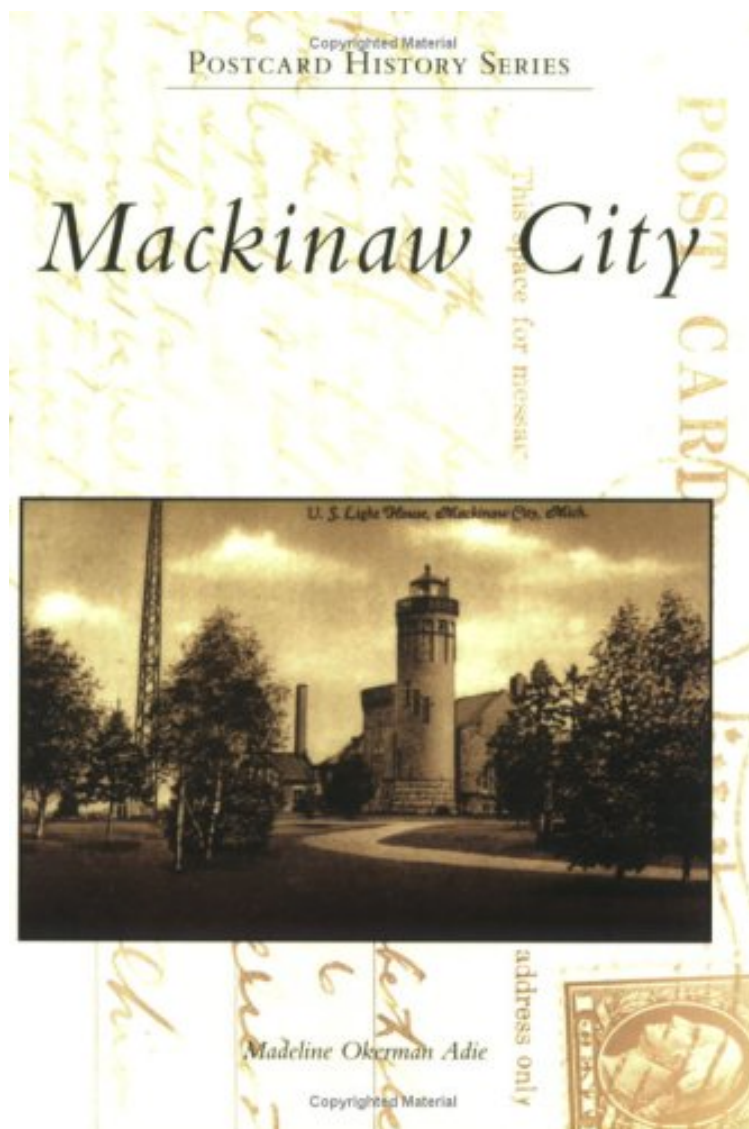


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0 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Good, but not as good as others in the series By RP The Arcadia local history books are generally great reads. Two things are particularly disappointing about this book, one of the the Postcard series. The photos themselves are very interesting, but as with other Arcadia books, the print quality is a bit lacking. A perfect example is how much sharper and clearer the photo on the back cover is compared to the fuzzy

version of the same photo inside the book. The second disappointment is the author's reliance on non-Mackinaw material to pad the book, including old newspaper quotations. Rather than additional relevant comments and information about the photographs, the author uses random, irrelevant quotes from the newspaper to fill space, and then pads the book even more with numerous pages about ferries, the Mackinac Bridge, St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, and even Cheboygan. About half of the book has basically nothing to do with Mackinaw City. There's even a photograph of a boat dock vending machine that sells MM's. The caption lists all the candy that's available in the machine. Give me a break. The author should have stuck to the topic (Mackinaw City), and done a better job on it. (For an outstanding book of the ferries, see Les Bagley's Michigan State Ferries book in the Arcadia Images of America series.) All that said, if you're a Mackinaw City buff, there are a lot of great (though somewhat fuzzy) nostalgic and historical images in this book.

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Great Old Postcards/Photos Mackinaw History! By A Michigan Down-State "Fudgie" Much has been written about Mackinac Island and the Mackinaw Bridge but little on Mackinaw City itself. I learned that Mackinaw City played an important role in the development around the Straits of Mackinac and its story needed to be told once again! This is a neat book with lots of old postcard images. Chapter One, "Days Gone By," shows vintage views of Mackinaw City main streets, the old State Tourist Park, Old Mackinac Point Lighthouse, and early parades. Chapter Two, "Pe-Quot-E-Nonge," the Native American word for "Old Mackinaw" is all about Old Fort Mackinaw, now Colonial Michilimakinac. Chapter Three, "Hospitality and Tourism," has many of the old hotels/motels/restaurants and souvenir shops pictured. Chapter Four, "Navigating the Straits," shows postcards of the old rail car ferries and the automobile ferries that plied the Straits of Mackinac before the Mackinac Bridge was built. The recently retired U.S. Coast Guard Cutter "Mackinaw" is also shown along with an interesting image of a frozen "Edmund Fitzgerald." Chapter Five, "Mackinac Country" adds a bit of history around the area including St. Ignace, Mackinac Island, the Mackinac Bridge (early construction photos), Cheboygan, and Bois Blanc Island. These Arcadia Local History books are interesting, informative and just plain neat. "Mackinaw City" is a great read! (And I learned the difference between Mackinaw and Mackinac!)

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Mackinaw City Mi (postcard History Series) By AJ Keystone I am an avid history buff. I found this book to be thoroughly enjoyable. Although I had never been to Mackinaw City it made me want to visit. I loved the early history, newspaper accounts pictures too. Now that I have visited, it helped me to understand the area its early inhabitants - the book made it a much more interesting fun visit. I also liked the information about early inhabitants settlers as well as early commerce - the descriptions helped with my understanding of this lovely place, its people architecture. Nice work!

Rich in history, magnificent in scenery, and abundant in hospitality, Mackinaw City lies at the very tip of Michigan's Lower Peninsula and is the area's own majestic playground. From early Native American settlements, French explorers, and fur traders to Mackinaw City founding father Edgar Conkling's vision to build a business center upon the south shore of the Mackinac Straits, Mackinaw City does not disappoint anyone who visits it. Due to its strategic location on the crossroads of the Great Lakes, this area has always been a gathering place for early inhabitants. When the railroad arrived in the late 1800s, it provided needed transportation with unique railroad and car ferries to and from Michigan's Upper Peninsula. Today Mackinaw City still enjoys the distinction of being one of the most popular historical resort areas in Michigan. Through the insight of talented individuals who had the foresight to capture history with the interesting and colorful medium of the postcard, one is able to learn and smile at Mackinaw days gone by.

About the Author On a family vacation, at the age of 10, Madeline Okerman Adie first visited Mackinaw City when she crossed the Mackinac Bridge shortly after it was opened for public transportation. In total awe of the history and scenery, Adie, a human resources consultant who also loves Michigan history, returns to the city at every available opportunity. With Mackinaw City, she hopes to share her enthusiasm for this remarkable place.