least it is for this American reader. Photo reproduction is very good-- often surpassing my memory of the original prints.

Authors Julie and Ken Sobol are together and independently the authors of several books and numerous TV screenplays, and while an initial glance at Lake Erie: A Pictorial History might indicate it to be a specialty item for limited collections, take a look under the appealing vintage photo cover: there's a lot more going on than meets the eye. For one thing, the history of Erie and the area's role in the development of the US and Canada as a whole is fascinating: it was the pivotal factor in the War of 1812 and conflicts over its future ultimately led to an era of rapid economic boom for America. Pack in archival photos, illustrations, and portraits of major players and events in the region and you have a piece of American history which should not be missed.

The book exceeded expectations. Having been a lifelong resident along the Lake Erie shoreline, it

was nice to have a book that depicted the dynamics of the lake. Lake Erie: A Pictorial History is a welcome addition to our library.

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